



**“Regional Collaboration for Innovation and Growth”  
Hotel Zlatá Hvězda, Litomyšl, Czech Republic  
Conference Programme**

**16.04.2026 (Thursday)**

12:00 – 13:00  
*Light Lunch Buffet*

13:00 – 13:25  
Ing. Roman Línek, MBA  
Council Member, Local Development, European Funds and Culture, Pardubice Region, Czech Republic

**Welcome speech**  
**Pardubice region introduction and cooperation on the regional level**

13:25 – 13:50  
Assoc. Prof. Tomáš Hejduk and Prof. Petr Doležel  
Vice-Rector for Research and Dean of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics,  
University of Pardubice, Czech Republic

**Welcome speech**  
**UPCE introduction and cooperation on the regional level from UPCE view**

13:50 – 14:20  
Ing. Karol Bayer  
Dean, Faculty of Restoration, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic  
**International and national cooperation**

14:20 – 14:30  
Michaela Koudelová, Department of Development and Project Support, University of  
Pardubice, Czech Republic

**Innovation Wall**  
**Introduction and use + networking**

14:30 – 15:00  
*Coffee Break*  
*Innovation Wall use + networking*

15:00 – 15:30  
Mgr. Michal Vávra  
European Research Area, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic  
**Programme Horizon Europe**

15:30 – 16:00  
Naďa Koníčková and Jana Čejková  
TC Prague, Czech Republic  
**Horizon Europe programme for cities and regions**



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16:00 – 16:30

Monika Vejchodová

WIDE AcrossEU project coordinator

Head of Department of Development and Project Support, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic

**WIDE AcrossEU project introduction**

17:30 – 19:30

*Dinner Buffet*

*Innovation Wall use + networking*

### **17.04.2026 (Friday)**

09:00 – 09:30

Mgr. Daniel Brýdl, LL.M.

Meyer of Litomyšl City

**Welcome speech**

**Litomyšl City introduction, cooperation with the University of Pardubice**

09:30 – 10:00

Annika Nordstrand, PhD

Project Coordinator, Research Support and Collaboration Office, Umeå University, Sweden

**Regional cooperation from the University view**

10:00 – 10:30

Prof. Lyudmyla Chyzhevskya

Professor, Department of Information Systems in Management and Accounting, Zhytomyr Polytechnic State University, Ukraine

Head of the Czech National Council of Ukraine

**Czech Diaspora as a Bridge Between Ukraine and the Czech Republic: Non-Profit Initiatives Supporting Business Cooperation, City-to-City Partnerships, and Educational Collaboration**

10:30 – 11:00

*Coffee Break*

*Innovation Wall use + networking*

11:00 – 11:30

Mr Ville Rauhala

RDI-manager, School of Arctic Natural Resources and Economy, Lapland University of Applied Sciences, Finland

**Cooperation in regional development – examples from Lapland**

11:30 – 12:00

Prof. Dr. Radmil Polenakovikj

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia

**The Role of Universities in Strengthening Local and National Innovation Ecosystems: Experiences from Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje**



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12:00 – 12:30

Ms Lucie Sabot

Partnership Relations, University of Caen, France

**University partnership with regional authority and private sector in Normandy Region**

12:30 – 12:45

Ms Monika Vejchodová

**Conclusion, thanks and farewell**

12:45 – 14:00

*Light Lunch Buffet*

*Networking*



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