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The University of Economics, Prague opens its own kindergarten in September 2013

The University of Economics, Prague (VŠE) has gained financial support from the Prague Adaptability Operational Program for the equipment and initial operation of its own kindergarten. It is specified for the children of VŠE employees.

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With the opening of this kindergarten, the University of Economics, Prague is trying to support young lecturers and create a high quality work environment. The university's kindergarten will offer employees the opportunity to place their children in this new university facility.

The kindergarten will be one-class, designed with the capacity of 19 children and located in VŠE's New Building. There will be two teachers taking care of the kids. An educational program called 'Trip around the World' is focused on individual development of a child stressing the key competences, a healthy life style and literacy in the natural sciences.

The kindergarten's working hours will be from 7:00 to 17:00, with attendance organized on a full-time basis five days a week. In case of spare capacity, it will be possible to negotiate part-time attendance for children. Parents are responsible for those costs that cannot be covered by European Social Fund (ESF).

To enroll, the following requirements must be met:

- a child must be born before 30 June 2011,
- a parent must be a VŠE employee,
- a parent is on maternity or parental leave or is going back to work (a maximum of 2 years after the end of maternity / parental leave) or is a single parent with children up to 15 years of age,
- a parent must have permanent residency in Prague or to be employed at least half-time.

"We believe that the investment in this kindergarten will return to VŠE in terms of rejuvenation of its teaching staff", Libor Svoboda, VŠE Bursar, says. "Currently, there is insufficient capacity for children in kindergartens in Prague. The facility could enable the return of a generation of young teachers after their maternity / parental leave. Its modern equipment and assurance of high quality care together with time saving may positively affect the decisions made by young teachers regarding their careers upon completion of their



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doctoral studies. They may choose to continue in an academic career with VŠE being the employer that offers the most favorable conditions for the young generation“.



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