



Jindřich Fryč

Jindřich Fryč is State Secretary at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and represents the Ministry at the European Union, at the Council of Europe, UNESCO and other international organizations.

During his university studies, he worked as primary school teacher. Starting at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports in 1994 as official responsible for relations with German-speaking countries, he was later named the Director of the Youth Department. During that time he co-authored the draft of the National Policy on Children and Youth in the Czech Republic and was involved in its implementation.

From July 2004 until December 2009 Fryč was the Director of the Department for International Relations. In the years following he held the position of Director General of the Section for International Relations and EU Affairs at the Ministry. In that period he dedicated himself to international relations in the field of education, and later to European affairs and the implementation of EU documents in the area of education.

From August 2012 until August 2014, he held the position of Deputy Minister for Education. From July 2013 until January 2014 he was also named the First Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports. In that position, he actively pursued education policies and co-authored several conceptual documents.

Moreover, he was a member of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Education of the Council of Europe, respectively the Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice from 2006 until 2012. In 2013 he was elected its Vice-Chair, only to be elected its Chair from 2014 until 2016.

Since 2012 Fryč has been a member of the European Wergeland Centre (Council of Europe's Centre for Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights) based in Oslo. He was awarded the Order of Academic Palms – Officer rank, a French award for distinguished persons in the field of education, science and culture, and the Order of Merit by the President the Federal Republic of Germany.

Fryč holds a degree in teaching from the Faculty of Education, Charles University. In 2008, he passed the state postgraduate examination and later obtained a PhD degree at the same institution.