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Laser Technologies as a Strategic Asset for Europe

Building National Ecosystems
for Competitiveness and Resilience

LASER-PRO Annual Conference 2026
ELI Beamlines, Dolní Břežany
1 October 2026

Agenda of the Conference

08:30 – 09:00 | Registration & Coffee

09:00 – 09:20 | Opening Remarks by Key Stakeholders

09:20 – 10:30 | BLOCK 1

From Capability to Competitiveness: The Czech Laser Opportunity

09:20 – 09:40 | Cooperation is all you need.

The development of the Eindhoven High Tech Eco-system.

Cees Admiraal (High Tech Campus Eindhoven)

09:40 – 10:00 | Photonics in Europe 2030: Strategic Priorities, Industrial Trends and Global Challenges

Lutz Aschke (Photonics21)

10:00 – 10:10 | Unlocking the Czech Laser Potential: Data-Driven Insights

Pavel Jovanovič (Central Bohemia Innovation Centre – SIC)

10:10 – 10:20 | From Niche to Global Player: The Lithuanian Laser Ecosystem Story

Kristina Ananičienė (Lithuanian Laser Association)

10:20 – 10:30 | LASER-PRO: Turning Ecosystem Vision into Action

Tomáš Mocek (HiLASE Centre, Institute of Physics CAS)

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:45 | BLOCK 2

From Projects to Ecosystems: Scaling Industrial Impact

11:00 – 11:10 | Co-Creation as a Strategy: Long-Term Industry Partnerships

Jan Brajer (HiLASE Centre)

11:10 – 12:00 | Case studies (tech deep dive)

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IQS × HiLASE Centre – Marek Skeren

Crytur × HiLASE Centre – Antonin Fajstavr

CARDAM × HiLASE Centre – Ondrej Kurkin

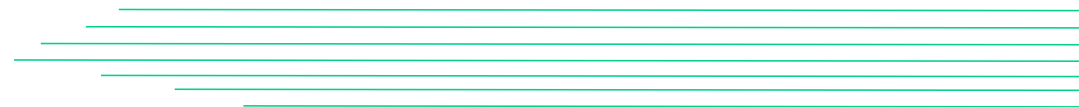
12:00-12:15 | Building a Global Semiconductor Ecosystem: The ITRI Playbook

Eric Chang (ITRI Europe Office)

12:15 – 12:45 | Mini-panel: Engineering Collaboration

What Makes It Work? What Can We Realistically Implement in the Czech Context in the Next 3–5 Years?

12:45 – 13:30 Lunch & Networking



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13:30 – 14:45 | BLOCK 3

Stepping into the Unknown: Building the Next Generation of Laser Companies

13:30 – 14:00 | Meet the Laser Innovators: Start-ups on Stage

High Devices (CZ)

Celestia Energy (CZ)

SourceLab (FR)

Optoman (LT)

14:00 – 14:45 | Panel discussion: From Scientist to Founder

What It Takes to Build a Deep-Tech Company

14:45 – 15:00 | Closing Remarks: From Vision to Action

What Comes Next

Tomáš Mocek

from 15:00 Coffee Break & Networking

15:15 – 16:45 | BLOCK 4

Accompanying/Optional Programme

15:15 – 16:45 | From Research to Market: A Practical Workshop on Technology Transfer

Interactive workshop session for researchers, innovators and startups

Michal Helekal (Central Bohemia Innovation Centre – SIC)

Venue

ELI Beamlines Facility

Za Radnicí 835

Dolní Břežany

How to get there?

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/m3dsa4scmPSaVbbi7>

Practical Information

Participation in the conference requires prior registration.

Practical information for participants will be available on the [Laser-PRO conference website](#), including:

- online registration
- accommodation recommendations
- transport from Václav Havel Airport Prague
- public transport and taxi options from Prague
- organisational contacts



Join the LASER-PRO Annual Conference 2026 and take part in the discussion on how laser technologies can strengthen Europe's competitiveness, innovation capacity and economic resilience.

