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ELI Beamlines, Za Radnicí 835, Dolní Břežany

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## PROGRAMME

**Wednesday 30 OCTOBER 2019**

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- 12:00 - 13:00 Registration and light lunch
- 13.00 - 13:30 **Opening and welcome**  
Eva Zažímalová (President, Czech Academy of Sciences)  
Felix Unger (President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts)  
Karel Havlíček (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry and Trade) deputised by Martina Tauberová (Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade for the EU and Foreign Trade)  
Pavel Doleček (Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic)
- 13:30 **Science diplomacy**  
**TOPIC I Science diplomacy in Europe**  
Chair: Hana Sychrová (Member of the Academy Council, Czech Academy of Sciences)
- 13:30 - 13:42 *Scientific diplomacy: building on soft skills;* Petr Kaiser (Special Envoy for Science Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic)
- 13:42 - 13:54 *Strengthening the united voice of science in Europe;* Nina Hobbhahn (Science Policy Expert, EASAC - European Academies' Science Advisory Council, Germany)
- 13:54 - 14:06 *Dealing with uncertainty: foresight for policymaking;* Miroslav Veskovic (Scientific Expert, EU Commission Directorate General Joint Research Centre)
- 14:06 - 14:18 *Science academies creating and sustaining science diplomacy;* Claire Mays (Executive Director, H2020 InsSciDE Project, Sorbonne University)
- 14:18 - 14:30 *Science diplomacy in action: the EU strategy for the Danube region as enabling factor;* Elke Dall (Project Coordinator, S4D4C; Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna), Martina Hartl (Deputy Head of Unit for International Research Cooperation, Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research)

- 14:30 - 14:42 *Using science diplomacy for addressing global challenges*; Mitchell Young (Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University Prague)
- 14:42 - 14:54 *The importance of science diplomacy in the 21st century*; Otakar Fojt (Regional Manager of the UK Science and Innovation Network in Central and Eastern Europe, British Embassy Prague)
- 14:54 - 15:06 *Organization and challenges of French scientific diplomacy*; Mathieu Wellhoff (Scientific Attaché, Embassy of France in Prague)
- 15:06 - 15:18 *Czech scientific diplomacy towards Israel*; Delana Mikolášová (Scientific, R&D and Innovation Counsellor, Embassy of the Czech Republic to Israel)
- 15:20 - 15:35 Discussion
- 15:35 - 16:05 Coffee break
- 16:05 **TOPIC II: Science diplomacy in Danube countries**
- Chair: Felix Unger (President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts)
- 16:05 - 16:17 *Success of Danube countries in the framework programmes of EU – the role of scientific diplomacy*; Stefan Luby (Vice President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts; Senior Researcher at the Slovak Academy of Sciences)
- 16:17 - 16:29 *RESAVER - How to foster mobility of researchers?*; Paul Jankowitsch (Independent Expert, Austria)
- 16:29 - 16:41 *Science as unique bridge and language between people and civilizations*; Vojislav Mitic (University of Belgrade and Nis, Serbia; Scientific Adviser in Institute of Technical Sciences of Serbian Academy of Sciences)
- 16:41 - 16:53 *The Andrassy University Budapest as a flagship project*; Atilla Vincze (Andrassy University Budapest)
- 16:53 **TOPIC III: Europe and its neighbours**
- Chair: Marek Hrubec (Director, Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences)
- 16:53 - 17:05 *New financial framework of the EU (2021-2027) and scientific cooperation of the EU with neighbouring countries*; Karolína Kottová (Head of Political Section, Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic)

- 17:05 - 17:17 *Diplomatic and scientific cooperation between European and African countries*; H. E. Virginia Hesse (Ambassador of Ghana to the Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Hungary, Romania, and the Republic of North Macedonia)
- 17:17 - 17:29 *Academic exchange with Europe's Muslim neighbours: a venue for soft diplomacy?*; Zora Hesová (Researcher, Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences)
- 17:30 - 18:00 Final discussion

#### **Thursday 31 OCTOBER 2019**

- 07:45/08:15 Transfer to ELI Beamlines Research Centre  
ELI BEAMLINES, Za Radnicí 835, Dolní Břežany,  
(20 km from Prague - <https://www.eli-beams.eu/en/>)
- 09:15 **Broad collaboration and research infrastructures**  
Chair: Jan Hrušák (Chairman, European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures; J. Heyrovský Institute of Physical Chemistry, Czech Academy of Sciences)
- 09:20 **TOPIC IV: Role of European research infrastructures**
- 09:20 - 09:32 *Clustering of research infrastructures of the Czech Republic within the European Research Area and worldwide*; Lukáš Levák (Director, Department of Research and Development, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic)
- 09:32 - 09:44 *Scientific diplomacy between North and South in the macro-regions Alps: The role of EURAC research. Which learnings for the macro-region Danube?*; Harald Pechlaner (Head of Center for Advanced Studies, EURAC Research – European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano), Ronald Benedikter (Co-Head of Center for Advanced Studies, EURAC Research - European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano)
- 09:44 **TOPIC V: DANUBIUS-RI – International Centre for Advanced Studies on River–Sea Systems**
- 09:44 - 09:56 *DANUBIUS-RI International Centre for Advanced Studies on River-Sea Systems*; Adrian Stanica (DANUBIUS-RI Project Coordinator, Bucharest; Romanian Institute for Marine Geology and Geo-ecology - GeoEcoMar)

09:56 - 10:08	<i>DANUBIUS-RI – example of research infrastructure collaboration;</i> Jiří Kolman (Scientific Secretary, Centre of Excellence CzechGlobe, Global Change Research Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences; DANUBIUS-RI)
10:08 - 10:20	<i>Participation of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in the European structure DANUBIUS-RI;</i> Dimiter Ivanov (Scientific Secretary, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)
10:20 - 10:32	<i>International cooperation and resource mobilization for better efficiency of management and conservation planning in the Danube River;</i> Mirjana Lenhardt (Research Professor, Institute for Multidisciplinary Research University of Belgrade)
10:32 -10:50	Coffee break
10:50	<b>TOPIC VI: Projects ELI and HiLASE</b>
10:50 - 11:02	<i>ELI: ELI – future and opportunities;</i> Roman Hvězda (Project Manager, ELI Beamlines Czech Republic)
11:02 - 11:14	<i>The ELI - ALPS facility;</i> Zsolt Fülöp (Advisor, ELI-ALPS, Hungary)
11:14 - 11:26	<i>The HiLASE Centre: A laser technology infrastructure;</i> Tomáš Mocek (Head of the HiLASE Centre, Czech Republic)
11:30 - 11:40	Final discussion
11:40 - 12:00	Closing remarks
12:00 - 12:45	Light lunch
12:45 - 13:40	<b>On-site visit ELI/HiLASE</b> (optional)
13:40	Transfer to Prague