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within the framework of the European Day of Civil Justice**

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**Member State or national or international body :
Czech Republic, Regional Court in Brno**

Activity(ies) envisaged :
Reciprocal visit of Austrian judges in Brno and Kroměříž, seminars, visit of Regional Court in Brno, district courts in Brno and Kroměříž and Judicial Academy in Kroměříž

Date(s) :
26. October 2006

Aims :
To strengthen relationships and contacts between Higher Regional Court in Vienna and Regional Court in Brno

Publicity envisaged:
Professional magazines and newsletters

**Member State or national or international body :
Czech Republic, District Court in Opava**

Activity(ies) envisaged :
Open day, mock proceeding and question and answer session with the judges

Date(s) :
31. October 2006

Aims :
To show the public how the judicial system works

Publicity envisaged:
Regional and professional magazines and newsletters, web site of the court

**Member State or national or international body :
Czech Republic, Regional Court of Ústí nad Labem in Liberec**

Activity(ies) envisaged :
Open day, presentation of the proceedings and seminar on the theme
“International jurisdiction of courts in civil and commercial matters according
to Brusel I and II Regulations”

Date(s) :
20. - 21. October 2006

Aims :
To familiarize the public with the Regional Court in Liberec and to provide
judges with information on European legislation

Publicity envisaged:
Regional and professional magazines and newsletters

**Member State or national or international body :
Czech Republic, Ministry of Justice with the support of Technical
Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument of the European
Commission**

Activity(ies) envisaged :
Seminar on cross-border litigation: European Enforcement Order, European
Order for Payment and Small Claims

Date(s) :
26. October 2006

Aims :
To help improve Czech judges knowledge of European law

Publicity envisaged:
Professional magazines and newsletters

CONFERENCE ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF JUSTICE – A PREREQUISITE OF A FAIR TRIAL

Thursday, October 19, 2006

09.00 Opening of the Conference

Opening speech: *JUDr. Vladimír Jirousek*, President of the Czech Bar Association

09.30 Session 1:

Independence as a Value of the Legal Mind

Reports: *Prof. JUDr. Jiří Přibáň*, Cardiff University Law School, Wales
Francis Neate, President of the International Bar Association

Co-Report: *JUDr. PhDr. Stanislav Balík*, Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

10.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 Session 2:

Independence of Justice and its Restrictions

Reports: *JUDr. Jaromír Jirsa*, President of the Union of Judges
JUDr. Jan Sváček, Chairman of the Prague Municipal Court

Co-Reports: *Dr. Günter Woratsch*, Honorary President of the International Association of Judges

Panel Discussion

13.45 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 Session 3:

Legal Profession as an Independent Institution

Reports: *JUDr. Martin Šolc*, former President of the Czech Bar Association
JUDr. Karel Čermák, former Minister of Justice and former President of the Czech Bar Association

Co-Report: *Heinz Weil*, former President of the CCBE

Panel Discussion

18.00 Reception

Beerhouse, Restaurant & Pension “U Medvídků”

09.00 Session 4:

Pitfalls of the Judicial Independence in the Czech Republic

Reports: *JUDr. Jan Vyklický*, Honorary President of the Union of Judges
JUDr. Vladimír Stibořík, Chairman of the High Court, Prague
JUDr. Vladimír Vočka, Judge at the High Court, Prague

Co-Reports: *JUDr. Jiří Nykodým*, Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic
JUDr. Jiří Mucha, Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 Panel discussion

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch break

13.30 Session 5:

Independence of a Lawyer as a Fundamental Value of the Legal Profession

Reports: *JUDr. Tomáš Sokol*, Chairman of the Czech Bar Association's Committee for professional assistance and protection of interests of lawyers
JUDr. Aleš Pejchal, Chairman of the Czech Bar Association's Working group for the civil law

Co-Reports: *Jean-Marie Burguburu*, former President of the Paris Bar Association
Dr. Günther Kröber, President of the Bar Association of Saxony

Panel Discussion

16.30 Conclusions and closing: *JUDr. Vladimír Jirousek*, President of the Czech Bar Association

Refreshment