

Mr. Vladimír Dlouhý

Curriculum Vitae

Vladimír Dlouhý has all the qualities and experience the OECD needs in a Secretary General in the upcoming challenging period. As a key member of the Government in the post-revolution years, he was one of the central figures that led the Czech Republic through the uneasy times of fundamental reforms of its economy and society. He later used his skills working as trusted advisor to acclaimed multinational companies, international organizations or the Czech Government, but also as institutional voice of both the domestic and international business community.

Mr. Dlouhý's thorough understanding of economics, strategic leadership, unique experience with fundamental policy reforms and genuine insight into the needs of the private sector make him the best candidate to navigate the OECD in the difficult times of global post-COVID recovery.

As a leading Czechoslovak economist, Mr. Dlouhý was chosen as Deputy Prime Minister (1989-1990) in the first non-communist Czechoslovak Government. Holding the key economic portfolios of Minister of Economy (1990-1992) and Minister of Industry and Trade (1992-1997), he was then on the frontline of the Czech Republic's transformation from centrally planned to open, export-oriented and industrially developed market economy.

Since withdrawing from politics in 1997, he has occupied high-level positions in the private sector. He has worked in advisory and supervisory positions in major international companies such as Goldman Sachs, Rolls-Royce, Telefonica O2, ABB or Meridiam SAS. From 2009 to 2018, he also served as non-executive director of KSK Power Ventur in Hyderabad, India.

Between 2009 and 2012, Mr. Dlouhý was a member of the European Regional Advisory Group assisting the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund. As of 1998, he is also part of the Trilateral Commission, having served as Member of the Executive Board and Vice Chairman of its European Group in years 2010 - 2016.

At the height of the global financial crisis in the period of 2009 to 2013, and once again in 2020 in reaction to the COVID-19 crisis, Mr. Dlouhý was appointed to the Czech Government's key economic advisory board – the National Economic Council.

Since 2014 to date, Mr. Dlouhý has been President of the Czech Chamber of Commerce, the largest organisation representing the Czech Republic's business community. As head of such an institution, Mr. Dlouhý has direct exposure to first-hand knowledge of current economic affairs on the macro- as well as microeconomic levels and profound understanding of the challenges faced by the business sector.

As of 2019, he also serves as Deputy President of EUROCHAMBRES, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry that represents over 20 million businesses in 44 countries. Mr. Dlouhý is intensively involved in the academic sector, teaching Economic Policy and Macroeconomics at leading educational institutions such as the Charles University and the University of Economics in Prague. From 2000 to 2012, he also served on the Board of Overseers of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He is frequently invited as a speaker to international conferences, and has authored numerous publications, papers and articles in respected Czech and international economic periodicals.

Mr. Dlouhý holds Master Degrees in Mathematical Economics and Econometrics from the University of Economics in Prague and Mathematical Statistics and Probability from the Charles University. He obtained his Candidate of Sciences Degree (equivalent to PhD) in Economics while working at the Czech Academy of Sciences. He has also studied an MBA programme at the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium.

Mr. Dlouhý speaks English, German, French, Russian, Spanish and his native Czech.