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Joint meeting between the Social Platform and Czech social NGOs

Praha, 16-17 June 2008

Venue: to be confirmed

Interpretation English/Czech

“Towards more social justice and participatory democracy in the European Union and in the Czech Republic - The role of European and Czech NGOs”

Monday 16 June 2008

Morning Arrival and bilateral meetings

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13.30-14.30 Coffee and registration

14.30-15.00 **Welcome and introduction**

- Conny Reuter, President of the Social Platform, Secretary General of Solidar
- Karel Schwarz, President of Asociace NNO

15.00-16.00 **Taking stock of the social realities in the Czech Republic and in Europe**

Chair: Conny Reuter, President of the Social Platform, Secretary General of Solidar

- What social realities in the Czech Republic? *Milena Černá, SKOK Chairwoman*
- What is the social reality in Europe and what key priorities at European level? *Anne Hoel, Social Platform*
- What priorities for the Czech presidency of the EU in 2009? *Jana Hendrichová, Deputy Vice Prime Minister for European Affairs (tbc)*
- Debate with the audience

Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS (1/2)

Objectives: Once having discussed the national context for each field, each workshop will define the role of local or national NGOs, how it can be strengthened and the relationships with European networks and the European dimension.

Each workshop will appoint a rapporteur and address common questions:

- What is the situation in the Czech Republic? What are the main social challenges?
- What role for local and/or national social NGOs in that context?
- What support is necessary?
- What would be the added value of being part of a European NGO network?
- What are the obstacles to join and participate effectively in European NGO networks?
- What are your key recommendations to make progress?

Workshop 1: Promoting access to quality social and health services

Chair: Áine Uí Ghiollagáin, European Federation of Unpaid Parents and Carers at Home (FEFAF) - Introduction

- 7th Meeting of People Experiencing poverty: presentation of the results, *Tanya Basarab, European Anti-Poverty Network*
- Debate with participants

Workshop 2: How to strengthen civil dialogue in the Czech Republic? What role for European networks?

Chair: Conny Reuter, President of the Social Platform - Introduction

- Preparing the Slovenian presidency and civil dialogue structures in Slovenia , *Tina Michelli CNVOS Slovenia*
- Debate with participants

18.00 – 19.30 Bilateral meetings between participants or time for outing in Praha

19.30 – 22.00

Dinner

Tuesday 17 June 2008

09.00-10.30 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS to be continued (2/2)

Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 Concluding roundtable: The role of civil society in the Czech Republic – towards a European dimension

Chair: Karel Schwarz, President of Asociace NNO

- Reports from the two workshops
- What systems are currently in place from a government perspective? *Džamila Stehlíková Minister of the Government of the Czech Republic and Chairwoman of the Government Council on NGOs (tbc)*
- What role for civil society according to a representative of Czech citizens? *Member of Parliament or Senator of the Czech Republic (tbc)*
- Debate with the audience

Concluding remarks: *Conny Reuter, President of the Social Platform, Secretary General of Solidar, Karel Schwarz, President of Asociace NNO*

13.00-14.00

Lunch

14.00-17.00 FIELD VISITS

- **CARITAS CZECH REPUBLIC:** Caritas proposes to take participants to its asylum house for homeless people and refugees. Participants will therefore have an opportunity to witness services provision for populations that are among the most vulnerable.
- **ZIVOT90:** Participants will get to know more about their information centre, activation programmes, computer and internet rooms, distress care unit, etc....

ZIVOT 90 is a non-governmental, not-for-profit civil association working with and for older people in the Czech Republic since 1990. They have more than 10.000 members across the Czech Republic.

The main goal of the association is to create conditions for exchange, storing, dissemination of experiences, knowledge and proficiency regarding older people and we strive for improvement of the quality of life of older people so nobody need to be ashamed for his/her age. Their main programme, "Home is at Home" is a summary of services which seek to support older people, especially those among them who are lonely and socially disadvantaged, as well as people with disabilities, in their homes, their natural environment. It is a programme for 95% of people over the age of 60.

Zivot90 strives for the improvement of the quality of life and contributes by its activity to solving the problems of seniors who can active and meaningful stay on their homes as long as possible and accompany them through the autumn of their life so that nobody need to be ashamed for his age.

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