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OPEN DOORS DAYS AT DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF THE MFA

The Diplomatic Academy of the MFA organised its traditional Open Doors Day for those, who are interested in working for the Czech Foreign Service. Due to the significant interest, the Diplomatic Academy offered several open door events on December 9th 2013 and January 13th 2014. 112 university students and graduates came to learn more about working at the MFA and the possibility of studying at the Diplomatic Academy. Those who missed the first two Open Doors Days have another chance on the 17th of February 2014.



LAUNCH OF A NEW LECTURE COURSE IN FRENCH

A new lecture course has been offered to all employees of the state administration interested in perfecting their French skills. It was launched on October 10th 2013 with the lecture entitled: “LA POLITIQUE CULTURELLE EN FRANCE” presented by Olivier Jacquot, the director of the French Institute in Prague. On December 10th 2013 the course continued with a lecture on “LA DIPLOMATIE ÉCONOMIQUE EN FRANCE” delivered by the councillors of the French embassy in Prague, Laurent Toulouse and Patrick Erbs.



PROJECT “EU CAREER AMBASSADORS” 15. 10. 2013

In 2013 the MFA for the first time participated in a project by the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) designed for university students. The project goal is to increase awareness of the work within EU institutions. On the 15th of October, the MFA organised a seminar about this topic. The participants will now be able to transfer their newly acquired knowledge to their home universities and become a new type of “EU ambassadors”.



KAREL KOVANDA ABOUT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE 29. 10. 2013

The long-time Czech diplomat and former deputy managing director of DG RELEX, Karel Kovanda, shared his personal experience on the European Commission's recruitment procedures with Czech officials and university students. This half-day seminar took place on October 29th 2013 in Czernin Palace.



EU RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE SEMINAR

7. 11. 2013

The Diplomatic Academy of the MFA organised a one-day seminar for Czechs interested in working in EU institutions. The training focused on the rules and procedural aspects of the recruitment process, as well as verbal and numeric testing and testing in the so called “assessment center”. The seminar was attended by 25 civil servants and university students. It was conducted by the prestigious French state administration school L’ENA.



DIPLOMATIC GERMAN FOR STATE ADMINISTRATION

2. 11. 2013

The Diplomatic Academy of the MFA, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, organised, for the second time, a one-day seminar to improve diplomatic German. The course content focused on specific terminology used in diplomatic language, as well as specialized economic terminology and diplomatic correspondence. The seminar was attended by Czech diplomats along with their colleagues from other state institutions.



SERIES OF LECTURES ON DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL

Tomáš Pernický, director of the Diplomatic Protocol Department of the MFA, lectured in November and December about diplomatic protocol and the preparation for foreign visits. The three-part lecture at Czernin Palace attracted more than 300 civil servants, employees of Union of Towns and Municipalities as well as university students.



CZERNIN PALACE FIRST HOSTED “CAFÉ IBEROAMERICANO”

7. 10. 2013

Based on the success of informal meetings with German and French speaking diplomats and state officials (“Café francophone” and “Salongespräche”) similar meetings were launched in Spanish and Portuguese. “Café iberoamericano” took place for the first time on October 7th in Czernin Palace attracting more than 30 Spanish and Portuguese speaking guests.



THE EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE (EEAS) DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT VISITED PRAGUE

12. 12. 2013

Björn Larsson, director of Human Resources and the Communication Department of the EEAS, came at the invitation of the MFA on December 12th 2013 to Prague. Scheduled into his visit was a lecture at Czernin Palace on European diplomacy and arising employment possibilities for Czech diplomats at the EU level.



LECTURE ON THE USE OF FLAGS AND BANNERS

22. 1. 2014

Václav Šťastný, the Czech leading vexillology expert, lectured on the 22nd of January 2014 on flag and banner use in the practice of state administration and Foreign Service. His lecture attracted more than 40 civil servants and university students.

We are preparing



LECTURE “NEW TRENDS IN AMERICAN PUBLIC DIPLOMACY”

24. 2. 2014

The Diplomatic Academy of the MFA, in cooperation with American Center in Prague, is holding a lecture on the 24th of February 2014 led by the cultural attaché of the USA Embassy in Prague, Mrs Sherry Keneson-Hall. The lecture will focus on current trends in American public diplomacy. The lecture will be available for Czech and foreign diplomats as well as state administration officials.



EU RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE SEMINAR

12. 3. 2014

The next seminar for Czechs interested in working for EU institutions will take place on the 12th of March 2014. It will focus on the rules and procedural aspects of recruitment procedure, verbal and numeric tests, situation tests and testing in the so called “assessment center”. As the Big Hall can accommodate up to 150 persons, the seminar will be designated for the general public – all applicants need to register in the National Contact Database of the MFA. Lecture will be provided by Mrs Petra Leppee-Fraize, who comes from L’ENA, the prestigious French school of state administration.



UN RECRUITMENT WORKSHOP

30. 3. – 3. 4. 2014

Everybody who is interested in working for the UN can participate in a one-day seminar prepared by the MFA, that will deal with functioning of the UN, work within this international organisation, and its recruitment processes. The project, organised by the MFA, the Permanent Mission of the CR to the UN and the UN itself, will be available for the general public and will take place during the last week in March 2014.



SEMINAR „MULTILATERAL NEGOCIATIONS“ March 2014

The Diplomatic Academy of the MFA is preparing, with support from the International Organisation of la Francophonie (OIF), a one-day seminar focusing on multilateral negotiation techniques that will take place in March 2014. The seminar will be conducted by Mr Aurélien Colsson, the director of French “Institut de Recherche et d’Enseignement sur la Négociation”. The target group for this seminar will be Czech state administration officials. The seminar will be held in French.



EUROPEAN MIGRATION LECTURE May 2014

The Diplomatic Academy of the MFA, assisted again by the OIF, will organise in May 2014 a lecture by Catherine Withol de Wenden, the director of research of CERI in Paris and a PhD of political science at the “Institut d’études politiques de Paris”. The topic will concern migration policies within the European context and the lecture will be held in French. The project is designed for workers of the state and public administration.



EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE (EEAS) RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE SEMINAR April 2014

This one-day seminar aimed at those interested in working for European diplomacy is being prepared by the Diplomatic Academy in cooperation with human resources division of the EEAS and should be ready in May 2014. Brussels experts will focus on individual stages of the recruitment process, necessary requirements and working knowledge for the EEAS as well as employment possibilities for Czech diplomats in the realm of European diplomacy.



INTER-AGENCY CIVILIAN MILITARY TRAINING 2. 6. 2014

Already in its third year, this training project is designed for anybody who is interested in working in international civilian and military missions. International organisations will be hosted during the first week of June by the Diplomatic Academy. The training is designed for applicants registered in National Contact Database and it will be open for international guests.