



EUROPE AFTER THE PANDEMIC

Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2021

Economic Forum - 8th June 2021

When Portugal Meets the Czech Republic: The Future of Business in Europe

The Forum has as its main objective the creation of conditions for new and deeper relations between the Czech and Portuguese economies. This event hopes to capitalize on the *momentum* achieved by the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The Forum is an integral part of the Cycle of Conferences and Events organized by the Embassy of Portugal in the Czech Republic, with the partnership of the Representation of the European Commission in Prague, the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic and, in this case, the European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA).

1. The economic Forum will gather representatives from Portuguese and Czech business companies of key sectors of mutual interest for Portugal and the Czech Republic (v.g. agro-industry trade; tourism and related trade industries; construction and public works; energy; renewable energy; artificial intelligence; space; avionics; nanotechnology; technologic innovations; quantum computer; moulds, components for the automotive industry; etc.), as well as the most important business associations and representatives of Portugal and Czech governs.
2. The participation of the Portuguese and Czech business companies in the economic Forum will entail a full fledged programme composed by professional presentations and discussions between the Portuguese and the Czech companies.
3. The Forum will take place on June 8th, in virtual format, due to the restrictive measures imposed to combat Covid-19.
4. The Embassy of Portugal in Prague counts with the support of the following entities:
 - Agência para o Investimento e Comércio Externo de Portugal (AICEP Portugal Global);
 - Business Confederation of Portugal (CIP);
 - Brno City Municipality;
 - Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic as well as its regional Chambers of Commerce;
 - Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Portugal-Czech Republic;
 - Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic;
 - Czech-Cape Verdean Chamber of Commerce;
 - Czech-Portuguese Chamber of Commerce;
 - Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic;
 - Pólo das Tecnologias de Informação, Comunicação e Electrónica (TICE);
 - PortugalFoods;
 - PortugalFresh;
 - Portuguese Industrial Association (AIP);
 - Tourism of Portugal;

- as well as with the high-level engagement of the regional and local Authorities of the above-mentioned Czech Cities.

(The final version will include the logos of all the organisational partners, including the Cycle of Conferences, the associated cultural events and the *Road-Show* and practical information - CVs, contacts, etc.).

Day: 8th of June

Draft programme:

Platform: b2match

The forum will be entirely in virtual format.

Timezone: Prague (One hour more than Lisbon)

10h - 11.30h - Inaugural session

Welcome remarks by:

- **Luís de Almeida Sampaio, Ambassador of Portugal to the Czech Republic**
- **Petr Šelepa, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Portugal**

Keynote speakers:

- **Martina Tauberová, Deputy Minister for E.U and International Trade at Ministry of Industry and Trade**
- **Eurico Brilhante Dias, Secretary of State for Internationalization**
- **António Saraiva, President of Business Confederation of Portugal (CIP)**
- **Jaroslav Hanák, President of the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic**
- **Luís Araújo, President of the Tourism of Portugal**
- **Vladimír Dlhový, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic**
- **Luís Filipe de Castro Henriques, President of AICEP**

Concluding remarks by:

- **Paulo Neves, CCITPRC - Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Portugal-Czech Republic**
- **Luís de Almeida Sampaio, Ambassador of Portugal to the Czech Republic**

11.30h - Onwards - Simultaneous panel discussions (Followed by opportunity for B2B meetings)

Discussion Rooms:

- Agro-industry and trade sector
- *Visit Portugal*
- Technological Innovation (including avionics, ITS, space and R&D) in the context of Energy, Climate and Digital Transitions
- Urban Development and Public Works Industry

Moderators:

- **Moderator 1: Pedro Macedo Leão, Economic and Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of Portugal**
- **Moderator 2: Petra Sochorcová, Representative of the Tourism of Portugal**
- **Moderator 3: Reinhard Blasi, Acting Head of Communications at the European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)**
- **Moderator 4: Eduardo Serra Jorge, Lawyer**