

Farewell appreciation note

Dear Mr. Vobořil,

On behalf of the entire board and members of the European Industrial Hemp Association (EIHA), I wish to extend our deepest appreciation for your profound contributions and leadership as the National Drug Coordinator.

Your tenure has been particularly distinguished by your efforts to advance the understanding and categorization of hemp, significantly distinguishing it from other controlled substances and reinforcing its potential in sustainable development. Under your guidance, the Czech Republic has emerged as the European Union member state with the most advanced approach to drug policy, particularly in recognizing the distinct nature of hemp and its myriad industrial and medicinal applications.

One of your notable achievements has been establishing a threshold of 1% THC for hemp, which has created a safe and comfortable space for farmers interested in cultivating hemp. This regulatory milestone has not only empowered local farmers but also serves as an inspiring model for drug policy reform in other countries.

While we note the public announcement of your resignation, we also recognize the complex pressures and challenges that shaped these circumstances. It is evident that your role required balancing an array of demands and expectations, often in a highly scrutinized and politically charged environment. Your balanced and humane approach to drug policy has significantly influenced public health strategies in our region and beyond, setting a precedent that will undoubtedly guide future policies.

As you transition away from your official role, we are hopeful that your expertise will continue to inform the sector, albeit in a different capacity. The EIHA values your past leadership and looks forward to your continued involvement as an expert advisor, where your insights will remain as critical as ever.

It has been an honour to work with you, and we are grateful for the opportunity to have been part of your journey. Thank you for your enduring commitment and courageous service in the face of formidable challenges. Your legacy in the field of addiction and drug policy, particularly in pioneering the industrial use of hemp, is both respected and indispensable.

With sincere gratitude and best wishes for your future endeavors,

Daniel Kruse, EIHA President

