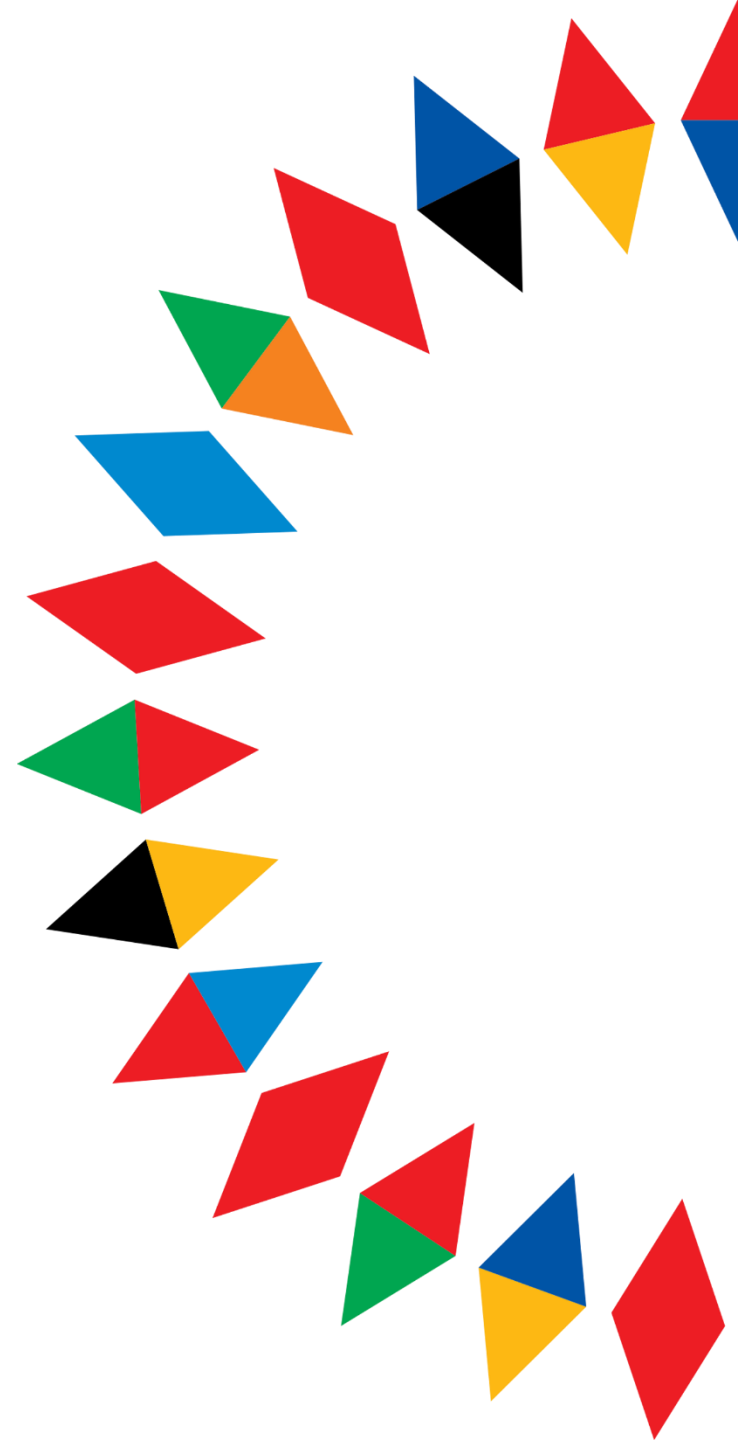


# Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU



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# State of play: Preparations of CZ PRES 2022

- Historically 2nd Czech EU Presidency (first in 2009 before the Lisbon Treaty)
- The Trio programme (FR+CZ+SE), which defines the framework for 18 presidency months, was **approved by the Government on December 14th, 2021** by all EU member states and then published
- Czech Presidency priorities were approved and **presented to the public on 15 June 2022**

Motto: **Europe as a task: rethink, rebuild, repower.**



# Programme of the Presidency

## Section I: Political priorities

- The political priorities are the main topics that will be a priority within the CZ PRES at the political level
- In addition to the current content preparation, they also reflect the Policy Statement of the Government and political approach to current challenges

## Section II: Priority sectoral agendas

- Section describing the priority sectoral agendas by the individual Council formations will be based on documents that were created within the content preparation of CZ PRES at the working level and are subject to regular updating
- The sectoral agendas will also reflect the long-term positions, political situation, current issues in the field of international politics



# CZ PRES Priorities: Five flagship areas

- 1) Managing refugees' crisis and post-war recovery of Ukraine
- 2) Energy security
- 3) European defense capacities and cyberspace security
- 4) Strategic resilience of the European economy
- 5) Resilience of democratic institutions



# Managing refugees' crisis and post-war recovery of Ukraine

- Reallocation of the **EU financial resources** flexibly to help countries most affected by the inflow of the refugees in cooperation with the European institutions
- Focus on those who are the most vulnerable as well as the most affected countries, while respecting the **principles of solidarity, efficiency and flexibility**
- **Post-war reconstruction of Ukraine** - reconstruction of critical infrastructure, provision of basic services, strengthening resilience and economic recovery and stability of Ukraine.
- Potential **donor conference** and a “**Marshall plan for Ukraine**”



# Energy security

- **Reducing energy dependency on Russia**, so that the EU won't be vitally dependent on countries that directly threaten its security
- The transition to **renewable energy** and **decarbonisation** (implementation of REPowerEU and Fit for 55)
- Implementation of an appropriate combination of instruments that will reduce the **negative social and economic impacts** of increasing energy prices and increasing the risk of energy poverty



# European defense capacities

- The development of long-term cooperation **on strategic military systems** and ensuring the necessary **military capacities** especially in partnership with NATO
- Exploring areas of EU's value added, such as common purchases of weapons or mapping gaps and the **long-term cooperation of Member States**
- Digital transition of the economy and enhancement of the security and **stability of cyberspace**
- **Strategic compass** will be implemented under CZ PRES dealing with topics such as hybrid threats, disinformation or cyber security
- Decreasing **technological dependency** and increasing industrial capacities in the EU



# Strategic resilience of EU's economy

- Focus on the **fragility of global supply chains** and **disruption of commodity markets**
- Deepening of the **internal market**, especially in the area of digital services and digital economy
- Concluding **trade and investment agreements** with reliable partners in order to strengthen supplier chains and **reduce the dependence** on hostile or unstable regimes
- Strengthening strategic resilience through targeted support for **technological competitiveness** based on in-house production capacities





# Resilience of democratic institutions

- Strengthening the resilience of democratic institutions that have crucial impact on safeguarding the values of **democracy and rule of law**
- Focus on transparency of **financing of political parties** and the independence of the mass media incl. strengthening **media freedom and pluralism** in the media market
- Advocating respecting and strengthening freedoms, human rights and European values in the offline and online environment



# MFA Sectoral priorities

- Promoting a **united and effective EU** in external relations
- Deepening the **transatlantic partnership**
- Strengthening relations with other **like-minded countries**
- Ukraine and Eastern Europe, Western Balkans, Indo-Pacific and the Sahel
- Development cooperation and humanitarian aid



# Other sectoral priorities

- **MoA sectoral priorities**
  - Ensuring food security
  - Reducing pesticide use in the EU
  - Preventing deforestation and promoting forestry
  - Follow-up on geographical indications, food labelling
- **Min. of Environment**
  - Negotiations about legislation package for Fit455
  - Climate protection
  - Protection of nature
  - Circular economy
  - Light pollution



# Other sectoral priorities

- **Min. of Regional Development**

- Cohesion policy
- Regional development
- Tourism (sustainable, resilient, digitalised, protection of customers)
- Digitalisation of public tenders

- **Min. of Industry and Trade**

- Strengthening of energy security (REPower EU, Fit455)
- Chip act
- Rebuilding of Ukraine
- Consumer protection, less bureaucracy



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