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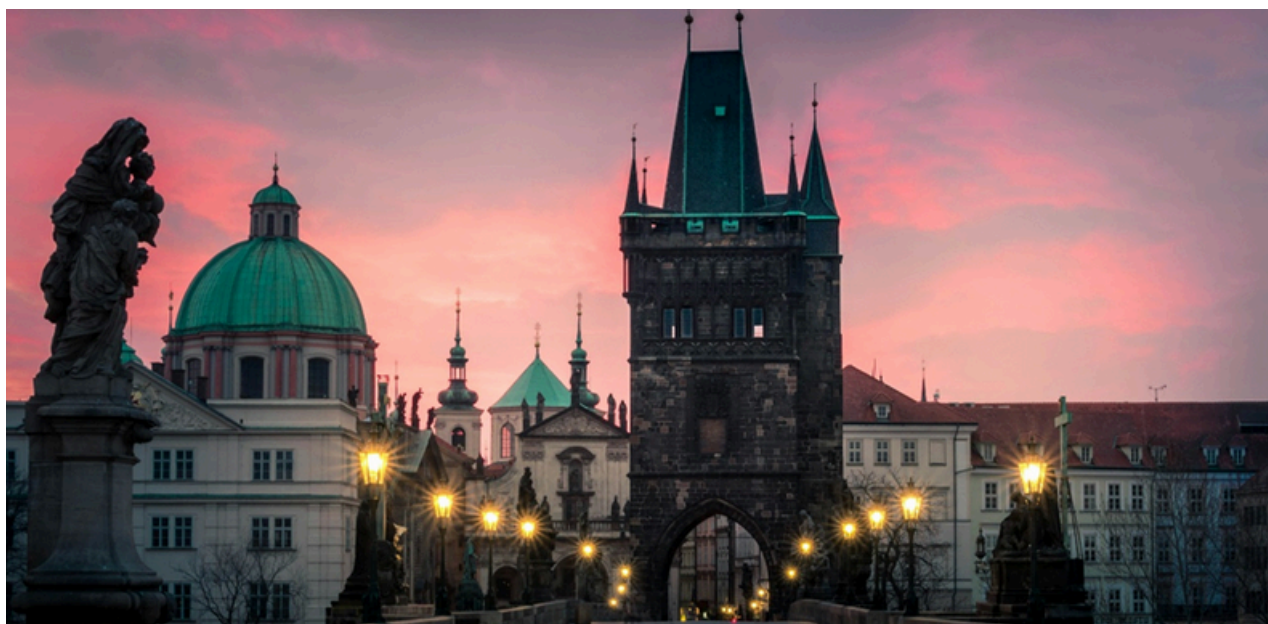
2025 ReferNet partnership forum

24 -25 April 2025,
Prague, Czechia

Guide for participants



Welcome to 2025 ReferNet partnership forum



The National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic (ReferNet Czechia) is pleased to welcome you to the Partnership Forum in Prague.

This Partnership Forum offers a unique opportunity for cooperation and exchange of expertise in the field of vocational education and training.

VET is an important pillar of the education system in Czechia. With 68.5% in 2022, Czechia is among the five EU countries with the highest share of students in initial vocational education and training.

The renewal of the VET curriculum is currently under way, and this is a big topic. When we talk about innovating the sectoral system, we are talking about an overall structural change - creating a common professional basis for related fields of education, allowing for greater permeability and flexibility. The aim is not just to reduce the relatively high number of education sectors (281 to 130), but to ensure that these correspond better to the real needs of the labour market.

Refreshments and lunch will be prepared and served both days by students from the Secondary Vocational School for SEN learners near Prague, allowing us to get a taste of vocational education and to experience VET by visiting the secondary school for chemistry with over a hundred years existence.

We look forward to seeing you in Prague!

Welcome to Prague!

Transport

● From the Airport – Trolleybus + Metro

Václav Havel Airport Prague is 15 km northwest of the city center.

- Take Trolleybus No. 59 from Terminal 2 (every 3-6 minutes) and ride to the last stop, Nádraží Veleslavín (16 minutes, 40 CZK ticket valid for 90 minutes).
- At Nádraží Veleslavín, transfer to the green metro line (A) towards Depo Hostivař and ride to the Můstek stop (12 minutes). From there, Ambassador Hotel is a 3-minute walk and NPI is about an 8-minute walk.

For Hotel Dlouhá:

Take Trolleybus No. 59 to the Divoká Šárka stop, then switch to Tram No. 26 and get off at the Dlouhá třída stop (about 20 minutes). Alternatively, get off one stop earlier at Staroměstská (green line A) and walk about 10 minutes.

● From the Main Railway Station (Hlavní nádraží)

The NPI is approximately a 6-minute walk from the Main Railway Station. The Ambassador Hotel is about an 8-minute walk, while Hotel Dlouhá is roughly a 15-minute walk. Alternatively, you can take Tram No. 26 to the Dlouhá třída stop to reach the hotel more quickly.

● Airport Express (AE) + Metro

The Airport Express (AE) bus offers a direct route between the airport and Prague Main Train Station (Hlavní nádraží). The AE bus departs daily from 5:30 AM to 10:00 PM every 30 minutes. The bus stop is just outside the airport's main exit. Tickets cost 100 CZK and can be purchased from the bus driver or the Info Centre in the Arrival Hall. (Note: This ticket is not valid for the metro.) The bus ride takes about 40 minutes. At the train station, use the red metro line (C) from Hlavní Nádraží to Muzeum.

● Taxi services from/to airport

For taxi services, you can visit: [Prague Airport Transfers](#), [AAA Taxi](#)

Public Transportation Tickets & Payment

● Ticket Terminals

Public transportation tickets in Prague can be purchased cashlessly using orange ticket terminals found in trams, city buses, and metro stations. These terminals allow you to buy single and short-term tickets.

Tickets (apart from Airport Express tickets) are available from vending machines at metro stations, some tram stops, newsstands, or via the [PID Lítačka app](#). While some ticket machines, like those at the airport, accept credit cards, it's advisable to have coins ready just in case.

● Ticket Prices and Validity

- A 90-minute ticket costs 40 CZK and allows unlimited transfers between metro, trams, and buses within the validity period.
- Luggage up to 25×45×70 cm travels for free; for larger suitcases, you need a 20 CZK ticket.

Before your first ride, validate your ticket in the small yellow machines on buses or at metro entrances.

Read More on <http://www.dpp.cz/en/transport-around-prague/>

Accommodation

Option 1



Hotel Dlouhá

We have pre-booked 12 single rooms with breakfast for two nights (April 23 – 24, April 24 - 25) at the hotel of the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports, which is about a 10-minute walk from the venue.

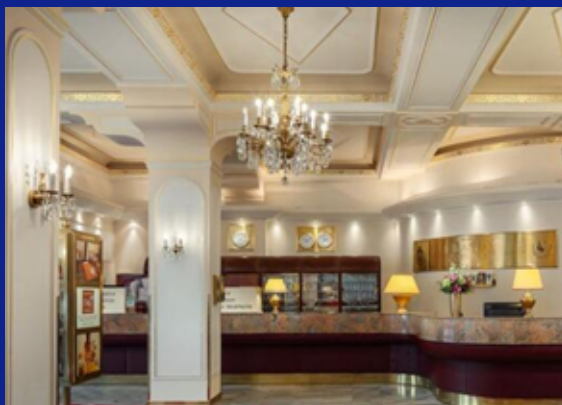
The price is 1,744 CZK (approximately 70 EUR) plus city tax.

This reservation must be confirmed by April 6. Those wishing to stay longer than two nights should inform the organisers.

[Read More on https://rezidencedlouha17.cz/](https://rezidencedlouha17.cz/)

Accommodation

Option 2



Hotel AMBASSADOR – ZLATÁ HUSA

We have pre-booked 20 standard rooms for two nights (April 23 – 24, April 24 – 25) at a hotel in the city center, just a 5-minute walk from the venue.

Participant names must be confirmed by April 6.

The price for a single room is 2,900 CZK (approximately 116 EUR), including a buffet breakfast. Local taxes of 50 CZK (2 EUR) per person per day are to be paid separately at the hotel.

[Read More on https://www.ambassador.cz/en](https://www.ambassador.cz/en)

Extending your stay

If you wish to stay longer, please check with the hotels for availability. Keep in mind that room rates may differ from the pre-booked prices.

About NPI

The National Pedagogical Institute (NPI) of the Czech Republic is a budgetary organisation, directly managed by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. It ensures the transfer of educational innovations from the central conceptual level to school practice in the 14 regions. It develops framework educational programmes for pre-school, primary, primary art and secondary education and provides methodological support for schools and teachers, as well as targeted training for teaching staff. The 14 regional offices of the NPI CR play an important role in supporting schools in the regions.



The Institute serves as an educational, methodological, curricular, research, professional, and advisory institution for addressing issues of pre-school, primary, secondary and higher vocational education. It also operates in the field of basic arts, language, non-formal, leisure, and further education.



[Map of location](#)

Social activities

Guided Tour

The guided tour is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, at 5 p.m. Participants should gather in front of the NPI building. The tour will last approximately two hours and will take you through the City Centre. The tour will conclude around 7 or 7:15 p.m. near the restaurant where the group dinner will be held.

Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, as the route includes cobblestone streets in the city centre.

Dinner

The group dinner will take place at the restaurant Potrefená Husa.

The reservation is set for 19:00, with the latest arrival by 19:30. Participants will cover their own dining costs. The restaurant accepts both credit cards and cash payments in CZK and EUR.

Three menu options will be available: meat, fish, and vegetarian, with an estimated cost of around 30 EUR. Drinks are not included in this price. You only pay for what you order, so selecting all three dishes is not necessary.



Platněřská 88/9, Prague 1



<https://www.husaplatnerska.cz/>

If you have any dietary restrictions or do not wish to join the group dinner or guided tour, please inform us in advance.

Day 2: Visit to the Upper Secondary School for Chemistry

The school, established in 1894, is a government-funded secondary institution providing free education to 400 students aged 15-19. The school offers a four-year Applied Chemistry programme, culminating in the Maturita exam (EQF 4), combining general and specialized training.

Students study English at B1-B2 CEFR and German or French at A1-A2 CEFR levels.

The school participates in the Responsible Care initiative and has been awarded an honorary title of Eco-school in recognition of its long-term environmentally friendly conduct. In the second year, students specialize in:

- Clinical and toxicological analysis
- Synthesis and preparation of pharmaceuticals
- Forensic chemistry

Graduates of applied chemistry find jobs as assistants in analytical, environmental, biochemical, physical, and organic chemistry laboratories. They also work as ecologists, school assistants, technologists, toxicologists, and assistants in business companies—chemistry division—as well as technicians. Additionally, they are well prepared for studies at all universities and colleges, especially the University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague (VŠCHT), and the Faculty of Science at Charles University.

Meeting point

Hotel Dlouhá: 8:00 a.m.
Hotel Ambassador: 8:15 a.m.
The school is within a 10-min walking distance from Hotel Ambassador.



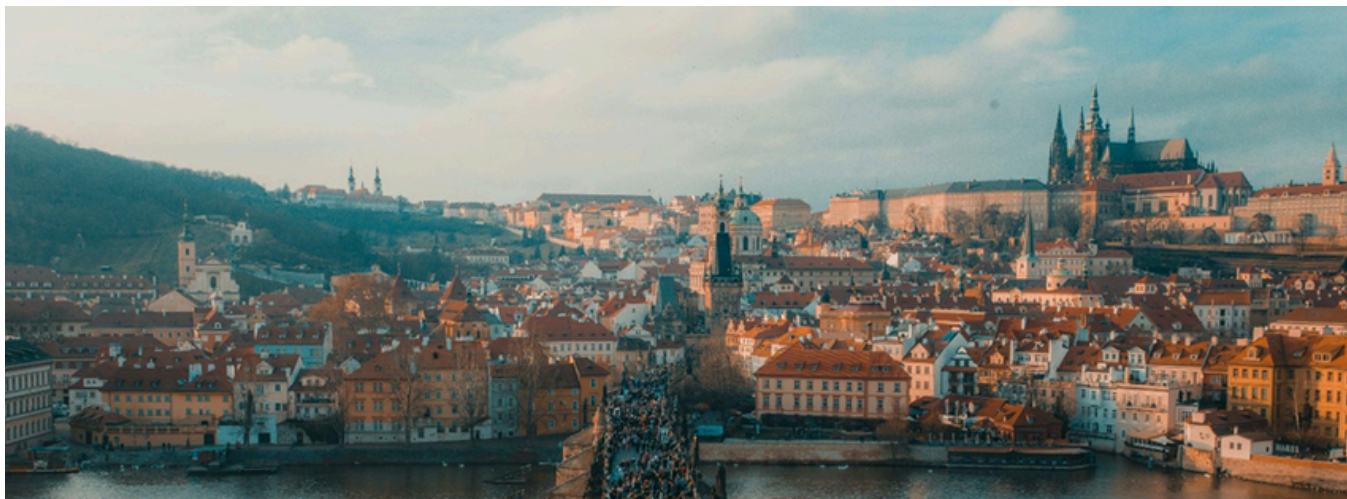
Masarykova střední škola
chemická, Křemencova 179/12



<https://www.mssch.cz>



City of Prague



Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. It is situated on the Vltava river. Prague is home to about 1.4 million people. Prague is a city with a rich history dating back to 9th century.

Since 1992, the historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

The city boasts many impressive historical landmarks, including Prague Castle—a complex of palaces and churches such as St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George's Basilica, the Old Royal Palace, and the Lobkovicz Palace—Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with the Prague Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, Petřín Hill, and Vyšehrad Castle with its historic fortress. Charles University in Prague, founded in 1348, is the oldest university in Central Europe.

Weather

April in Prague is mild and gradually warming, with average temperatures ranging from 2°C at night to 11°C during the day.

Time

Prague is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +1) throughout the year.

Currency

The Czech national currency is the Czech Crown „koruna česká” (1 EUR = approx. 25 CZK)

Foreign currency can be exchanged preferably at banks and exchange offices.

What to see

Sites

- Old Town Hall with Astronomical Clock
- New Mill Water Tower
- Clementinum Astronomical Tower
- Old Town Bridge Tower
- Powder Gate Tower
- St Nicolas Bell Tower

Museums

- Lobkowitz Palace
- Prague City Museum
- Museum of Decorative Arts
- National Technical Museum
- Aviation Museum Kbely
- Jewish Museum

Shopping

The Palladium shopping mall is a large complex with five floors and 164 stores. Additional shopping malls can also be found in Wenceslas Square.

Several supermarkets, such as Billa, Albert, and Lidl, are located near both hotels.

● Prague Visitor Pass

If you're planning to explore Prague, the Prague Visitor Pass can be a practical option. It provides unlimited travel on public transport, including airport transfers, and offers free or discounted access to over 70 attractions, such as historical monuments, museums, galleries, guided tours, and river cruises. Available as a physical card or a digital e-Pass, it can be purchased for 48, 72, or 120 hours. Keep in mind that while it covers public transport within the city, it does not include suburban buses or trains. More details can be found at [Prague Visitor Pass](#).

● Prague Visitor Centres

Prague City Tourism operates several official tourist information centers at key locations, including the historic Old Town Hall, Prague Castle, and Václav Havel Airport Terminal 1. These centers offer assistance with navigation, sightseeing tours, and cultural event tickets. Visitors can also purchase unique souvenirs from local Prague creators. More details can be found at [Prague Tourist Information Centers](#).