Jan Kavalírek strengthens CRA team, will cover AI Gigafactory project coordination

Prague, 8th April **České Radiokomunikace (CRA) is strengthening its team with the addition of Jan Kavalírek, former Government Commissioner for Artificial Intelligence and Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade. In the newly established position of Director for EU AI Affairs, he will coordinate the Czech AI Gigafactory (AIGF) project and be responsible for the cooperation of CRA in the field of artificial intelligence with commercial partners, state administration, and the European Commission to ensure successful implementation of the project.**

Kavalírek ranks among the most prominent personalities of the Czech AI scene. In 2025, he served as Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade and was also appointed the first Government Commissioner for Artificial Intelligence. In this role, he conceptually integrated the AI agenda under the Ministry of Industry and Trade, set up its governance structure and, together with his team, prepared the Czech AI Act. He was behind the Czech proposal to postpone and simplify unnecessary bureaucracy resulting from the European Artificial Intelligence Act, which he managed to push through the Council of the EU until its eventual adoption by the EU Commission. Finally, he initiated the application to build a Czech AI Gigafactory, with CRA applying to join the European initiative with official support from the Ministry of Industry during his tenure. In November 2025, he was subsequently named AI Personality of the Year.

"Jan Kavalírek has deep knowledge of the European legislative environment as well as specific negotiations on the AI Gigafactory. He is someone who has known this project from its inception and has actively participated in its preparation. For CRA, his inclusion is a natural step towards ensuring this project is coordinated at the highest level," states Miloš Mastník, CEO of České Radiokomunikace (CRA).

Upon leaving the ministry, Kavalírek was appointed CEE Ambassador for Artificial Intelligence and New Technologies in January 2026, in which role he represents the interests of the AI industry and research in the Central and Eastern European region. He was jointly appointed to this position by the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic, the Czech National AI Platform, the Association for Applied Research in IT (AAVIT), and the AI Chamber. He will hereby complement this activity with his new role at CRA.

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“The AI Gigafactory project is a question of strategic development for our state and introduces an extraordinary opportunity for Czechia to become one of the EU’s technological leaders. I participated in its preparation as Deputy and subsequently as a CEE AI Ambassador, both at the national and European levels. As such, I know the project very well—from the technical parameters to the legislative framework. I greatly appreciate the faith that CRA has placed in me by approaching me to coordinate the AI Gigafactory project, and I look forward to being part of their team. I will try to contribute as much as possible so that we as Czechia can succeed with this project,” says Jan Kavalírek.

CRA is currently building the Prague Gateway DC data centre in Prague Zbraslav—Jíloviště, which will be one of the largest and most modern in the Central and Eastern European region. With a total capacity over 2,000 racks across twelve data halls and a power input of 26 MW, this will be infrastructure built for demanding tasks such as training large AI language models. In the next phases, Prague Gateway DC may become part of the AI Gigafactory project with a capacity of up to 77 MW and the equivalent of 100,000 H100 chips.

CRA already operates eight data centres in the Czech Republic, such as in Prague's Žižkov, Strahov and nearby Cukrák neighbourhoods, as well as in Brno, Ostrava, Pardubice, Zlín and Lužice.

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