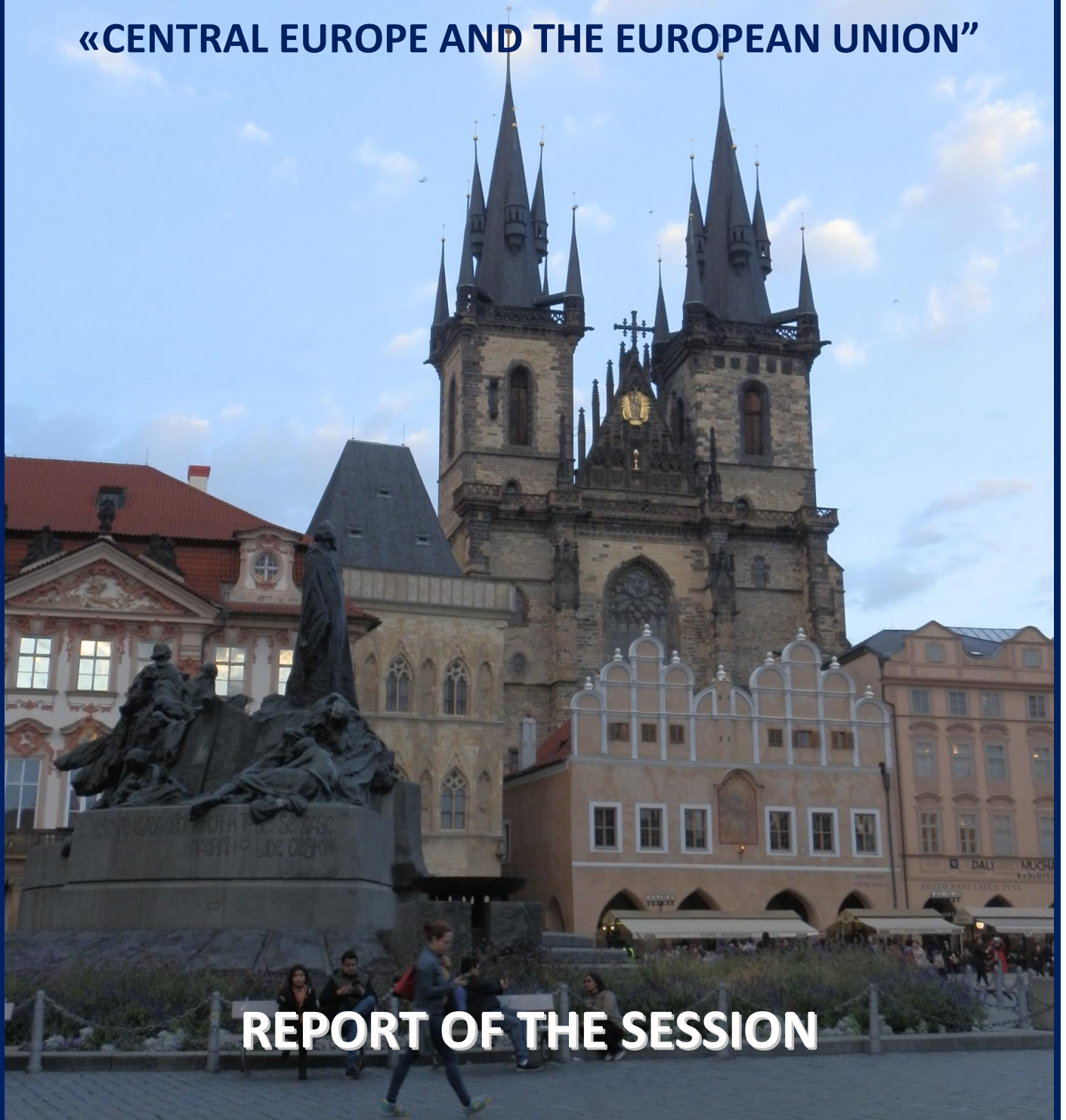


PRAGUE SUMMER UNIVERSITY

«CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION»



REPORT OF THE SESSION

PRAGUE (Czech Republic)

September 23th to 29th, 2018

The autumn university of Czech Republic took place in Prague from September 23 to 29 with the collaboration of CEVRO INSTITUTE.

CEVRO is located in a very convenient location, very close to the old town and all the interesting places of Prague.



The foreign students and lecturers were accommodated in NOVOMESTSKY HOTEL, and hotel had offered them, very close to CEVRO Institute and to the city centre of Prague.

The academic program intended to develop a lot of topics regarding some aspects of Central Europe and its place in the European Union.

The Academic sessions contained approximately 30 hours of lectures, discussions and debates. They were conducted in English by international experts from Czech Republic and from abroad.

17 candidates took part in the program, selected either by CIFE or by the partner, representing 14 different nationalities including some Czech students.

The entire group enjoyed a rich program of additional activities that allowed them to appreciate the culture and gastronomy of this country. A guided walking tour of Prague made easier for everyone to find their way around the city from the first evening and a full day excursion was organized to visit Karlstein Castle, a very famous place in the landscape around, and the unforgettable Prague Castle too with our personal guide.

All the candidates who completed the program successfully received a certificate of participation. Additionally, students who presented some more work after the session acquired ECTS Credits.

We also asked our students at the end of the session to fill out the evaluation questionnaire and comment upon our programme. Their observations, which can be found further on in this report have been of a great value for us.

We hope that this session in Prague will be a very nice memory for each one and we warmly thank our partner, CEVRO Institute, for trusting CIFE for this rich and friendly collaboration.

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23TH 2018:

Arrival of the foreign participants – Accommodation – Free evening

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2018:

10.00h: Opening session. *Presentation of the partners:*

- **Mr. Josef Šíma**, President of the CEVRO Institute
- **Mme Marie France Perdigon**, Director of the summer university program of CIFE.



Presentation of the students



Historical and cultural presentation of Czech Republic

Mr. Tomáš Pojar, Vice President for International Relations, CEVRO Institute, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and Ambassador to Israel

12.00 h: Lunch



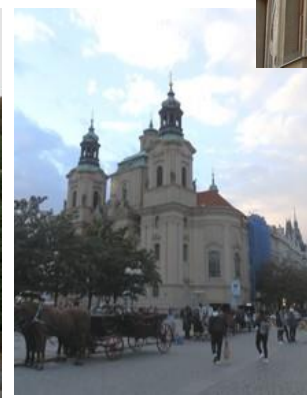
14.00 h: “Renewable energy sources: an issue to consider. Why?” First part
Hossein Tatabatei (Iran), Researcher in law and policy of energy, University of Sophia-Antipolis".

15.30 h: “The Visegrad Group”

Cyril Svoboda, Director of the Diplomatic Academy in Prague, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic



17.00h: Guided Walking tour in the old town



Free time for dinner

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2018

9.30h: *“Renewable energy sources in Central Europe”*. Second part with an interactive work by the students divided into groups
Hossein Tatabatei (Iran), Researcher in law and policy of energy, University of Sophia-Antipolis”.



11.00 h : *“Euro-Atlantic Relations and CE Perspective”*
Alexandr VONDRA, Director of the Prague Centre for Transatlantic Relations, CEVRO Institute, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and Ambassador to the U.S.



12.30h: Lunch

14.00: *“Russia and the European Union”*
Tomáš POJAR, Vice President for International Relations, CEVRO Institute, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and Ambassador to Israel



Free time for dinner

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2018:

9.30h: *“German Europe or European Germany”*
Alexandr VONDRA, Director of the Prague Centre for Transatlantic Relations, CEVRO Institute, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and Ambassador to the U.S.



“Eurocepticism in Central Europe”
Roman JOCH, Director of the Civic Institute in Prague. commentator and lecturer on political philosophy, international relations

12.30h: Lunch





14.00 h: **“Cross border cooperation”**
“The neighbourhood policy”

- definition and areas activities,
 - neighborhood policy in the Central Europe context
- Madeleine Hubin (Belgium), HEC Liège**



Free time for dinner

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2018:



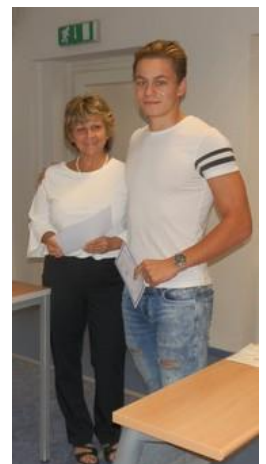
9.30 h: **“The European Defense Policy”**

- EU Security
 - EU Security directives in Central Europe
- Following :**

interactive activity with the students shared in groups

Madeleine Hubin (Belgium), HEC Liège

12.00 h: **Closing session**
Friendly drink
Distribution of diplomas



Lunch

Pm: Oral exams for students wishing to acquire ECTS Credits

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2018

Full day excursion to Calstein Castle and Prague Castle

9.00 h Departure by bus for Carlstein Castle.

Guided visit of the Castle of Carlstein

Free time in the village of Carlstein for shopping of lunch



Pm Guided visit of the Castle of Prague



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

2018 : DEPARTURE OF THE FOREIGN GROUP

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EVALUATION

This program, organised in Prague with CEVRO Institute was very appreciated. The examination of the evaluation forms have proved a large satisfaction (92 %)

The candidates were very satisfied with the hotel, comfortable and with a very good location. General agreement was that the rooms were very clean and comfortable so this choice was highly appreciated. The location, very close to both CEVRO and all the touristic sites of the city, was really ideal. Everything was easy to reach with less than 5 mn walking. The lecturers were accommodates in the same hotel and were very satisfied too.

Evaluation of the lecturers

The global evaluation of the students regarding the lecturers gave a very good result. Some were judged "at the top", for a small number of them, some students indicated some rather monotonous presentations (maybe because of the language).

Evaluation of the program

The choice of the different topics was very appreciated and for the majority of the group, all the topics were relevant and presented in a very interesting and proper way. Most of the students made many positive comments about the team of lecturers, and judged the programme interesting. Some of them have indicated that perhaps little more guiding would have been necessary to link the different interventions. It seems that the candidates would like much more discussion, with shorter conferences but more time for debates.

The majority of the candidates were very satisfied. They all noticed a very large satisfaction about relations with the staff and the good balance between courses and leisure time. Free time was left each evening to allow everyone to discover the marvelous sites offered by this majestic city.



The general opinion was that the opportunity of an academic program and experience of living together with so many representatives of other nationalities benefit each and everybody in the future.

CONCLUSION

CIFE warmly thanks CEVRO for for trusting CIFE for this rich and friendly collaboration together and hopes that this program will continue in the future.

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