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Thematic Conference on Flexicurity "Implementing flexicurity in times of crisis"

Hosted by the Czech Presidency

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Prague, Czech Republic
25 – 26 March 2009

PROGRAMME
(Tentative)

25 March 2009

8.30 – 9.30 Registration of participants

9.30 – 9.50 Welcome and opening remarks

Moderator: **Jana Říhová** Spokeswoman of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic

- **Petr Nečas** Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic

9.50 – 10.20 **Keynote Speech:**
Implementing the Common Principles of Flexicurity in the New Economic Context

- **Vladimír Špidla** European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

10.20 – 10.50 Coffee break

10.45 – 11.00 Press Conference¹

10.50 – 12.30 **Session 1:**
Supporting transitions: a key aspect for the implementation of flexicurity policies

Moderator: **Iain Begg** Professor at The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

- **Annie Gauvin** Deputy General Director of ANPE, France
- **Ton Wilthagen** Professor at Tilburg University, Netherlands
- **Isabella Biletta** Research manager, EUROFOUND, Ireland
- **Thomas Mølsted Jørgensen** Head of Division, The National Directorate of Labour, Denmark
- **Miroslav Zámečník** Economic Consultant, Boston Venture Central Europe, Czech Republic
- **Radek Špicar** Director for External Relations, Škoda Auto, Czech Republic

12.00 – 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

¹ Press conference will be held in the Neklan Conference Room.

**14.00 – 16.00****Session 2****Lifelong learning: matching skills and labour market needs on the path to recovery**Moderator: **Radek Malý**

Head of Unit Employment Analysis, EC

- **Alena Zukersteinová** Project Manager at CEDEFOP, Greece
- **Tuija Oivo** Head of the Employment and Entrepreneurship department, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland
- **Maria Cândida Soares** General Director in Planning and Strategy Office, Ministry for Labour and Social Solidarity, Portugal,
- **Daniel Münich** Academic at the Centre for Economic Research and Graduate Studies, Czech Republic
- **Robert Strauss** Head of Unit for Employment Strategy, EC, DG EMPL, Belgium

15.15 – 16.00**Discussion****26 March 2009****9.00 – 10.30****Session 3:****Focusing on the most vulnerable: modernization of social protection and supporting activation**Moderator: **Michala Hergetová** Moderator of the Czech Television, Czech Republic

- **Alena Nešporová** Deputy regional director, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, ILO, Switzerland
- **Ben Stayte** Senior Policy Adviser, Department for Work and Pensions, UK
- **Maria Hemström** Director of Labour Market Department, Ministry of Employment, Sweden
- **Hynek Fajmon** Member of European Parliament

10.00 – 10.30**Discussion****10.30 – 11.00****Coffee break****11.00 – 12.20****Concluding round table:
the way forward**Moderator: **Michala Hergetová** Moderator of the Czech Television Czech Republic

- **Maria Helena André** Deputy General Secretary of the ETUC, ETUC, Belgium
- **Roberto Suarez Santos** Vice president of Business Europe's Social Affairs Committee, Spain
- **Ľudovít Kaník** Consultant, K Consult SK, Slovakia
- **Maria Hemström** Director of Labour Market Department, Ministry of Employment, Sweden
- **Ignasi Camós Victoria** Advisor, Ministry of Employment and Immigration, Spain

12.25 – 13.00**Closing Statements:**

- **Xavier Prats Monné** Director for Employment Policy, Lisbon Strategy and International Affairs, EC, DG EMPL, Belgium
- **Bruno Coquet** Head of the Policy Assessment & Innovation Department, Ministry of Economy, Industry and Employment, France
- **Eva Uddén Sonnegård** State Secretary for Employment, Ministry of Employment, Sweden
- **Michal Sedláček** Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic

13.00 – 14.30**Lunch**