Transfer of Czech Knowledge: Study Tour to the Czech Republic to Support Inclusive Economic Growth in Uzbekistan

The project Reference: 2015/14/RFP

STUDY VISIT

Prague: 21. 9. 2015 – 25. 9. 2015

STUDY VISIT GOALS AND PROGRAMME

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

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MONDAY 21.9.2015

Venue: **Hotel President**, Náměstí Curieových 100, 110 00 Prague 1

Meeting room: Room Murillo

9:00 – 10:00   Welcome speeches, Director of the NTF Miroslava Kopicová, UNDP Trust Fund representative, IFMR representatives

10:00 – 11:00 Information and guidelines on the study visit programme *(organisation issues, goals of the study visit, agenda,Toolkit distribution)*,

Introduction of the Czech institutions participating in the event. *Věra Czesaná, NTF Project Coordinator and Head of National Observatory of Employment and Training*

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 – 12:00 Basic information on the Czech Republic and its economic development. *Věra Czesaná, Head of National Observatory of Employment and Training*

12:00 – 12:20 Discussion

12:20 – 13:30 Lunch, within the hotel premises

13:30 – 14:00 walk / public transport to the Czech National Bank,

Venue: **Czech National Bank**, Na Příkopě 28, 115 03, Prague 1

14:00 – 14:40 Inflation Targeting Regime: Procedures and Communication. (CNB's monetary policy framework, main principles of inflation targeting, monetary-policy decision-making process and communication, CNB's monetary policy at the zero lower bound, Euro adoption plans), *Petr Král, Deputy Director, Unit for Monetary policy and Fiscal Analyses, Czech National Bank*

14:40 – 15:00 Discussion

15:00 – 15:40 Forecasting and Policy Analysis System in the Czech National Bank. (Motivation for FPAS and main objectives, elements of the system, forecasting process and its organization). *Radek Šnobl, Deputy Head of Macroeconomic Forecasting Division, Head of Near-Term Forecasting and Analysis Team, Monetary and Statistics Department, Czech National Bank*

15:40 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:20 Coffee break

16:20 – 17:00 The Quarterly Projection Model (QPM). (Structure of QPM – long term block, cyclical block, key equations, transmission mechanism, calibration vs. estimation, model properties – impulse responses, choice of a policy rule, presentation of results, deviations from and extensions o the QPM), *Jaromír Tonner, Macroeconomic Forecasting Division, Czech National Bank*

17:00 – 17:20 Discussion

17:20   Closing of the day and information for the next day

TUESDAY 22.9.2015

Venue: **Ministry of Finance**, Letenská 15, 118 10, Prague 1

Meeting point: Hotel Lobby, at 9:00 the members of the study tour will be picked up and accompanied to the Ministry of Finance.

9:30 – 10:10 Economic Forecasting at the Ministry of Finance. *Ondřej Lopušník, economist, Deputy Head of the Macroeconomic Forecast Unit, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic*

10:10 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:10 DSGE Model of the Czech Economy. *Zbyněk Štork, economist, Head of the Economic Modelling Unit, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic*

11:10 – 11:30 Discussion

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee break,

11:50 – 12:30 Long Term Projections and Sustainability Analysis. *Zbyněk Štork, economist, Head of the Economic Modelling Unit, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic*

12:30 – 12:50 Discussion

12:50 – 14:00 Lunch at the restaurant in the city centre

14:00 – 14:30 walk/public transport to the Ministry of Industry and Trade

Venue: **Ministry of Industry and Trade**, Na Františku 32, 110 15, Prague 1

14:30 – 15:10 Energetic modelling with the aim to design strategic documents. *Tomáš Smejkal, Head of Strategic Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic*

15:10 – 15:30 Discussion

15:30 – 16:10 Modelling of Electricity Consumption by Using of Macroeconomic Model based on Input-output relations. *Ivan Neumaier, Head of Statistical and Data Processing Unit, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic*

16:10 – 16:30 Discussion

16:30 – 16:50 Coffee break

16:50 – 17:30 Macroeconomic and Sector Analyses of the Czech Economy. *Martin Hronza, Director of Economic Analyses Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic*

17:30 – 17:50 Discussion

17:50   Closing of the day and information for the next day

Venue: **Hotel President**, Náměstí Curieových 100, 110 00 Prague 1

Meeting room: Room Murillo

9:00 – 9:40   Overview of NTF and National Observatory activities - experience in the field of anticipation of skill needs. *Věra Czesaná, Head of National Observatory of Employment and Training, National Training Fund*

9:40 – 10:00   Discussion

10:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 –12:00   Modelling and quantitative forecasts of the skills needs. (Structure of the model, model input data, classifications used, core outcomes of the model, additional outputs, data availability for forecasting; systemic framework for anticipation). *Tereza Vavřinová, NTF - National Observatory of Employment and Training*

12:00 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 13:40 Lunch, within the hotel premises

13:40 – 14:10 Short-term labour market anticipation - integrated vacancy monitoring. *Marta Salavová, NTF - National Observatory of Employment and Training*

14:10 – 14:50 Using of anticipation results - information products provision and dissemination. (Types of information products; regional observatory data sets; Czechfutureskills website), *Martin Bakule, Marta Salavová, NTF - National Observatory of Employment and Training*

14:50 – 15:15   Discussion

15:15 – 15:45   Coffee break

15:45 -16:30   Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences and its role in strategic STI policy making. (Introduction of the TC CAS and its activities, presentation of the policy-making cycle and position of the TC CAS in this process). *Michal Pazour, Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences*

16:30 - 17:15   Foresight as a tool for policy making. (Foresight activities that help prepare strategic policy for various future developments and activate different relevant stakeholders), *Michal Pazour and Ondřej Pokorný, Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences*

17:15 – 17:45 Horizon scanning – detecting emerging developments. (Introduction of a quantitative approach to detection of emerging issues and opportunities as an important input to the foresight exercise), *Ondřej Pokorný, Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences*

17:45 – 18:00 Discussion

18:00   Closing of the day and information for the next day

Social event

19:00	Picking up the members of the study tour at the hotel lobby – walk to the restaurant in the city centre
20:00	Dinner, members of the study tour, NTF and other participating institutions participants

THURSDAY 24.9.2015

Venue: Cerge-EI, Politických vězňů 7, Prague 1

Meeting point: Hotel Lobby, at 9:00 the members of the study tour will be picked up and accompanied to the CERGE-EI.

9:30 –10:10	CERGE-EI research activities and policy makers´ supporting. Ondřej *Rydval, CERGE-EI*
10:10 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:10	Czech micro-simulation pension model. *Jiří Satava, CERGE-EI*
11:10 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:00	*Coffee break*
12:00 – 12:40	Czech micro simulation model TAXBEN. *Klára Kalíšková, CERGE-EI*
12:40 – 13: 00	Discussion
13:00- 13:10	Information on the Prague sightseeing guided tour and information for the next day
13:10-13:30	*walk to the hotel*
13:30-14:30	*Lunch,* within the hotel premises

Social event

15:30	Picking up the members of the study tour at the hotel lobby – Prague sightseeing guided tour

FRIDAY   25.9.2015

Venue: **Hotel President**, Náměstí Curieových 100, 110 00 Prague 1

Meeting room: Room Murillo

9:30 – 11:00	Projection and Development Strategy of Uzbekistan. (Results of UNDP research project), presentation of Uzbek participants.
11:00 – 11:20	*Coffee break*
11:20 – 12:00	Discussion and feedback from the Czech experts (from all participating institutions: CNB, MF, MPO, CERGE-EI, TCAV, NTF) facilitated by Věra Czesaná, *Head of National Observatory of Employment and Training, NTF*
12:00 – 13:30	*Lunch,* within the hotel premises

13:30 – 14:00 Final Questions, facilitated by Věra Czesaná, *Head of National Observatory of Employment and Training, NTF*

14:00 – 15:00 Closing Session – evaluation of the action, feedback and remarks, facilitated by Věra Czesaná, *Head of National Observatory of Employment and Training*

15:00 Closing of the study tour, final words of the NTF, UNDP and IFMR representatives

Collecting of evaluation forms from the study visit participants

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