

**Third cycle follow-up seminar on the implementation of
the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
in the Czech Republic**

Prague, 9 December 2013

Lichtenstein palace (U Sovových mlýnů 4/506, Praha 1)

PROGRAMME (final version)

09:30 Registration of participants

10:00 – 10:10 **Welcoming** Martin Šimáček Head of Human Rights Section,
Agency for Social Inclusion, Office
of Government

Opening address

10:10 - 10:15 **Mr Milan Pospíšil** Secretary of the Government Council for
National Minorities, Office of Government

10:15 - 10:25 **Mr. Krzysztof Zyman** Secretariat of the FCNM

First Session – General Assessment

Moderator **Mr Martin Martínek** Head of Gvt. Council for Roma Minority
Affairs Office & National Minorities Gvt.
Council Secretariates, Office of Government

10:30 - 11:00 **Ms Anastasia Crickley** Expert, Advisory Committee of the
Framework Convention of National Minorities

Presentation of the third Opinion of the Advisory Committee on National
Minorities in respect of the Czech Republic, adopted on 1 July 2011 and the
CM Resolution on the Czech Republic of 12 December 2012

Thematic discussions: Consultative mechanisms: functioning of local committees for national minorities

11:00 - 11:15 Mr. Václav Henych Ministry of the Interior, Head of General
Administration Section

Consultative mechanisms: functioning of local committees for national
minorities

11:15 - 11:30 Mr. Józef Szymeczek polish minority representative, Congress of
Poles

11:30 - 11:45 discussion

11:45 - 12:00 Coffee Break

First session – General assessment (cont.)

12:00 - 12:15 **Mr Milan Pospíšil** Office of Government, Secretary of the
Government Council for National Minorities

Comments of the Government of the Czech Republic on the he implementation of the third Opinion of the Advisory Committee and the CM Resolution on the Czech Republic

12:15 - 13:15 Discussion

13:00 - 14:15 Lunch

Second Session – Thematic Discussions

Moderator Ms Andrea Baršová Director of Human Rights & Minority Protection
Dpt., Office of Government

Combatting intolerance, racism, and xenophobia in particular against Roma, including in the media, and the political arena

14:15 - 14:30 Mr Martin Martínek Office of Government, Head of Gvt. Council
for Roma Minority Affairs Office & National
Minorities Gvt. Council Secretariates

14:30 - 14:50 Zdeněk Ryšavý/Jarmila Balážová Civil association Romea

14:50 - 16:10 discussion

Education and linguistic rights of national minorities

16:15-16:30 Mr. Petr Bannert Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Head
of Education Dpt.

16:30 - 16:45 Mr. Józef Szymeczek polish minority representative, Congress of
Poles

16:45 – 17:15 Discussion and Conclusion