



## widerAdvance Facility Study Visit

***From Research to Impact:***

***Learning from Prague's Innovation Ecosystem***

**9–10 February 2026 | Prague, Czechia**

**PROGRAMME & PROFILES OF HOSTING ORGANIZATIONS**

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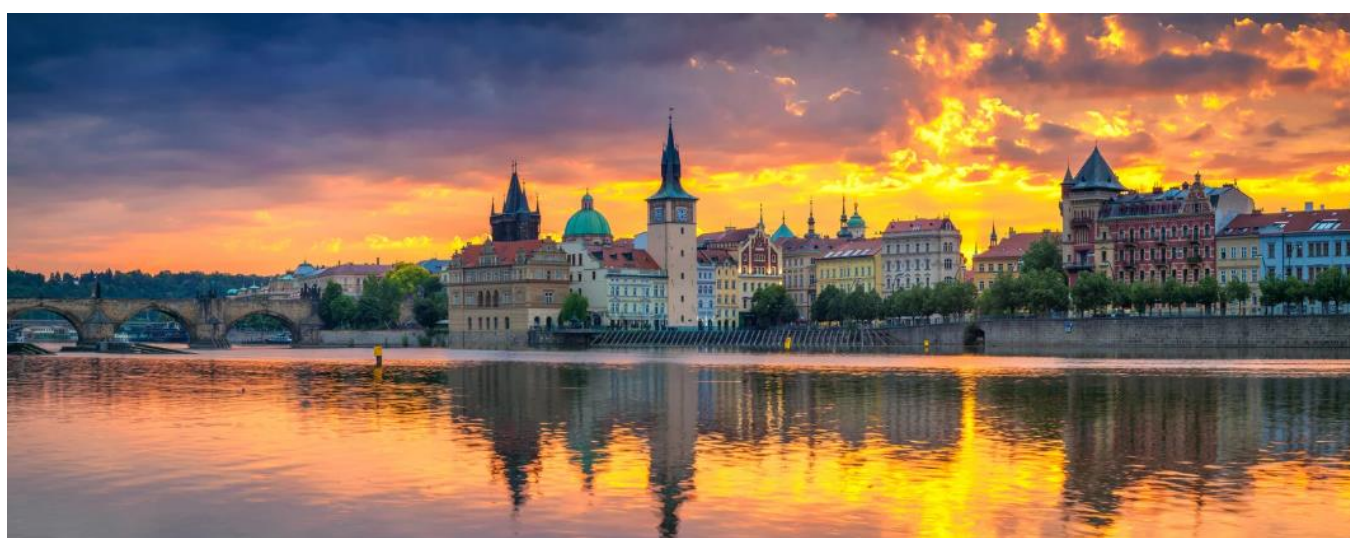
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## DRAFT AGENDA

9 February 2026    Arrival of participants and hotel check-in		
		Venue
11:45 – 12:15	<b>Optional activity:</b> Tour of the <i>National Library of Technology (NTK)</i> and presentation of services for researchers and private companies	NTK <a href="https://www.techlib.cz/en/">https://www.techlib.cz/en/</a>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>	NTK – Basement (Night Study Room)
13:00 – 15:00	<b>Introductory Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome by <b>Petr Očko</b>, Director, National Library of Technology</li> <li>Programme overview</li> <li><i>R&amp;I Ecosystem in Czechia</i> – <b>Jana Soukupová</b>, Technology Transfer Services, National Library of Technology</li> <li><i>Getting to Know Each Other</i> – Interactive session by <b>UNICO</b></li> </ul>	NTK – Educational Centre
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Transfer to the city centre (by public transport)</b>	
15:45 – 17:45	<b>Site Visit: Charles University – Kampus Hybernská</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The Third Role of Universities</i> – Tour through Kampus Hybernská</li> <li><i>Centre for Knowledge and Technology Transfer (CPPT UK)</i> – <b>Veronika Haissingerová</b>, Deputy Head</li> <li><i>Charles University Innovations Prague (CUIP)</i> - <b>tbc</b></li> <li><i>European Centre – Research Grant Support</i> – <b>Adéla Jiroudková</b>, Head of Department</li> </ul>	Kampus Hybernská <a href="https://www.kampushybernaska.cz/en">https://www.kampushybernaska.cz/en</a>
18:00 – 20:30	<b>Dinner</b> <a href="https://www.restauracehybernaska.cz/">https://www.restauracehybernaska.cz/</a>	Hybernská Restaurant

## 10 February 2026

09:00	<b>Departure from Vienna House by Wyndham Diplomat Prague to Dolní Břežany (by bus)</b>	
10:00 – 12:30	<b>Site Visit: Laser Centres and EDIH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ELI Beamlines, Czech Academy of Sciences - Aleš Hála</i></li> <li>• <i>HiLASE Centre, Czech Academy of Sciences and EDIH Brain4Industry – Jana de Merlier</i></li> </ul>	Dolní Břežany
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	Dolní Břežany
14:00 -15:00	<b>Return by bus to Prague</b>	
15:00 – 17:00	<b>From Lab to Market – Interactive Workshop with Case Studies</b> <b>Vojtěch Nosek</b> and <b>Vojtěch Kadlec</b> , UNICO	NTK-Educational Centre
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Study Visit Wrap-Up</b>	NTK-Educational Centre
18:30	<b>Transfer from hotel to the city centre</b>	
19:00	<b>Networking Dinner</b>	Vltava River on a boat



*Charles Bridge and the skyline of the Old Town in Prague.*



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## Profiles of organisations and experts

### Charles University

Founded in 1348, Charles University is the oldest and largest university in the Czech Republic and one of the oldest in Europe. Today it hosts 17 faculties with a strong research profile, broad international cooperation, and degree programmes taught in Czech and English.

**More information:** <https://cuni.cz>

### Centre for Knowledge and Technology Transfer (CPPT) & Charles University Innovations Prague (CUIP)

The Centre for Knowledge and Technology Transfer (CPPT) supports technology and knowledge transfer across all 17 faculties of Charles University. CUIP, the university's innovation company, commercialises academic results and fosters collaboration with industry. Together, they form a key pillar of Charles University's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

**More information:** <https://cppt.cuni.cz/CPPTNEN-1.html>

### Kampus Hybernská

Kampus Hybernská is a dynamic urban platform jointly run by the City of Prague and Charles University. It connects science, innovation, the arts and education through lectures, debates, cultural events, and creative workshops, fostering collaboration between academia, the public, and the cultural sector.

**More information:** <https://www.kampushybernska.cz/en>

### Czech Academy of Sciences

The Czech Academy of Sciences is the leading public research institution in the country, comprising around 60 institutes across natural, technical, life and social sciences. It focuses on both fundamental and applied research and provides advanced research infrastructure serving the national and international scientific community.

**More information:** <https://www.avcr.cz/en>

### HiLASE Centre

The HiLASE Centre is a research and development facility of the Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences. It focuses on developing advanced laser technologies that connect scientific excellence with industrial applications. Its research is centred on diode-pumped solid-state and high-power thin-disk laser systems used for precision manufacturing, micromachining, and surface processing.

**More information:** <https://www.hilase.cz/en>





### ELI Beamlines

ELI Beamlines is a large-scale research infrastructure of the Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences and part of the European Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI). It operates some of the most powerful laser systems in the world, enabling frontier research in high-field physics, laser-matter interaction, and applications across materials science, biology, and medicine.

**More information:** <https://www.eli-beams.eu>

### EDIH Brain4Industry (B4I)

The European Digital Innovation Hub Brain4Industry (B4I) supports Czech industrial companies in adopting digital and smart manufacturing technologies. Hosted by the HiLASE Centre of the Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, B4I connects research and industry through testbeds, expert consulting, and technology transfer. It focuses on areas such as artificial intelligence, digital twins, robotics, and high-tech laser applications, helping businesses increase competitiveness and accelerate innovation.

**More information:** <https://www.brain4industry.cz/en>

### National Library of Technology (NTK)

The National Library of Technology (NTK) is the largest technical library in the Czech Republic. It provides access to a vast collection of scientific and technical literature, supports open science and innovation, and serves as a key hub for students, researchers, and professionals in science and technology.

**More information:** <https://www.techlib.cz/en>

### UNICO.Analytics, s.r.o.

UNICO is a Czech innovation consultancy that bridges the gap between science and business. The company supports research organisations, startups, and public institutions in commercialising scientific results, developing deep-tech ventures, and accessing European funding. Its team combines expertise in intellectual property, business validation, and technology transfer to help transform research into real-world impact. UNICO is also one of the partners of the widerAdvance Facility.

**More information:** <https://www.unico.ai>

