

Statement of the Preparatory Committee of „The Free Citizens Party“ of 12th January

The „The Free Citizens Party“ is founded by citizens of the Czech Republic who wish to live in a free country governed by a lean State which does not interfere excessively in their lives and who regard individual freedom accompanied by responsibility as the principal value and State sovereignty as the fundamental pre-requisite of genuine democracy. The immediate reason for founding the Party is the absence in Czech politics of a party which would represent and defend these values.

THE FREE CITIZENS PARTY (STRANA SVOBODNÝCH OBČANŮ)

1. Avows and represents the conservative principles of personal responsibility and the liberal principles of open opportunities in fair competition and citizens' independence of the State. Resolutely rejects all totalitarian ideologies and systems which imperil citizens' freedom.
2. Adheres to the spiritual, cultural, political, institutional and economic heritage of Western civilisation and shall contribute to its preservation, defence and improvement within the Trans-Atlantic alliance. Considers the Czech State tradition its integral part, particularly as embodied in Masaryk's concept of the democratic State as the natural environment for the cultivation of free and creative living.
3. Accepts in all responsibility Czech membership in Western international institutions and shall promote their legislative simplicity and clarity, institutional transparency, simplification of bureaucracy and rectification of „democratic deficits“.
4. Intends to preserve the Czech Republic within these institutions as an independent and sovereign State and for that reason rejects the Lisbon Treaty as an instrument of transferring powers and freedoms to non-elected bureaucracy at the expense of member States and their citizens. Will demand a referendum on the adoption of the euro.
5. Will aim in domestic politics, among other things, to: 1) Simplify tax, institutional and legislative systems. 2) Reduce tax for all taxpayers and enhance citizens' independence of the State. 3) Reduce public spending and bureaucracy in public administration. 4) Promote transparency on all levels of political institutions, in political decision-making and in the awarding of public contracts. 5) Work towards clean environment without extremist ideology. 6) Return to the development of nuclear energy and stop the production of bio-fuels at the expense of food.

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