



Prague 5G Security Conference

International Conference on Security of 5G Networks in Prague

When: May 2 - 3, 2019

Where: Czech MFA, Czernin Palace, Prague

An international expert conference on the security of 5G networks will be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Czernin Palace on May 2 and 3, 2019 under the auspices of Prime Minister Andrej Babiš. Dozens of experts on 5G networks and cyber security from the EU, NATO states and other countries will attend the conference.

The following countries have confirmed their participation: Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Slovenia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Romania, United Kingdom and United States. In addition to that EU and NATO bodies will be represented.

The conference entitled "Prague 5G Security Conference" will be opened by Prime Minister Andrej Babiš and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tomáš Petříček. There will be lectures and workshops on various aspects of 5G networks.

The aim of the conference is to reach consensual, non-binding recommendations on how to proceed safely with the introduction of 5G networks. The recommendations will also contribute to discussions within the EU and NATO on a common approach to cyber threats, as well as to the emerging panel in the frame of the UN First Committee. The results of the otherwise closed expert conference will be publicly available.

Open to the Media

Opening Plenary Session on May 2 from 9am to 12pm

Closing Plenary Session on May 3 from 1pm to 4:15pm

More Details

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Officials and experts from EU, NATO member states and partner countries will meet on May 2 – 3, 2019 to discuss security principles for next-generation telecoms networks.

The event is organized by the Czech Republic with the aim of fostering dialogue and discuss perspectives and shared interests. The discussion among allies and friends have become increasingly influenced by head-line level messages. This might be the growing impression among states in fact sharing similar cyber security related concerns. Therefore, the Czech Republic invites key representatives from over 30 countries to participate in an exchange of ideas driven event to reaffirm that the community of like-minded nations is willing to discuss principles and best practices in the wake of 5G implementation.



As cyber in general allows for asymmetric distribution of power and strategic significance, Czech Republic is taking the leading position in the efforts of facilitating the discussion on 5G cyber security challenges. To some actors in the international arena, this might come as a surprise, however the Czech Republic is committed to step up and become one of the leading voices, fully respecting the shared interests and values of the EU, NATO and global community.

The path for securing our communication networks and national security interests lies in dialogue among friends and allies. Innovation, competitiveness and risk based security frameworks are the tools for securing the vital interests of each state. As the challenges pertaining from the implementation of 5G networks are truly global, the conference has a global reach.

Key Points

1. Protecting telecommunication infrastructure from cyber threats is a matter of utmost importance for every modern state.
2. 5G networks will be implemented all around the world. Due to its specifics, it is expected that they will form a backbone for whole digital economy and communication between and within societies.
3. The Czech Republic and all its allies must have the highest level of trust in the reliability and security of these networks. Security of 5G networks is a common issue for every modern nation. Primarily for this reason, Czech Republic will host a high-level conference on the cyber security of 5G networks and relevant implications called Prague 5G Security Conference.
4. This event is organized with the aim to discuss approach of nations related to 5G networks and in parallel bring together the perspectives and identify best practices in areas of policy, security, technology and business.

Purpose of the Conference

The aim of the conference will be threefold:

1. Provide **basic understanding** of the challenges and opportunities related to 5G and national security.
2. Discuss the way ahead and **coordinated approach**.
3. Produce a short summary with key takeaways and non-binding policy recommendations and best practices as a **Prague Principles** based on the four perspectives of Policy, Security, Technology and Economy.

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