



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2011-12

- ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM -

INSTITUTION NAME:	CHANNEL CROSSINGS, S.R.O.	
ADDRESS:	LAZARSKÁ 8/13 E, 120 00 PRAHA 2	
COUNTRY:	CZECH REPUBLIC	
EILC LANGUAGE	<i>CZECH</i>	
LEVEL COURSES ORGANISED:	<i>LEVEL I (BEGINNER) X NUMBER OF COURSES: 1 DATES: 29.8. – 16.9.2011</i>	<i>LEVEL II (INTERMEDIATE) <input type="checkbox"/> NUMBER OF COURSES: DATES:</i>
WEB SITE	<i>WWW.CHC.CZ</i>	

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STUDENT EILC APPLICATION FOR OUR EILC SHOULD BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: eilc@naep.cz

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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

• DESCRIPTION OF TOWN

- SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION

Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic and for its location is often called the heart of Europe.

Founded in the latter part of the 9th century, Prague soon became the seat of the kings of Bohemia, some of whom also reigned as emperors of the Holy Roman Empire in later times. The city flourished during the 14th century reign of Charles IV, who ordered the building of the New Town, the Charles Bridge, Saint Vitus Cathedral: the oldest gothic cathedral in central Europe which is actually inside the Castle, and the Charles University: the oldest university in central Europe north of the Alps.

The four independent boroughs that had formerly constituted Prague were eventually proclaimed a single city in 1784. Those four cities were Hradčany (the Castle District, west and north of the Castle), Malá Strana (the Lesser Town, south of the Castle), Staré Město (the Old Town, on the east bank opposite the Castle) and Nové Město (the New Town, further south and east). The city underwent further expansion with the annexation of Josefov in 1850 and Vyšehrad in 1883.

Nowadays it is a modern capital city where you can find everything you can imagine.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prague>

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

<http://www.prague.com/>

- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS

There are many cultural events throughout the year in Prague and its surroundings. You will find more information for example on:

<http://www.pragueeventscalendar.com/>

<http://www.pragueout.cz/prehled>

<http://www.cokdyvpraze.cz/>

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

The students will be informed beforehand about cultural events which will be held in August / September 2011.

- HOW TO REACH TOWN (LINKS FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORT, TRAIN OR COACH STATIONS)

The students are asked to make their own travel arrangements from the Prague Airport Ruzyně or main bus station Florenc to the accommodation. There are several ways of getting to the centre of Prague depending on the means of transport. (You can use public transport - bus or metro). For more details see <http://www.dpp.cz/en/>.

- TRANSPORT IN TOWN (BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)

Prague has a very convenient public transport system with a high density of underground, tram and bus lines that can get you anywhere in the city in short time. For more details see <http://www.dpp.cz/en/>. The price of a basic ticket is 26 CZK (1 EUR) per 75 minutes and you can use it for the metro, trams, Prague public transport buses. (<http://www.dpp.cz/en/fares-in-prague/>)

• SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION

Channel Crossings language agency has been operating on the Czech market since 1993 and provides complete language solutions: in-company language training, language instruction open to the public, translations, text editing, conference organization, residential educational courses for companies, study trips abroad, student preparation courses for entrance exams at high schools or universities as well as for school leaving exams.

Location and equipment

Channel Crossings has two training centres in Prague, one in the very city centre (close to the Wenceslas Square) Prague 1 – Lazarska 8/13E and the other one in Prague 5, where educational courses for primary and secondary school teachers as well as mothers on maternity leave take place. These courses are supported by the European Social Fund.

Both premises are spacious (14 classrooms) and modern, equipped with various didactic tools (interactive white board, white board/flipchart, PC room, audio and video aids, internet, vast library, etc).

• ACCOMMODATION

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOMMODATION OFFERED (HOTEL, APARTMENTS, STUDENT HALLS, OTHERS; IF THERE ARE COOKING FACILITIES) AND ON THE RENT TO BE PAID PER WEEK

Students will be accommodated in a hostel of Czech Technical University in Prague. For example:

- 1/ Hostel Sinkuleho <http://www.studenthostel.cz/sinkule.html>
 - 10 minutes walk from Prague Castle and 10 minutes by metro
- 2/ Hostel Podolí <http://www.studenthostel.cz/home.php>
 - metro line C “Pražské povstání”

Accommodation price is ca. 5000 CZK for 3 weeks. There are some cooking facilities available.

• MEALS

- SHORT DESCRIPTION ON THE SERVICES OFFERED (UNIVERSITY CANTEENS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, OTHERS)

In Prague there are a lot of restaurants which offer a large selection of Czech and international cuisine to suit all tastes. Around noon nearly all the restaurants offer lunch time specialists at attractive prices (at about 100 czk for main dish). Mostly typical Czech food is served, e.g. potato dumplings, pork, cabbage, goulash and sirloin sauce with dumplings. Prices in restaurants differ, main dish 100 – 200 CZK, soup and salad 20 to 50 CZK, side dish and dessert 30 to 60 CZK. There are also several bars, some of them very popular among students. You can also get some Italian, Chinese and fast food in the big shopping centres or go to McDonald's or KFC. There is also a university canteen near Channel Crossings offering meals for 60 - 70 CZK.

Here are some restaurants placed near to our language school:

<http://www.zlatecasy.cz/en/introduction/golden-times/about-us>

<http://www.jinakrajina.cz/en/jina-krajina>

<http://www.npivovar.cz/en/index.php>

<http://www.e-stranka.cz/svetob/> - near to Radotín

• RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

- MEETING POINT (PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF FIRST MEETING - FOR EACH COURSE WHERE DIFFERENT)

Prior to their arrival the students will receive all the necessary details and arrangements concerning the programme by email. The students are asked to make their own travel arrangements from the Prague Airport Ruzyně or main bus station Florenc to the accommodation. A representative will meet and collect the students from the accommodation and bring them to the school of the

first day of a course.

Then an introductory meeting with all participants will be held. The CEO and Manager of Channel Crossings language school will introduce the hosting organization to the students. The Channel Crossings Academic Director will inform the students of the course and students will meet their teachers. This introductory meeting is intended to positively encourage and captivate the students and thus support their motivation for learning Czech language.

• EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

- *SITE VISITS*

Prague's historical centre is divided into three principal areas. Firstly the Old Town with its Town Hall, Astronomical Clock and Jewish Quarter. Secondly the Charles Bridge with Kampa island and the Lesser Quarter and thirdly the Prague Castle district.

There are many sights to see in Prague. You can go through the streets of Prague, from St Vitus Cathedral and Prague castle down the cobbles of Mala Strana, over the Charles Bridge and around Josefov (the Jewish Quarter), Stare Mesto (Old Town), Nove Mesto (New Town). For beautiful views over the city the viewpoints at the Castle, Vysehrad, Vitkov and Letna are a must.

There's also much to see" choosing to walk up Celetna Street we come to the Powder Tower (Prašná brána), and from here you can see Republic Square (Náměstí republiky) where you can find the Municipal House (Obecní Dům) with it's facade decorated by Mucha.

- *SPORTS FACILITIES (SWIMMING, TENNIS, GYMNASIUM; OPENING DAYS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION)*

Prague offers many sporting activities. You can find gyms for body building, fitness and wellness centres, ice-rinks, swimming pools and other facilities. Modern sport halls are equipped with tennis courts, squash, badminton courts or bowling lanes. You can take lessons of aerobic or spinning.

Swimming pool Podolí – there is a 80 meters long in-door pool with 8 tracks and a 33 meters long out-door pool, water slide, whirlpools, sauna, steam rooms and solarium. (It is placed close to the Hostel Podolí).

You can find more information on: <http://www.pragueeventscalendar.cz/sport/?all=1>

- *ENTERTAINMENT (CINEMA, THEATRE, ETC.; BRIEF INFORMATION ON PLACES AND STUDENT FACILITIES)*

In Prague there are many cinemas, theatres, music bars, clubs or discos (very popular mainly among the young generation).

For more details, see for example:

- theatres: <http://www.prague-czechrepublic.com/prague-culture/prague-theatres/>
- multiplex cinemas in the centre – www.palacecinemas.cz, www.cinestar.cz, www.cinemacity.cz
- clubs, discos - <http://www.pragueout.cz/klub/kluby-praha>

PART II: COURSE(S) DESCRIPTION

COURSE NO:

LEVEL:

I: Beginner course

	FROM...	To...
PERIOD: 29.8. – 16.9.2011	29 AUGUST	16 SEPTEMBER

• LANGUAGE COMPONENT

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE COMPONENT: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

The Erasmus Intensive Language Courses (EILC) offered by Channel Crossings are aimed at all university students who want to get familiar with the Czech language, culture and national heritage. These courses provide foreign students with important knowledge of Czech language and culture. They prepare the participants for studying at Czech universities.

This course is designed for- students of all types of universities and the courses will be conducted in the Czech language. In the case of serious language problems and/or any need of assistance, English will be used.

The main objectives of the courses and benefits for foreign students are:

- 1) to develop a communicative competence in Czech
- 2) to train and acquire all language skills – speaking, writing, listening and reading
- 3) to effectively use information and communication technologies to help increase their level of Czech (interactive whiteboard, Internet, multimedia programmes)
- 4) to inform the students about resources that can be used for further self-study
- 5) to use available information and contacts with native speakers to further improve their Czech language level in a real-life context
- 6) to expose students to and get them acquainted with cultural heritage and life in the Czech Republic
- 7) to evaluate their progress, set SMART goals and help them find ways to reach the set goals

Methodology, pedagogical and didactical approach:

The teachers will use interactive methods to support students' motivation and to develop students' language skills and communicative competence in Czech language. The particular methods include:

- 1) Pair work and Group work
- 2) Learning by doing
- 3) Task and enquiry based learning, project learning
- 4) Interactive learning with ICT support (interactive whiteboard, Internet, multimedia programmes)
- 5) Work in language library – joint work with language materials, dictionaries
- 6) Field work in the classroom
- 7) Field work in the town
- 8) Communicative approach

Some of the above mentioned methods will be highlighted with respect to individual learner's needs.

Participants will be guided by professional trainers with theoretical background and thus prepared for further practice in real-life situations.

The EILC courses are designed in a way to facilitate Czech language learning as much as possible. New grammar and vocabulary are

introduced gradually and new words are explained in contextual sentences and phrases. Teachers use an interactive and communicative approach. The accent is on promoting communicative competence and the students are encouraged to start immediate communication, promoting their motivation and self-confidence. Trainers and academic management of Channel Crossings are skilled in field work and project learning. These methods will be applied in EILC courses in order to increase efficiency of Czech language learning. N.B. Channel Crossings is currently running a special project aimed at Project learning language in practice. This project has been funded with the support from European Social Fund.

The actual content of EILC accents modern pedagogical and didactical approaches. Students will use modern ICT tools such as interactive whiteboard, multimedia or the internet to help them develop and strengthen their Czech language skills. Among other things, they will prepare a video report and work with cutting and editing software. Such practical approaches will facilitate the learning process and will contribute to increased efficiency of Czech language acquisition.

- SUBJECT-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ELEMENTS

YES X NO

(e.g. special modules for students in particular disciplines)

IF YES, SPECIFY:

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- DURATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES	30 h.
HOURS IN CLASSROOM	30 h.
HOURS OF PRACTICE CONVERSATION/LANGUAGE LABORATORY	30 h.
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	The total number of teaching hours is 60 with an emphasis on developing all language skills: speaking, writing, listening, reading; working in multimedia lab – working with interactive whiteboard, the Internet, multimedia programmes; joint work in language library, etc. Every day, 4 teaching hours of Czech language training will be delivered.

Work programme

Monday 29.8.

8:30 – 10:00 warm up, introduction to the Czech language (90 minutes)

10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab (90 minutes)

18:00 – 21:00 welcome party, dinner

Tuesday 30.8.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)

10:15 – 11:45 team work in language library (90 minutes)

14:30 – 16:30 cultural programme – bus city tour of Prague

Wednesday 31.8

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)

10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab (90 minutes)

Thursday 1.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)

10:15 – 11:45 team work in language library (90 minutes)

19:00 – 22:00 cultural programme – Czech National Theatre / Black Light Theatre IMAGE

Friday 2.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)

10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab, interactive whiteboard (90 minutes)

Saturday 3.9.

10:00 – 16:00 cultural programme - trip to Karlstein

Monday 9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab (90 minutes)
15:30 – 18:00 cultural programme – National Museum and Wenceslas Square

Tuesday 6.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab (90 minutes)
13:00 – 17:00 field work – preparing a video report (topic: Czech stereotypes)

Wednesday 7.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 team work in language library (90 minutes)

Thursday 8.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab, interactive whiteboard (90 minutes)
11:45 – 12:30 lunch
12:30 – 15:00 cutting and editing the video report
20:00 – 22:00 cultural programme – visit of multiplex Prague

Friday 9.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab, project work (90 minutes)

Saturday 10.9.

10:00 – 17:00 cultural programme – trip to Cesky Krumlov

Monday 12.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab, interactive whiteboard (90 minutes)

Tuesday 13.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 team work in language library (90 minutes)
15:30 – 18:00 cultural programme – Prague Castle and Lesser Town

Wednesday 14.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab, project work (90 minutes)

Thursday 15.9.

8:30 – 10:00 language lesson (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 language lesson in multimedia lab, interactive whiteboard (90 minutes)

Friday 16.9.

8:30 – 10:00 written examination (90 minutes)
10:15 – 11:45 oral examination (90 minutes)
12:30 – 14:00 final evaluation, handing over certificates (90 minutes)
17:00 – 21:00 cultural programme – presentation of video reports, farewell dinner, final ceremony

- **ASSESSMENT (SPECIFY IF THE ASSESSMENT IS MADE BY WRITTEN/ORAL EXAMINATION, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.)**

<p>Assessment methods</p> <p>1) regular homework 2) mock tests 3) individual assessment of progress (assessment centre) 4) field work 5) final written and oral examination</p> <p>During the course teachers will assign regular homework. Students are welcome to use both multimedia labs and language library for self-study. During the EILC students' progress will be assessed through mock tests and tests. A video report about Czech stereotypes is part field work methodology. Each student's progress will also be evaluated during an individual interview with a teacher.</p> <p>At the end of the course, all students will sit final written and oral examinations. The students will have to reach at least 60% in both examinations to successfully complete the EILC. As a final result of their field work they will also present their video report about Czech stereotypes.</p> <p>All successful participants will receive a certificate and get 5 ECTS.</p> <p>The organizers will gather feedback from all participants. The results of this feedback will be implemented in further EILC courses.</p>
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• **COURSE FACILITIES**

- **TEACHING AIDS**

X AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS
X COMPUTER/SOFTWARE
X HANDOUTS/PRINTED TEXTS
X TRANSPARENCIES
X OTHER : (SPECIFY) other ICT tools such as interactive whiteboard

- **LIBRARY**

YES X NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

TIMES	7:30 TO 20:00 ON MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 7:30 TO 16:00 ON FRIDAY
OPENING DAYS	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
ADDRESS	CHANNEL CROSSINGS, LAZARSKÁ 8/13 E, 120 00 PRAGUE

- **LANGUAGE LABORATORY**

YES X NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

TIMES	7:30 TO 20:00 ON MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 7:30 TO 16:00 ON FRIDAY (DEPENDS ON THE TIMETABLE AT THE TIME OF THE COURSE)
OPENING DAYS	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
ADDRESS	CHANNEL CROSSINGS, LAZARSKÁ 8/13 E, 120 00 PRAGUE
COST	FREE FOR EILC STUDENTS

• CULTURAL COMPONENT

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CULTURAL ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

During the EILC courses the participants will take part in various cultural activities. The cultural programme provided by Channel Crossings includes a bus city tour, visits to the Czech National Theatre, National Museum and Wenceslas Square, Prague Castle and Lesser Town, trips to Karlštejn castle or Český Krumlov. The participants will thus get acquainted not only with cultural heritage but also with typical Czech customs, Czech cuisine, Czech traditions etc. Students can also use the opportunity of joining the Channel Crossings Sports team (volleyball).

- DURATION

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES	ca 40 h.
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• TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

	NUMBER OF...:
<input type="checkbox"/> TEACHERS	ca 2 to 4
<input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATORS	ca 2 to 4
<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENTS	ca 15 to 30

The courses will be taught by two qualified teachers (qualification in teaching Czech language). The quality of language lessons will be supervised by Academic Director and Language School Manager (Channel Crossings).

Students will have an opportunity to attend individual consultations with their teachers. During the cultural programs, they will be guided by their teachers and other employees of organising institution. There will be an Erasmus coordinator who will be responsible for offering help and assistance to the students.

Teachers

The course will be completely tailored to students' needs. We guarantee fully qualified Czech language teachers with the following qualities:

- Czech native speaker with knowledge of minimum two foreign languages
- University degree in Czech language studies (linguistic or teaching qualification) or a degree in a foreign language and minor in the Czech language
- Teaching experience of minimum three years
- Very good teaching skills and knowledge of modern teaching methods

Experience in the course

Our teachers have long-time experience in teaching Czech language for foreigners. **In 2010 we organised two 3-week Erasmus Intensive Language Courses so we got a lot of valuable experience in organising EILC.** Channel Crossings teaches Czech language for foreigners e.g. in the Czech National Bank, Sony Czech, Cameron McKenna, Calyon Bank, Deutsche Boerse Services, Eurovia, Ogilvy or Unisys, etc.

Channel Crossings also regularly organises Czech language courses for the general public at different levels – A1 beginner to B1 intermediate, and individual courses at higher levels – B2 upper-intermediate to C2 proficient for translators and interpreters working with EU institutions. These courses include a cultural programme as well.