

Foresight – a complex tool for shaping the future

Seminar

10 March 2003

Technology Centre AS CR, Rozvojova 135, Praha 6

Seminar Objective

Foresight has been used in relation to studies focused on "research of the future" (e.g. elaboration of alternative scenarios for the society development, identification of research priorities, proposal of optimum regional development strategies). Foresight leads to creating middle- to long-term visions and thus creates conditions for active shaping of the future development in a desired direction. The seminar will provide information on foresight as a source of information for strategic decision-making on the level of both national and regional administration. Practical examples of foresight application in proposing national research priorities and formulating regional development strategies will be presented at the seminar.

Foresight is a complex activity needing cooperation of experts from technology, social and economic fields. A special presentation will deal with social and economic aspects of foresight.

Foresight is also an important tool for analyzing potential trends and development scenarios in the new member states after the EU enlargement.

The seminar is held in connection with the ForeTech Project supported by the European Commission. The objective of the Project is to initiate national foresight activities in Bulgaria and Romania. A representative of the Project coordinator will present the Project at the seminar.

An electronic publication of the Foresight Country Guide compiled in the Czech language will be presented at the seminar in its first draft. The Guide provides basic information on foresight and its methodology for a broad audience.

Participation in the Seminar

No fee is charged for attending the seminar.

The Seminar will be conducted in Czech. (A presentation in English will be translated into Czech).

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Draft Agenda

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| 09:30–10:00 | Registration |
| 10:00–10:15 | <u>Welcome Address</u>
(Karel Klusacek, Technology Centre AS CR) |
| 10:15–10:45 | <u>Information on the ForeTech Project</u>
Zoya Damianova/Milanka Slavova, ARC Fund, Bulgaria – Project Coordinator |
| 10:45–11:30 | <u>Foresight – an Information Source for Decision-Making</u>
Karel Klusacek, Technology Centre AS CR |
| 11:30–12:15 | <u>Research and Development in the Context of Exploring Future of the Country</u>
Martin Potucek, Centre for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University |
| 12:15–13:00 | <u>Break - Lunch</u> |
| 13:00–13:30 | <u>Introduction of an Electronic Publication of the First Draft of the Foresight Country Guide, compiled in the Czech language within the ForeTech Project</u>
(Kristina Kadlecikova, Technology Centre AS CR) |
| 13:30–14:00 | <u>National Research and Development Policy and the Issue of Conducting Foresight Studies in the Czech Republic</u>
(Miroslav Marek, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports) |
| 14:00–15:00 | Closing Discussion and Conclusions |