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The Cast Forever – Princes of Liechtenstein's Bronzes exhibition was opened in March in the Garden Palace in Vienna

Chairman's opening

Continuity.

A word we often use when describing hundreds of years' long engagement of the House of Liechtenstein in the Czech lands. The historical heritage, we now appreciate so much, would have never been created if ownership had not been perceived as responsibility. Responsibility not only to contemporaries but also to all ancestors and to all generations which may come in future.

Taking this historical responsibility as a background, the Czech-Liechtenstein Society is very young.

Despite the fact, this spring it has the chance to witness something which may be marked as an expression of a sustainable care of family heritage in future. Johan Kräftner, the long-serving director

of the Princely Art Collections, who kindly gave a lecture that many of our members surely remember, started his well-deserved retirement. Of course, this unique art collection, unrivalled in the world, was not left abandoned. The princely family established Stephan Koja, an outstanding figure in global art gallery business, as its new head. Since 2016, this born Austrian worked as the head of the Old Master Gallery in Dresden and before that as a curator in Belvedere, Vienna.

I am pleased that continuity is also a word characterizing the Lednice-Valtice Music Festival which its founder, and our member, Jiří Partyka has been leading already into its eighth year. This year's programme will be devoted to young



performers under 25 years, which is, in a way, also a sign of sustainability (in music world). The more pleased I am that after Vienna, one of the festival concerts will also take place in Prague, particularly in the Liechtenstein Palace.

Finally, the continuity of our efforts has been recently proven by the General Assembly of the Czech-

Liechtenstein Society which, thanks to the assistance by Richard Svoboda, the Valtice Castle Manager, was held in the local, beautifully renovated venue of Belveder. I am looking forward to fulfilling together our association's programme and I am wishing you a nice spring! ■

Petr Svoboda, Chairman

■ **Bronzes Exhibition** in the Garden Palace in Vienna

Yet another spring exhibition, as part of the 'March in Palace' event, was held at the Garden palace in Vienna during the first spring month. Called 'Cast Forever - Princes of Liechtenstein's Bronzes', it offered its visitors to admire view and valuable a collection of bronze statues.

Art pieces cast in bronze, an alloy of copper and tin, have always been amongst the greatest masterpieces of the humankind. The collections of Liechtenstein's Prince boast the most valuable bronze statues dating from the 15th till the 19th centuries.

Among the remarkable bronzes exhibited in Vienna are for instance the 'Bust of Markus Aurelius' by Anticov, 'Bust of

Anima Dannata' by Massimiliano Soldani-Benzi and 'Bust of Ferdinando I de' Medici' by Pieter Taccy. The gems of the Liechtenstein collections were also complemented by art pieces loaned from various remarkable bronzes collections, such as an 'Equestrian statue' by Leonardo da Vinci.

The exhibition was held in the Garden palace on Fürstengasse, March 1-31, 2023. ■



Some CLS members and friends also visited the exhibition on Saturday March 25, 2023



Prince Alfred of Liechtenstein, Chairman of the Family Council

■ Princely family will visit Opava in May at the occasion of a vernissage of an exhibition about the Liechtenstein family held in a local museum

Opava and Krnov are to experience a prestigious diplomatic event this May. A vernissage held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 5 pm, will open a remarkable exhibition held in the Silesian municipal museum in Opava, at the occasion of the jubilee of Prince Karl the I. of Liechtenstein acquiring the Opava principedom. The exhibition will map out the 400 years

history of the Liechtensteins in the neighbouring Krnov region. Members of the Liechtenstein family are not going to miss this event and will visit Opava to see the opening of the exhibition in the historical building of the museum.

Princess *Nora of Liechtenstein*, the sister of the current head of the family, prince *Hans Adam II.*, and chairman of the family council, prince *Alfred of Liechtenstein*, have promised to attend the event. *Maria-Pia Kothbauer*, the Ambassador of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Czech Republic and Austria and the cousin of Hans Adam II., will also join the delegation from Vaduz. According to the words of Prince Hans Adam II., he has very much become fond of Opava during his two recent visits to the city.

The exhibition will present historical importance of the family with regards to the unification and development of the region during the pre-modern period, and it will also introduce the role of the rulers of the family and their influence on self-government of the area. Untraditionally, the attention will also be paid to the economic and administrative activities in forestry and mining activities, which the Liechtensteins carried out as part of their possession and ruling of Opava and Krnov principedoms. Visitors will also learn about centres of administration of Liechtenstein's princes, i.e., Opava and Krnov chateaus, and about the local aristocrats. Furthermore, the exhibition will focus on the consolidation of religious affairs in the region following the Thirty Years' War, re-catholicisation and baroque culture development, with the emphasis on establishment of the Jesuit scholasticate in Opava. The role of the Liechtensteins in the moder era will also be presented, such as their support of various associations and other activities of the civil society that is being born.

Liechtenstein archive and museum are also participating in the exhibition and will present a number of unique objects. As for the Czech national institutions, for instance provincial Archive in Opava, National regional archive Opava, Museum of Šumperk region, Technical museum Brno, Moravian gallery Brno, State National heritage institution and Český Krumlov chateau are also participating.

A number of alternative lectures are also to be part of the exhibition as well as a catalogue, which will be published at the anniversary of Prince Karl I. of Liechtenstein's acquisition of Opava principedom next January. ■



■ The Principality of Liechtenstein – the Czech Republic: Comparison of countries

OVERVIEW

General information

	Liechtenstein	The Czech Republic
<i>Population</i>	39 308	10 526 937
<i>Capital</i>	Vaduz, population of 5745	Prague, approx. population of 1,3 mil.
<i>Currency</i>	Swiss Franc (CHF) CHF 1 = CZK 23,9	Czech Crown (CZK) CZK 1 = CHF 0,042 CZK 1 = € 0,042
<i>Neighbouring countries</i>	CHF 1 = € 0,99	Německo, Polsko, Slovensko, Rakousko
<i>Official language</i>	German	Czech



Vaduz Castle © Roland Korner, Liechtenstein Marketing



Parliament in Vaduz

Country

	Liechtenstein	The Czech Republic
<i>Area</i>	160 km ²	78 866 km ²
<i>Usage of land</i>	42,2 % forest cover	34 % forest cover
	32,2 % used agriculture area	53 % used agriculture area
	11,3 % built-up area	5 % built-up area
	14,3 % unused area	7 % other
<i>The highest point</i>	Grauspitz: 2 599 m	Sněžka: 1 603 m
<i>The lowest point</i>	Ruggeller Riet Nature Reserve: 430 m	Village of Hřensko: 117 m
<i>National day</i>	August 15	October 28

State and politics

	Liechtenstein	The Czech Republic
<i>System of government</i>	Constitutional heritable monarchy based on democratic parliamentary foundations	Parliamentary republic
<i>Head of state</i>	Prince Hans Adam II., day- to-day governmental duties were transferred onto Hereditary Prince Alois, deputy of Hans Adam II, on August 15, 2004	President Petr Pavel
<i>Legislature</i>	25 MPs in the Landtag of Liechtenstein (parliament)	200 MPs in the House of Deputies and 81 senators in the Senate
<i>Government and coalitions</i>	Government of 5 members with the prime minister Daniel Risch	Government coalition: SPOLU (ODS, KDU-ČSL, TOP 09) and Pirates and STAN (Mayors and Independents) with the prime minister Petr Fiala



Membership in international organisations

- *Liechtenstein* is a member of UN, WTO, OSCE, ICC, European Economic Area, EFTA, European Commission and since the agreement signed in 1924 is in a custom union with Switzerland.
- *The Czech Republic* is a member of UN, NATO, WTO, OSCE, ICC, European Union, European Economic Area, , European Commission, OECD and Visegrád group.

GEOGRAPHY AND PEOPLE

Geographical position



Liechtenstein shares 41,3 km of its border with Switzerland and 36,7 border with Austria © lichtenstejnsko.svetadily.cz

Geographical comparison

- Napoleon Bonaparte established the 77,9 km long border of *Liechtenstein* in 1806.
- The 2290 km long border of *the Czech Republic* established after the break up of Czechoslovakia in January 1993.



Headquarters of Liechtenstein Hoval group in Vaduz
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Demographic comparison

- *Liechtenstein* has population density 245/km² and *the Czech Republic* 136/km².
- Share of foreigners in *Liechtenstein's* population is 34,4 % (13 527 in total, mostly Swiss, Austrians, Germans and Italians), and in *the Czech Republic* 5,8 % (658 600 in total, mostly Ukrainians, Slovaks, Vietnamese and Russians).
- The average age in *Lichtenstein* is 42,3 years per women and 41,5 years per men, in *the Czech Republic* 44,1 years per women and 41,2 years per men.

ECONOMY

Numbers and facts

	Liechtenstein ¹	The Czech Republic
Gross domestic product	6.0 bil. CHF	259,1 bil. EUR
GDP per capita (estimation)	193 643 USD	45 094 USD
Number of economically active people	39 115	5 363 900
Unemployment rate	1,6 %	2,3 %
Natural raw material	None	Black coal, brown coal, clay, graphite

¹The data comes from the 2020-2021 statistics

Employment according to sectors

	Liechtenstein	The Czech Republic
Agriculture	0,7 %	2,5 %
Industry	35,3 %	37,3 %
General services	47,7 %	57,7 %
Finance	16,4 %	2,5 %



INDUSTRY

Export and import

- *Liechtenstein exported to the Czech Republic* 837 tons of goods in the total amount of 9 107 644 CHF in 2021.
- *Liechtenstein imported from the Czech Republic* 2 011 tons of goods in the total amount of 18 860 570 CHF in 2021.

SERVICES

Finances

- 46 banks in *the Czech Republic* shows the balance of 8 524 billion CZK (approx. 350 billion CHF).
- 12 banks in the *Liechtenstein* shows the balance of 77,3 billion CHF (approx. 1 883 billion CZK).

Tourism

- There were 28 hotels and pensions with the capacity of 1269 beds in Liechtenstein in 2021,

EDUCATION

Comparison of education

	Liechtenstein	The Czech Republic
<i>Compulsory education</i>	Since 1805	Since 1774
<i>Compulsory education system</i>	Preschool, elementary school, vocation school (secondary school, realschule, gymnasium)	Preschool, elementary and secondary school
<i>Further education</i>	Dual education system with specialised education/special A-level exam and leaving exam, Liechtenstein university: architecture and economic sciences	Universities and postgraduate education. Czech universities offer bachelor's, master and engineer studies - the most important universities are in Prague and Brno
<i>Grades</i>	1 (the worst grade) to 6 (the best grade)	1 (the best grade) to 5 (the worst grade)



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61 783 arrivals and 135 432 overnight stays were noted in total.

- On average tourists spent 2,2 nights in Liechtenstein in 2021.
- There were 10 898 hotels and other accommodation facilities with the capacity of 586 061 beds in the Czech Republic in 2021, 11 384 million arrivals and 31 924 million overnight stays were noted in total.
- On average tourists spent 2.8 nights in the Czech Republic in 2021.

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Invitation to 2023 Lednice-Valtice Music Festival

This year's 8th Lednice-Valtice Music Festival (LVMF) subtitled 'Devoted to young talents' will focus on the rising stars of the musical world. From September 23 till October 7, 2023, the festival will introduce a number of national and foreign young talents aged up to 25 years accompanied by world-renowned ensembles.

And who can you already be looking forward to? For instance, to violinist Daniel Matejčka, one of the largest Czech talents and the winner of the Eurovision Young Musicians 2022, contrabassist Indi Stivín, pianist Matyáš Novák, oboist Tereza Tourkova and Boni pueri boy ensemble.

Pianist Maxim Lando and violinist Michelle Stern from the United States, soprano Daria Kolisan and baritone Yurii Strakhov from Ukraine and French horn player Yngve Abelvik should arrive from Norway. All the mentioned connects the musical talent as well as attendance at and winning of prestigious international music competitions. The new year will also bring new premises for concerts, two of which are connected with the Liechtensteins. The Liechtenstein palace in the Lesser Quarter of Prague, the seat of the Academy of Musical Arts, the cultural monument of South Moravia, the torso of the Katzelsdorf chateau and the Obelisk winery above Valtice.

For further information please visit www.lvhf.cz ■



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5 January 2023 - Are you looking for a winter resort where you can enjoy great skiing with the whole family? Then visit Malbun in Liechtenstein. Many guests stay loyal to this picturesque place for years. The resort's slopes are suitable for families with children and anyone who appreciates quiet ski slopes. And if you prefer snowboarding, you can enjoy the local snowpark. ■



17 January 2023 - The Liechtenstein family company Kaiser was founded in 1913 and this year it will celebrate 110 years of its existence. The company has gradually developed into an international industrial enterprise with sites in Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Finland, the USA and Slovakia. According to the owners, the company's success story is based on constant innovation and new inventions. Its main products include municipal equipment - sewage cleaning and industrial disposal vehicles, pumps and their components, tracked excavators and mobile walking excavators. Its vehicles are currently in use on five continents, in 116 countries and some 1,000 cities. ■



16 February 2023 - In the Princely collections of Liechtenstein we can also find this painting by the German painter and lithographer Franz Xaver Winterhalter (1805-1873). He was inspired by a set of novellas about love called The Decameron by the Italian Renaissance poet and novelist Giovanni Boccaccio. One hundred novellas, divided into ten days, are told by a group of seven young women and three young men who flee the city for the countryside to save themselves from a plague that breaks out in Florence in the mid-14th century. The work was acquired for a private art collection in 2009 by the current ruler of Liechtenstein, Hans-Adam II. The painting is on display as part of a permanent presentation at the Liechtenstein City Palace in Vienna. ■