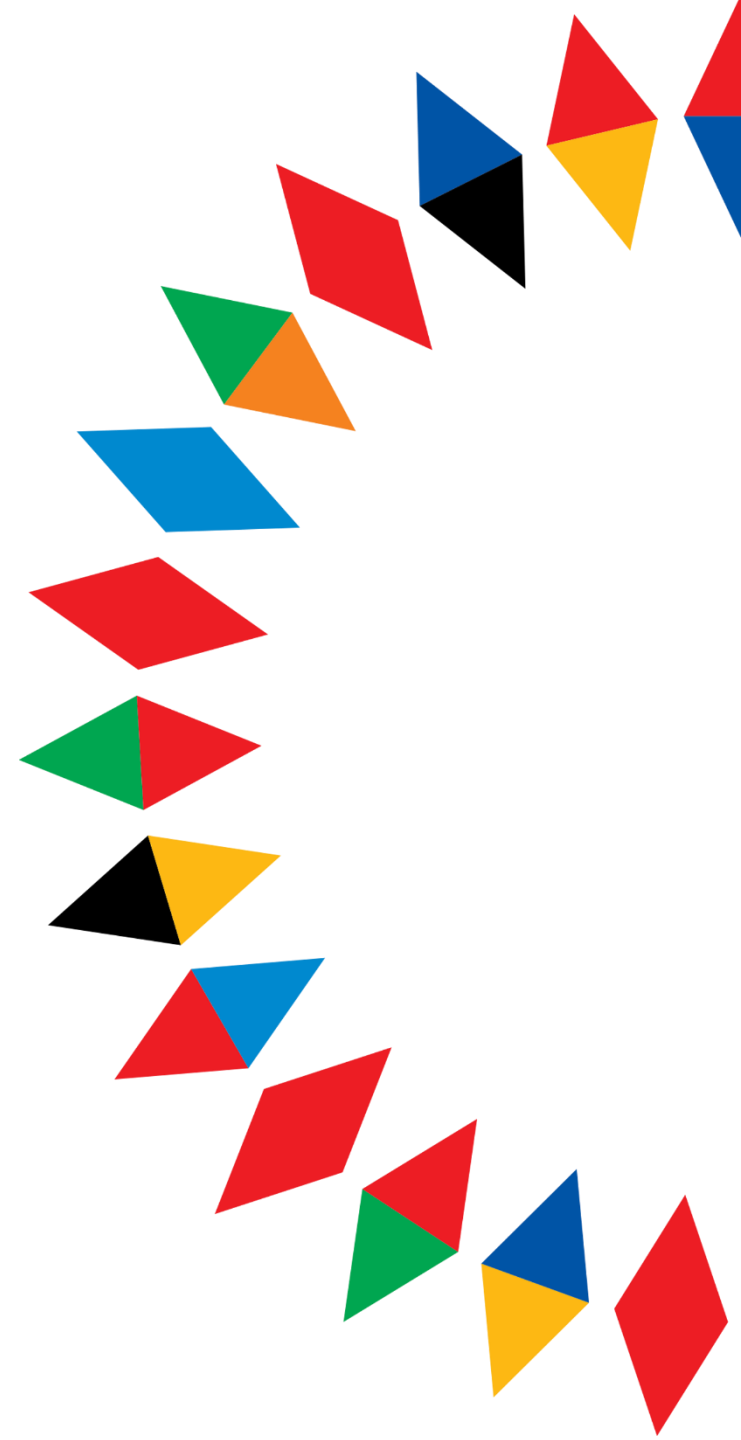


Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU

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- Central coordination of:
 - 1) European policies in the Czech Republic
 - 2) Preparations of the CZ PRES 2022.
- Coordination activities are dealt with by the **Section for European Affairs**.
- Minister for European Affairs **Mikuláš Bek**.
- Department for the CZ PRES with two units:
 - Unit for Communication of the CZ PRES
 - Unit for Logistics and Organization of the CZ PRES



Preparations of the CZ PRES 2022

- 2nd half of 2022, within a Presidency Trio FR-CZ-SE.
- Historically 2nd Czech Presidency.
- Preparatory work as of 2018
- More than 20 materials intended for the meeting of the Government
- Coordination bodies:
 - Central organisation Group
 - Strategic Communication Group – 3' Group – Platform
 - Committee for EU Affairs at the Governmental and Working levels
- Three different levels of preparations
 - Organization & logistics
 - Content preparation
 - Communication & culture



Preparations of the CZ PRES 2022 – TRIO and beyond

- The cooperation within the presidency Trio has started in 2020, it mainly consisted of the preparation of our common Trio programme
- The Trio programme, which defines the framework for 18 presidency months, was approved by the Government and on December 14th, 2021 by all EU member states and then published
- At the same time, preparation of Czech presidency programme and priorities since late fall 2018 (e.g. mapping exercise of sectoral agendas)
- The Czech programme reflects CZ long-term positions and the stance that CZ promotes within the EU, it is framed by the trio programme, 2022 Commission Work Programme and political agenda – all within broader geo-political context
- The national program was approved by the government on June 15th, 2022 and its complete version will be available at the beginning of the presidency.



Programme of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Section I: Political priorities

- The political priorities are the main topics that will be a priority within the CZ PRES at the political level
- In addition to the current content preparation, they also reflect the Policy Statement of the Government and political approach to current challenges
- Available online at eu2022.cz

Section II: Priority sectoral agendas

- Section describing the priority sectoral agendas by the individual Council formations will be based on documents that were created within the content preparation of CZ PRES at the working level and are subject to regular updating
- The sectoral agendas will also reflect the long-term positions, political situation, current issues in the field of international politics
- Will be published on the CZ PRES website on July 1st, 2022



„Europe as a task: rethink, rebuild, repower“

1. Managing refugees' crisis and post-war recovery of Ukraine
2. Energy security
3. Reinforcement of European defense capacities and cyberspace security
4. Strategic resilience of the European economy
5. Resilience of democratic institutions



Managing refugees' crisis and post-war recovery of Ukraine

- Reallocation of the **EU financial resources** flexibly to help countries most affected by the inflow of the refugees in cooperation with the European institutions
- Focus on those who are the most vulnerable as well as the most affected countries, while respecting the **principles of solidarity, efficiency and flexibility**
- **Post-war reconstruction of Ukraine** - reconstruction of critical infrastructure, provision of basic services, strengthening resilience and economic recovery and stability of Ukraine.
- Potential **donor conference** and a “**Marshall plan for Ukraine**”



Energy security

- Reducing energy dependency on Russia, so that the EU won't be vitally dependent on countries that directly threaten its security
- Diversification of fuel supplies
- The transition to **renewable energy** and **decarbonisation** (implementation of REPowerEU and Fit for 55)
- Implementation of an appropriate combination of instruments that will reduce the **negative social and economic impacts** of increasing energy prices and increasing the risk of energy poverty



Strengthening Europe's defence capabilities and cyberspace security

- Implementation of key topics within the **Strategic Compass**
- Reducing **technological dependence** and increasing **industrial capacity** in the EU
- The development of long-term cooperation on **strategic military systems** and ensuring the necessary **military capacities** especially in partnership with NATO
- Exploring areas of EU's value added, such as common purchases of weapons or mapping gaps and the **longterm cooperation of Member States**
- Digital transition of the economy and enhancement of the security and **stability of cyberspace**.



Strategic resilience of EU´s economy

- Focus on the **fragility** of global supply chains and **disruption** of commodity markets
- Deepening of the **internal market**, especially in the area of digital services and digital economy
- Strengthening strategic resilience through targeted support for **technological competitiveness** based on in-house production capacities
- Concluding **trade and investment agreements** with reliable partners in order to strengthen supplier chains and **reduce the dependence** on hostile or unstable regimes



Resilience of democratic institutions

- Strengthening the resilience of democratic institutions that have crucial impact on safeguarding the values of **democracy and rule of law**
- Focus on transparency of **financing of political parties** and the independence of the mass media incl. strengthening **media freedom and pluralism** in the media market
- Advocating respecting and strengthening freedoms, human rights and European values in the **offline and online** environment
- The Conference on the Future of Europe



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