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2nd – 3rd April 2020, Prague, Czech Republic

Lichtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4, 118 00 Prague 1 – Malá Strana, Czech Republic

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic – in a close co-operation with the Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary; the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland; and the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic – invite you to take part in the **Visegrad Group Ministerial Conference on the European Structural and Investment Funds for Higher Education, Research and Development**, to be held on 2nd – 3rd April 2020 in the premises of the **Lichtenstein Palace** in Prague, Czech Republic.

The conference is aimed to facilitate a **high-level strategy debate of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovakian policy-makers and stakeholders** in the fields of higher education, research and development on the following topics, in particular:

- **European Structural and Investment Funds for higher education, research and development**

Past experiences and lessons learned, good practice examples and outlook for the upcoming EU cohesion policy period;

- **Universities as drivers for highly-skilled human resources development**

Strategy development of higher education institutions;

- **Science and research as drivers for technology development and innovation**

Capacities building: Research infrastructures and R&D centres of excellence;

- **Science and research as drivers for technology development and innovation**

Capabilities building: Institutional environment of research organisations, internationalisation and international cooperation.

The **conference programme**, to be organised in the premises of the Lichtenstein Palace, will be accompanied by a **gala dinner** in the evening of 2nd April 2020, to be hosted in the premises of the **Czech Museum of Music**, which is located within walking distance of the Lichtenstein Palace.



Participation in the conference is **free of charge**. Travel and accommodation **expenses** incurred on the side of participants shall be borne by participants themselves.

The detailed conference programme and information about the logistics and **registration** are available on the official conference website. Registration for the conference and gala dinner shall be made by **15th March 2020**.

<https://www.vyzkumne-infrastruktury.cz/en/cz-v4-pres-conference-he-rd/>

The conference will be held in the **English language without translation**.

Please forward any questions to **czv4presconference@msmt.cz**.

The Visegrad Group Ministerial Conference on the European Structural and Investment Funds for Higher Education, Research and Development is arranged under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic within the official programme of Czech Presidency of the Visegrad Group 2019/2020. The conference costs are co-funded by use of the European Structural and Investment Funds raised via the Operational Programme Research, Development and Education.