

INVITATION TO WORKSHOP



(Focused on service-sector outsourcing)







The Investment and Business Development Agency CzechInvest in cooperation with the Economy and Society Trust, the University of Hertfordshire Business School and Visegrad Fund would like to invite you for a one-day workshop which will present findings of a three-year research project on service-sector outsourcing in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia - Foreign Direct Investment in Central and Eastern Europe: What Kind of Competitiveness for the Visegrad Four?

It will discuss the economic potential of this sector and the role of the public policies. It will also provide an opportunity to confront perspectives of policy professionals from the region, academics and the business community.

The project has been organized by the Economy and Society Trust in the Czech Republic and the University of Hertfordshire Business School in the United Kingdom (UK) and funded by the International Visegrad Fund and the University of Hertfordshire.

## Workshop:

What kind of Competitiveness for the Visegrad Four?

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When: 22 February 2010

Where: CzechInvest, Stepanska 15, Prague 2, Czech Republic

## Attendance by invitation only.

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08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:15	<ul> <li>Welcome</li> <li>Stanislav Martinek, Director of Investment Division, CzechInvest</li> </ul>
09:15–09:30	Aims and scope of research Professor Jane Hardy, Project Co-Leader
09:30–09:45	Data and measurement problems Dr Magdolna Sass, Project Member (Hungary)
09:45–10:15	Findings of Research Broad trends in Central and Eastern Europe Locational Advantages and Disadvantages Impacts Dr Martina Fifekova, Project Member (Slovakia)
10:15–10:30	A business perspective n°1 Mr Peter Segal, CEO Ogilvie Associates
10:30–10:45	A business perspective n°2 TBA
10:45–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–12:00	<ul> <li>Investment Agencies' perspectives</li> <li>Representatives of the Investment Agencies: CzechInvest, ITDH, PAIiZ, SARIO</li> </ul>
12:00–12:15	Coffee break
12:15–12:30	<ul> <li>Conclusions and recommendations</li> <li> Dr Jan Drahokoupil, Project Co-Leader / Professor Hardy, Project Co-Leader</li> </ul>

## 12:30–13:00 **Questions and discussion** -- moderated by CzechInvest