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University of Economics celebrates 20 years of cooperation with France

Cooperation between the Czech Republic and France has a long tradition in the field of education. The French-Czech Institute of Management (IFTG) was established in 1990 and was the first international institute of the University of Economics, Prague. An international conference of francophone researchers and meeting with graduates will take place as a part of the 20th anniversary. It will be located on the university grounds and Embassy of the French Republic.

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The French-Czech Institute of Management (<http://iftg.vse.cz/>) was established on 1st July 1990 thanks to the initiative of the French Embassy in Prague. They decided to provide support to the transforming Czechoslovak economy by furthering the training of managers and university teachers. IFTG is an institute of lifelong learning. Its main objective is to provide MBA-MAE (Master Management et Administration des Entreprises) degree courses and French language lessons to companies and institutions of public administration.

The institute's general partners in France are the Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, IAE de Lyon; the Université Paris 1 – Panthéon – Sorbonne, IAE de Paris; Audencia Nantes and IAE de Nice. More than 400 graduates work as managers in French companies, firms trading with francophone territories, or in public administration.

The international conference "La crise mondiale et les perspectives de reprise des économies européennes" takes place on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of French-Czech cooperation. Participants from the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Slovenia will discuss the issues of the economic crisis as well as the possibilities for economic recovery on September 9th and 10th.

"France is among the most important international partners of the University of Economics in many areas", says Prof. Ing. Hana Machková, CSc., Vice-President for International Relations and PR. "France is an example of a real partner considering the mobility of students and teachers. We sent 54 students to study in France and received 53 French students from our 12 partner universities at the University of Economics last year. The exchange of university teachers is also very intense. Fourteen French professors lectured at the University of Economics, Prague. Our teachers are also often invited to France. They held nine lecture courses as a part of the Erasmus exchange program at universities in Lyons, Paris and Nantes in 2009."



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The cooperation of French universities with the University of Economics in master's programs in English is unique. The university offers, together with the Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, a double degree master's program, International Business – Central European Business Realities. The first graduates have already obtained a degree from the University of Economics, Prague as well as a French master's diploma. Partners of other joint degrees include HEC Paris (Masters in International Management – CEMS) and the Université Lille 1 (Economics of International Trade and European Integration program). Students of the International and Diplomatic Studies master's program can study at the prestigious Sciences PO Paris University for one semester.

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The University of Economics, Prague (Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze) is the leading university in the field of management and economics in the Czech Republic. The University of Economics, Prague is composed of more than 20 000 students and has six faculties - five in Prague and one in Jindřichův Hradec in South Bohemia. These include: the Faculty of Finance and Accounting, the Faculty of International Relations, the Faculty of Business Administration, the Faculty of Statistics and Informatics and the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration. The faculty based in Jindřichův Hradec is specialized in management. University of Economics, Prague graduates occupy responsible positions in the private as well as in the public sector. Most of them find their positions in sector of industry and services, trade, marketing, banking, public services, accounting, audit, tourism and the field of information technology. Many significant Czech and foreign Economists obtained the honoris causa title. To mention are for example the Nobel Prize winner prof. Robert A. Mundell, prof. Milton Friedman and prof. Gary S. Becker. More information at www.vse.cz

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