

**Presidency of the Czech Republic
to the Council of the European Union**



**European Education
and
Training in Armaments Co-operation
– The Way Ahead –**

Prague, 15-16 June 2009

Conference programme
and general information

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Conference overview

The conference will address key contextual issues surrounding the need for European education and training in armaments co-operation and outline the way ahead on how to make European education and training in armaments co-operation a working reality.

A welcome event will be held in the evening of 15 June with the main day of the conference on 16 June 2009. The opening address will be given by the Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies of the European Union (EU ISS), Alvaro de Vasconcelos, and address the inexorable melding of the civil, security and defence sectors through education.

After the keynote speech, the first panel will discuss “The Need for Education in European Armaments Co-operation,” taking into account the results of the EU ISS Final Report “Enhancing the mutual understanding of stakeholders engaged in cooperative programmes”^{*} of 2008. Then it will give an overview of multinational and national education and training platforms mature enough to provide for European armaments education and training. Finally, it will articulate key principles that should guide the creation of this type of education.

The second panel, “A European Armaments Educational and Training Platform – Finding a Common Ground,” will deal with the output of two preparatory workshops held in EDA on requirements and the overall concept of education in armaments co-operation. It will discuss how to integrate and join-up the existing education providers, EU institutions and industry into a coherent European armaments co-operation education project.

The closing session, “Enhancing Understanding of Armaments Co-operation in Europe through common Education and Training - The Way Ahead,” will articulate the way forward on how to merge the needs for education in armaments co-operation with the providers of Education and training and on how to make it a working reality.

^{*} The EU ISS Report is available through the EU ISS Website (www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/ISS-Report02.pdf).

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15-16 June 2009 – Conference programme

Monday, 15 June - Břevnov Monastery, Markétská 28/1: www.brevnov.cz Conference Language: English
Tuesday, 16 June - Prague Congress Centre, 5. května 65: www.kcp.cz

15 June 2009

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| 18h15 | Departure from the Crown Plaza Hotel to the Břevnov Monastery |
| 18h45-19h15 | Organ concert in the St. Margaret Basilica |
| 19h15-19h45 | Welcome drink:
Jaroslav Kopřiva , Deputy Minister of Defence for Armaments, Prague
Carlo Magrassi , Deputy Chief Executive Strategy, EDA, Brussels |
| 19h45-21h45 | Buffet dinner combined with a short facultative sightseeing tour of the Břevnov Monastery |
| 22h00 | Departure from the Břevnov Monastery to the Crown Plaza Hotel |

16 June 2009

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| 8h15 | Departure from the Crown Plaza Hotel to the Prague Congress Centre |
| 8h45-9h15 | Registration of participants |
| 9h15-9h45 | Welcome remarks:
Pavel Černý , Deputy NAD, MoD, Armaments Division, Prague

Introduction:
Carlo Magrassi , Deputy Chief Executive Strategy, EDA, Brussels

Opening address:
Alvaro de Vasconcelos , Director, EU ISS, Paris |
| 9h45-10h30 | Family photo and coffee break |
| 10h30-10h45 | Introduction to the EU ISS Study:
Daniel Keohane , Research Fellow, EU ISS, Paris |
| 10h45-12h15 | PANEL I: THE NEED FOR EDUCATION IN EUROPEAN ARMAMENTS CO-OPERATION
Moderator:
Daniel Keohane , Research Fellow, EU ISS, Paris |

Speakers:

Patrick Bellouard, Director, Organisme conjoint de coopération en matière d'armement (OCCAR) Bonn

James Copping, Policy officer DG Enterprise - H1- Defence, Aerospace and Maritime Industries, European Commission, Brussels

Jonathan Evans, DE&S Director General Human Resources, UK MoD, London

IGA Alain Guillou, Human Resources Director, Délégation générale pour l'armement (DGA)

Jan-Olof Lind, Deputy Director General, Defence Research Agency (FOI), Stockholm

Stanislav Rolc, Chief Project Manager for Material Engineering, VOP-026 (CZ MoD Military Maintenance Enterprise), Šternberk

Gert Runde, Director Security & Defence, AeroSpace and Defence Industry Association of Europe (ASD), Brussels

12h15-13h30 Buffet lunch

13h30-13h45 **Results of the preparatory EDA Education and Training Workshops:**
Neil Pitts, Principal Officer for Armaments Co-operation, EDA, Brussels

13h45-15h15 **PANEL II: A EUROPEAN ARMAMENTS EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PLATFORM – FINDING A COMMON GROUND**

Moderator:

Vilém Kolín, Deputy Central PoC EDA, MoD, Armaments Division, Prague

Speakers:

Nathalie Guillou, Director, Centre des Hautes Etudes de l'Armement (CHEAr), Paris

Dr. Michel Hess, Head of Studies and Training, Center for Security Studies (CSS), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zürich

ir.H.J. Jansen, President, Association, Session Européenne des Responsables d'Armement (ASERA), The Hague

Dr. Sorin Lungu, Assistant Professor in the Department of Military Strategy and Logistics, ICAF, National Defense University (NDU), Washington, D.C.

Bernd-Ulrich von Wegerer, Director of Defence Technology Education and Training Division, Federal Academy of Defence Administration and Technology, (BAkWWTLAT), Mannheim-Berlin

Hans-Bernhard Weisserth, Acting Head of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), General Secretariat of the EU Council

15h15-15h45 Coffee break

15h45-16h45 **CLOSING SESSION: ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING OF ARMAMENTS CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE THROUGH COMMON EDUCATION AND TRAINING - THE WAY AHEAD**

Speakers:

Pavel Černý, Deputy NAD, MoD, Armaments Division, Prague

Jan-Olof Lind, Deputy Director General, Defence Research Agency (FOI), Stockholm

Carlo Magrassi, Deputy Chief Executive Strategy, EDA, Brussels

17h00 Departure from the Prague Congress Centre to the Airport/Crown Plaza Hotel

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General information



1) Hotel reservation

Based on the agreement between the Czech MoD and the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 90 rooms are reserved for you from 15 June to 16 June 2009 and 30 rooms from 14 June to 17 June 2009 for the governmental rate: 120EURO/1 night. As far as the number nights is concerned, the hotel will be ready to extend your stay in Prague if needed. For more information about the hotel see: www.crowneplaza.cz

For the hotel reservation, please, send the filled reservation form in Annex 1 to rohovskp@army.cz or baluchovad@army.cz

Deadline for the hotel reservation: 30 April 2009

Please, be aware of the fact that due to a very limited free hotel capacity as a result of the advance booking for hundreds of events associated with the Czech Presidency, we will **NEITHER** be able to **GUARANTEE** the **AVAILABILITY OF ROOMS** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel and other hotels in Prague, **NOR** the same price for the accommodation in the Crowne Plaza Hotel **AFTER THE DEADLINE**.

Please, note that all transportation services provided throughout the conference are associated with the Crowne Plaza Hotel and that in the case of cancellation of the hotel reservation after the deadline the cancellation fee will be charged to the participant.

2) Accreditation

There is a central on-line electronic tool for accreditation of all attendees. For the accreditation of each participant please use the following link:

<https://events.eu2009.cz/registration/ArmaEdu>

To ensure a smooth preparation of the conference, we advise you to register as soon as possible.

Deadline for accreditation: 30 April 2009

3) Access to the hotel Crowne Plaza Prague from the Prague Airport

a) By taxi (approximately 25 minutes) - it is strongly recommended to request a receipt to avoid an overpriced fare.

b) By bus number 119 (the bus stop is in front of the arrival hall and it takes approximately 45 minutes). You can buy the ticket at the bus stop or directly in the bus. The price is 26 CZK and the ticket is valid 75 minutes and is transferable.

When taking the bus number 119, go to the terminus station, i.e. the bus stop “Dejvická,” then take one stop by bus number 107 or 147 to the bus stop “Podbaba” (the bus stop of bus number 107 and 147 is app. 300 metres from the terminus station of bus number 119 across the street). The bus stop “Podbaba” is in front of the Hotel Crowne Plaza Prague.

4) Access to the Prague Conference Centre from the hotel Crowne Plaza Prague

Transport during the conference will be provided by the organizer. A special transport will be provided directly to the Prague Airport immediately after the conference.

For your convenience, if the public transport is used, take bus number 107 or 147 (the bus stop is in front of the hotel) and go to the station “Dejvická.” Take metro line A and go to the station “Muzeum” - then take the line C (direction Háje) and go to the station “Vyšehrad.” Prague Congress Centre is in front of the metro station “Vyšehrad.” The public transport from the Hotel Crowne Plaza Prague to the Congress Centre Prague takes approximately 30 minutes.

5) Conference PoC

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6) Useful links

For more information about Prague public transport see: www.dpp.cz

For more information about Prague airport see: www.csl.cz

For more information about the city of Prague see: www.pis.cz

**Updated information about the conference will be posted on the Czech MoD website:
www.army.cz/scripts/detail.php?id=12593**

**If you have questions you could also contact the conference Team on:
Tel: +420 973 218 648, +420 973 217 900, Fax: +420 973 213 960,
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Annex 1

Hotel reservation form

All information provided below will be kept in strict confidence.

Delegate information (Please use capital letters):	
Mr./Mrs./Miss:	
Last name/Middle name/First name:	
Nationality:	
Name of organisation/agency/ other:	
Address:	
City:	
Post code:	
Country:	
Arrival date:	
Number of nights:	
Departure time:	
E-mail address:	
Phone number:	
Fax number:	
Type of identity card (ID Card, Passport) and its number:	
Credit card number incl. exp. date:	
Special food requirements (please, specify):	
Interest in the sightseeing tour of the Břevnov Monastery as part of the buffet dinner on 15 June:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

To be returned to the Czech MoD conference team by 30 April 2009

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Accreditation has to be done separately (see paragraph 2 above)