

**VI EUROSAI TRAINING EVENT:
SEMINAR ON "BETTER AUDITING OF PUBLIC AIDS AND SUBSIDIES"**

PRAGUE, 6-8 NOVEMBER 2006

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

Diplomat Hotel ** Prague**



Address:

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<http://www.diplomathotel.cz>

The hotel is located on the very edge of Prague historic centre, surrounded mainly by diplomatic residences. It takes only 10 minutes (by car) to get to the hotel from the airport.

How to get to the hotel:

-  From the airport by bus: take bus no. **119** to Dejvická bus stop (which is the last stop, hotel is located by the bus stop)
-  From the Main railway station by underground: take **line C** (red line) in the direction of Háje (1 stop only), change at Muzeum to **line A** (green line) and go to the final station – Dejvická. The hotel is right by the underground station.
-  From the Holešovice railway station by underground: take **line C** (red line) in the direction of Háje (4 stops), change at Muzeum to **line A** (green line) and go to the final station – Dejvická. The hotel is right by the underground station.

Seminar costs

The SAO will pay for the meeting rooms, technical equipment and services provided during seminar and working sessions, working lunches, dinner, coffee breaks and the social programme.

Participants are expected to cover their travel and accommodation expenses as well as the services provided by the hotel on personal requests (Internet, Fax, Phone, Copy, Mini-bar etc.).

Conference rooms

Seminar will be held in 4 conference rooms on the 2nd floor of the Hotel. All technical equipment will be available.



The SAO staff will be ready in the service room to assist participants.

Working language

The only working language of the seminar will be **English**. No interpretation will be available.

Meals and coffee breaks

Working lunches will be served in the hotel restaurant "Loreta" on the 2nd floor. Coffee breaks will take place in the foyer in front of the conference rooms.



The SAO is pleased to invite you to an informal **welcome reception** that will be held at the Diplomat Hotel in the conference room "Belvedere 4" on **5 November at 7 p.m.**

On Tuesday night, on **7 November at 7 p.m.**, there will be a **dinner** in the hotel restaurant "Loreta" hosted by the SAO.

After the lunch on the last seminar day, on **8 November at 2 p.m.**, the SAO invites you for a guided city tour in Prague.

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Information about Prague



Population: 1 183 729 inhabitants

Brief history:

Around 870: Foundation of [Prague Castle](#).

Around 926: Foundation of [St. Vitus Cathedral rotunda](#) in the Prague Castle grounds.

965: Prague first reported in the narration of Ibrahim Ibn Jakub, a merchant.

973: Foundation of Prague bishopric.

10th century: Foundation of [Vysehrad](#) on the opposite bank of the Vltava river.

1085: Prague becomes the residence of the first Bohemian king Vratislav I.

Around 1230: Establishment of the [Old Town](#).

1257: Foundation of [Mala Strana](#).

1338: Foundation of the [Old Town Hall](#) - the importance of the city increases.

1344: Prague bishopric upgraded to archbishopric, beginning of St. Vitus, St. Wenceslas and St. Adalbert Cathedral (finished 1929).

1346-1378: Charles IV epoch - Prague becomes the capital of the Bohemian Kingdom and the Holy Roman Empire.

1348: Foundation of the New Town and Charles University, first university in Central Europe.

1419-1437: Attempts of the clergy to reform the church result in the Hussites revolutionary movement (Jan Hus - the reform preacher and martyr).

1583-1611: Rudolf II (Habsburg) becomes the king of Bohemia, and Prague the emperor's residence, centre of social and cultural life.

1618-1620: Defeat of the Czech nobles' uprising; Czech language and Czech national consciousness begin to decline.

1784: Union of the four hitherto independent Prague urban units (Hradcany, Lesser Town, Old Town and New Town).

1784-1848: Period of Czech national revival, beginning of the industrial revolution,

establishment of Czech institutions.

1918: Proclamation of the independence of Czechoslovakia. Prague becomes the capital of the new state.

1939-1945: Occupation by Nazi Germany.

1945: The Prague uprising, "liberation" of Prague by the Soviet army.

1948: Seizure of power by KSC after the February putsch.

1968: Prague Spring - an attempt to reform socialism, intervention of 5 states of the Warsaw Pact.

1989: Velvet revolution, Vaclav Havel elected President of Czechoslovakia.

1990: First free elections.

1993: January 1, Czechoslovakia splits in two and the Czech Republic is founded.

1993: January 26, Vaclav Havel elected first president of the Czech Republic.

1999: March 12, Czech Republic becomes a member of NATO.

2004: May 1, Czech Republic joins the European Union.

For more information about Prague please consult the following websites:

<http://www.pis.cz/en>

<http://www.pragueexperience.com>

<http://www.guidingprague.com>

Photo gallery:

