

eLearning Present Activity In The Czech Republic

This document gathers the answers facilitated by the member representing the Czech Republic of the ICT and education in the acceding countries working group of the European Commission, Mr. Zdenek Svoboda zdenek.svoboda@msmt.cz to the questionnaire created by the portal <http://www.elearningeuropa.info>

1. Which are the leading institutions related to e-learning in your country and their websites?

e-SIPVZ <http://www.e-gram.cz>

Skola Zaskolou.cz <http://www.skolazaskolou.cz>

Skola bez hranic <http://www.skolabezhranic.cz>

Mujnet <http://www.mujnet.cz>

University of Hradec Králové http://www.uhk.cz/index_eng.html

Virtual University of Ostrava <http://www.osu.cz/ang/virtualni/>

University of West Bohemia <http://www.zcu.cz/index-en.html>

House for International Services of the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports <http://www.dzs.cz>

2. In order to help the international audience to identify the key issues in the e-learning (or ICT) strategies of your country, could you please mention the main documents about surveys, studies, Action Plans, etcetera?

Governmental IT Plan 2001-2005 <http://www.e-gram.cz/index.asp?linkid=131219161651&jazyk=cz>

Státní Informační Politika ve Vzdělávání V Roce 2003 http://www.e-gram.cz/userfiles/141322121112/files/MSMT_A3_bweb.pdf

SIPVZ 2003 Datech - Infrastruktura http://www.e-gram.cz/userfiles/141322121112/files/MSMT_A3_2.pdf

3. Where should other European countries willing to collaborate with your country in educational matters be addressed?

Ministertvo Skolství, Mládeže a Telovýchovy http://www.msmt.cz/_DOMEK/default.asp?CAI=2889

House for International Services – Kontakt <http://www.dzs.cz/scripts/detail.asp?id=155>

4. What are your short-term expectations in terms of education and ICT after joining the EU?

To benefit from European Union member states existing experience in:

- ICT in Education support and use
- Public tender transparency and organisation
- Increased pupils/student/teachers exchange
- Improved cooperation
- Increased motivation to learn foreign languages

5. What do you think are the main obstacles for e-learning in your country? What are the strong points?

Obstacles:

- ICT in Education support and use.
- Low speed connectivity to the internet (mostly up to 64kbp) used by the schools limits the use of media download for the e-learning.
- Not enough proved quality multimedia content available to the schools.
- Countrywide standards for the eLearning modules formats and exchange are not implemented.
- Weak support of content and application creation for the Open Platforms solutions.

Strong points:

- Trained teachers (over 100 000 teachers had been trained in Basic IT skills and up to 40 000 teachers in advanced IT module).
- Well skilled and experienced academic community.
- Companies with proved reference record of good applications.