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**“Meet the world in Mother Centres”**

a place of safety, development and friendship  
**and celebrate**

### **III. International Mother Centres Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

Dear friends from mother centers around Europe and other continents,

The Czech Network of Mother Centers would like to invite you to celebrate with us the international day of mother centers 10-10-12. The aim of this celebration is to provide a space where European mother centers can get to know better other mother centers from different parts of Europe, and also joint public relations.

This year the Czech Network of MCs is celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishing of the first mother center in the Czech Republic and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Czech Network of MCs. Based on the joint agreement, we have become a “focus country” of this year 3<sup>rd</sup> international day of mother centers 10-10-12.

You can get involved in the celebration of the international day of mother centers 10-10-12 by different ways. The decision is on you:

1. **Dissemination of information** about the Czech Network of MCs and the Czech Republic. This constitutes the basic involvement. You will get the package with all the information until next Friday September 21 2012.
2. **Or to hold the “Czech Day”** – you can choose any kind of form.
  - You can use the materials in package witch you will get next Friday
  - You can invite someone who comes from the Czech Republic or lived there in the past. We are sure that you have a real chance to invite someone since there are a lot people from the Czech Republic living abroad in these days.
  - You can prepare or cook some traditional food from the Czech cuisine. A few recipes are attached.
  - You can also learn a few Czech words which we have selected for you.

**3. You can hold one-day celebration or it can be longer** according to the program of a celebration.

However, we would like to kindly ask you to fill an attached application form and send it with information about your involvement to **info@materska-centra.cz** until **the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2012**. We are working on a press release which will be translated into English. We would like to add the list of all activities in each country. You could use the English version in your countries. We have got an experience that such an involvement into international activities makes mother centers much more visible at home.

As a part of this year's campaign of the International Day of Mother Centers will be a Resolution called "Call for Family Friendly European Policy" which was created on the international meeting within the project Grundtvig in Schoorl in Netherlands. The Resolution will be addressed to the European Parliament. You can find the Resolution and a manual how to distribute it in the information package about the campaign.

The aim of this activity is to open a discussion inside the European Parliament about the state and the future of the family and family friendly policies in Europe.

**We are looking forward to meeting you on the celebration of the international day of mother centers 10-10-12!**

Presidium of the Czech Network of Mother Centers

## **CALL FOR FAMILY FRIENDLY EUROPIAN POLICY**

In June 2012 international conference Mother Centers developing support structures for active volunteer involvement" took part in Schoorl, the Netherlands and we, all the participants have agreed and come to conclusion that Europe needs families and families need family friendly European policy.

For over 30 years Mother and Family Centres have been working on local, national and European level.

During this year's above mentioned conference the wish has come up to go on working together on European political level.

We would like to present and introduce our work, projects, campaigns and ideas to all European politicians who are in charge of this issue and we hope for common engagement in order to improve the situation of families.