

## Call for Cooperation

WORKSHOP: **Contemporary Democracy Systems (CDS)**

**From (Basiscs to) Expertise to Implementation**

COUNTRY: **Czechia**

REGION (possible repeater/s): **Emerging European Democracies (EED)**  
**/ Central/Eastern Europe (CEE)**

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### **PROGRAM**

(Draft, September 2001/January 2003)

**DATE:** ...2003

**VENUE:** Prague... (and other cities)

**GOALS:** - Initiate a working group within Czech society, politics and experts to receive, understand and spread ideas, understanding and instruments of contemporary democracy (some of its elements are described as direct democracy - DD) in Czechia, as well as understanding of conditions under which such system may work.

- The final goal of this group well may/should/must be that of implementing more democracy into Czech political system, on the state, regional and community levels (implemeting both top-down and bottom-up).

- Founding a Competence Center for CDS (real competence, monitoring, quality assurance).

- Discussion Clubs throughout Czechia.

**ORGANIZED** by (not final yet, open to cooperation, partnership):

- Czech politicians with c i n c e r e interest in CDS, in the civil society (already identified in preliminary talks) / Czech political parties c i n c e r e l y engaged in shaping democratic future (all of which should be carefully and continuously screened for this)

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**GUESTS, PARTICIPANTS:** (Czech top) politicians known for their c i n c e r e interest in CDS, in the civil society, as well as for c i n c e r e engagement for them.

**SPEAKERS, PANELISTS:** (top Western) experts, able and willing to transfer their profound knowledge into an easy to grasp form, to discuss with the necessary attitude, including the ability to turn skeptics into advocates (of course, no one is like that, but that's the ideal - a group may well get close to this)

**PROGRAM / TOPICS:**

- Contemporary Democracy - Basics, Elements, System, Conditions
  - Integrity, Transparency, Veracity
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- Knowledge, Expertise, Making them Accessible - Sources, Communication
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- Developing and Implementing Contemporary Democratic Systems - Citizen, Politics
  - Communes, Regions, State/Federation
  - European Democratization
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- 'Certifying Democracy / Assuring Quality / Managing Risks' (i.e. no more empty phrases, but providing real, rich content and fully living system of (direct) democratic control and processes for each Czech woman and man, civil society of free citizens)
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This is a draft. We would like to invite you to help to shape and focus this event, this program, this project, based on your ideas and expertise.

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NOTE: direct democracy means a part of a full system of contemporary politics, not merely 'elements' or any other simplifications.