

Czech Schools Without Borders and Czech diaspora



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ČESKÁ ŠKOLA BEZ HRANIC
CZECH SCHOOL WITHOUT BORDERS



- History of the organization
- Development (evolution) over time
- Actual situation
- Position of the CSWB regarding the state

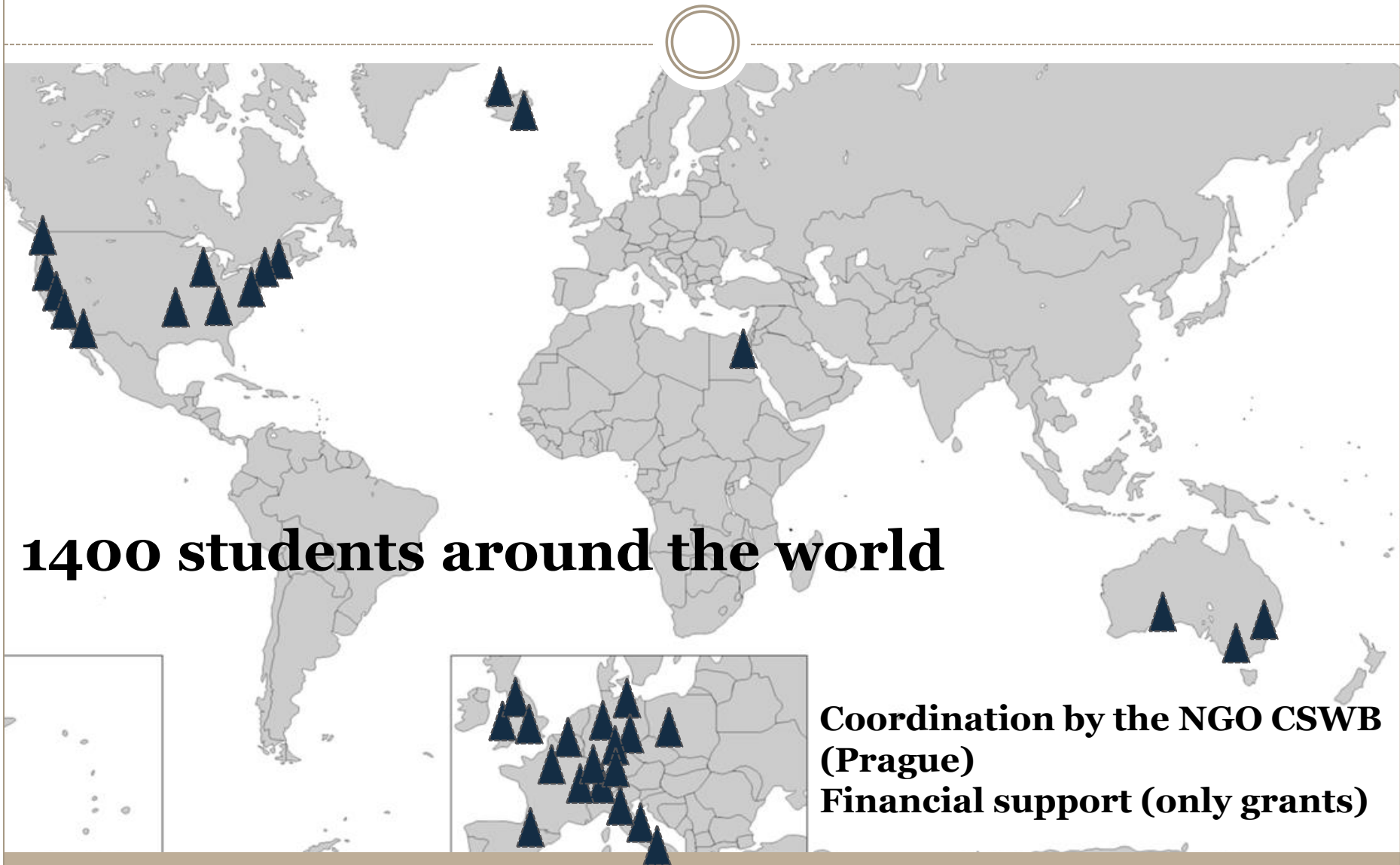
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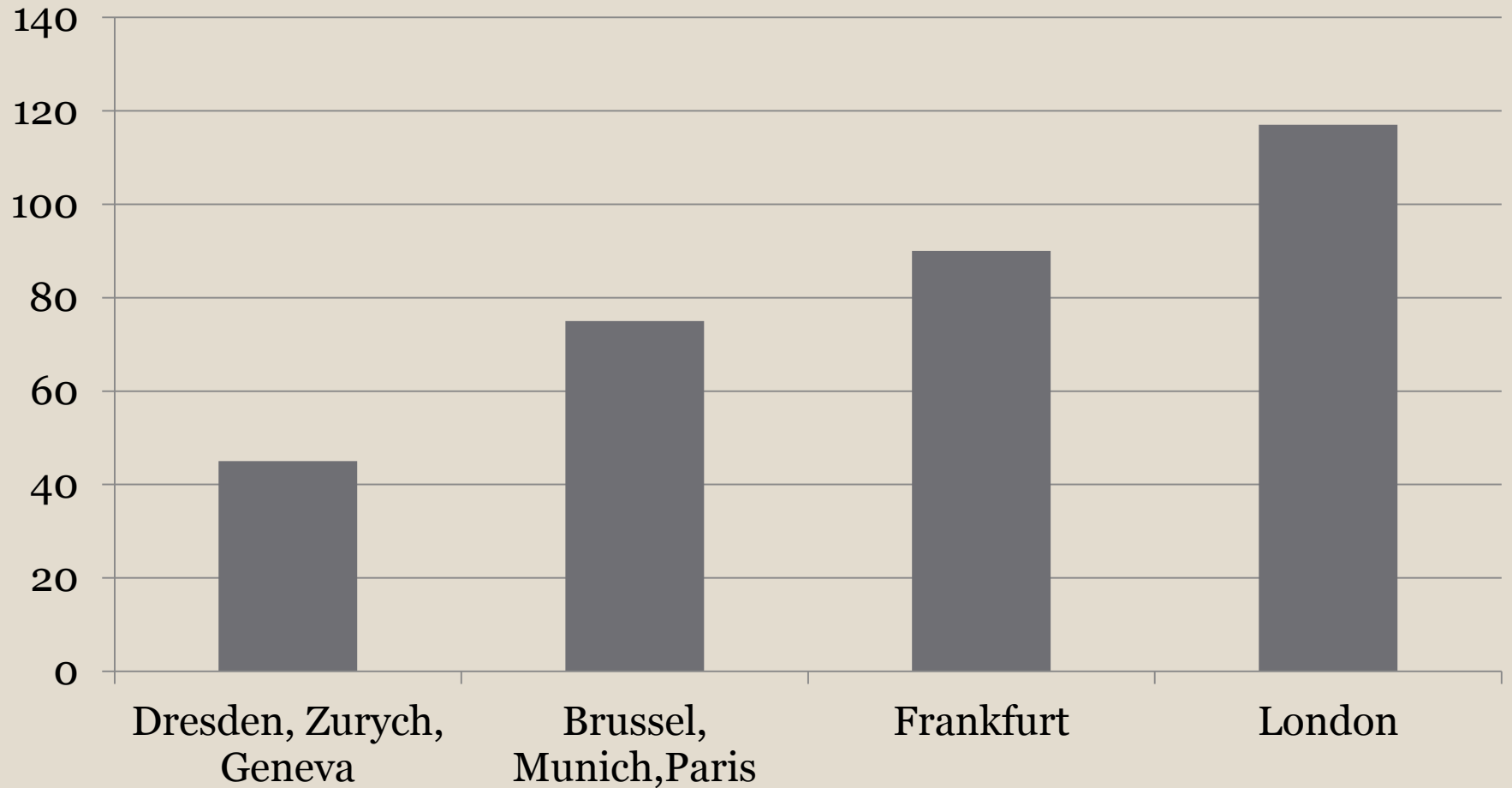
September 2013, 1st to 7th grade



September 2013



Number of students



Czech School Without Borders education



- Preschool age (from 1,5 to 6)
- School age (1st to 9th grade)
- Czech language and literature/Czech history/geography

New Czech diaspora



- From 1989 on
- Possibility of
 - Travelling
 - Voting
 - Keeping the citizenship
 - Owning properties in Czech Republic

Students



- Majority – bilingual family (90 %)
 - Czech -
 - Few – grand – parents
- Majority – Czech citizenship (up to 95%)

Parents' expectations



- Survey in June 2009
- 35 families from 4 countries and 5 cities
- Second – „parallel“ school x leisure activity: 79 %
„parallel“ school
- Equality with education in Czech Republic: 82 %
YES
- Certification: 79 % YES (88 % in Czech Republic)

From the field to the law...



- **2010** – CSWB educational program accepted as equivalent to the National program in Czech Republic
- **2010** – Public hearing in the Senate of the Czech Republic: request to incorporate the CSWB into the law
- School year **2013 – 2014** – agreement with the MEQR - CSWB certification valid in the Czech Republic
- When the regular financial support from the state?



Connection between the schools and the old and new Czechoslovakian organizations abroad



Switzerland: Sokol –
Zurych and Geneva,
Organisation
„Homeland“ Basel

Belgium: Beseda –
Brussel

Germany, Great Britain,
Grece, France, Italy,
Spain, Turkey,



**„Old“ Czech(slovakian) organizations/
„new“ organizations**



Texas – Sokol Dallas,
Nebraska, Illinois –
TG Masaryk Czech
School

Maryland – Czech and
Slovak Heritage
Association

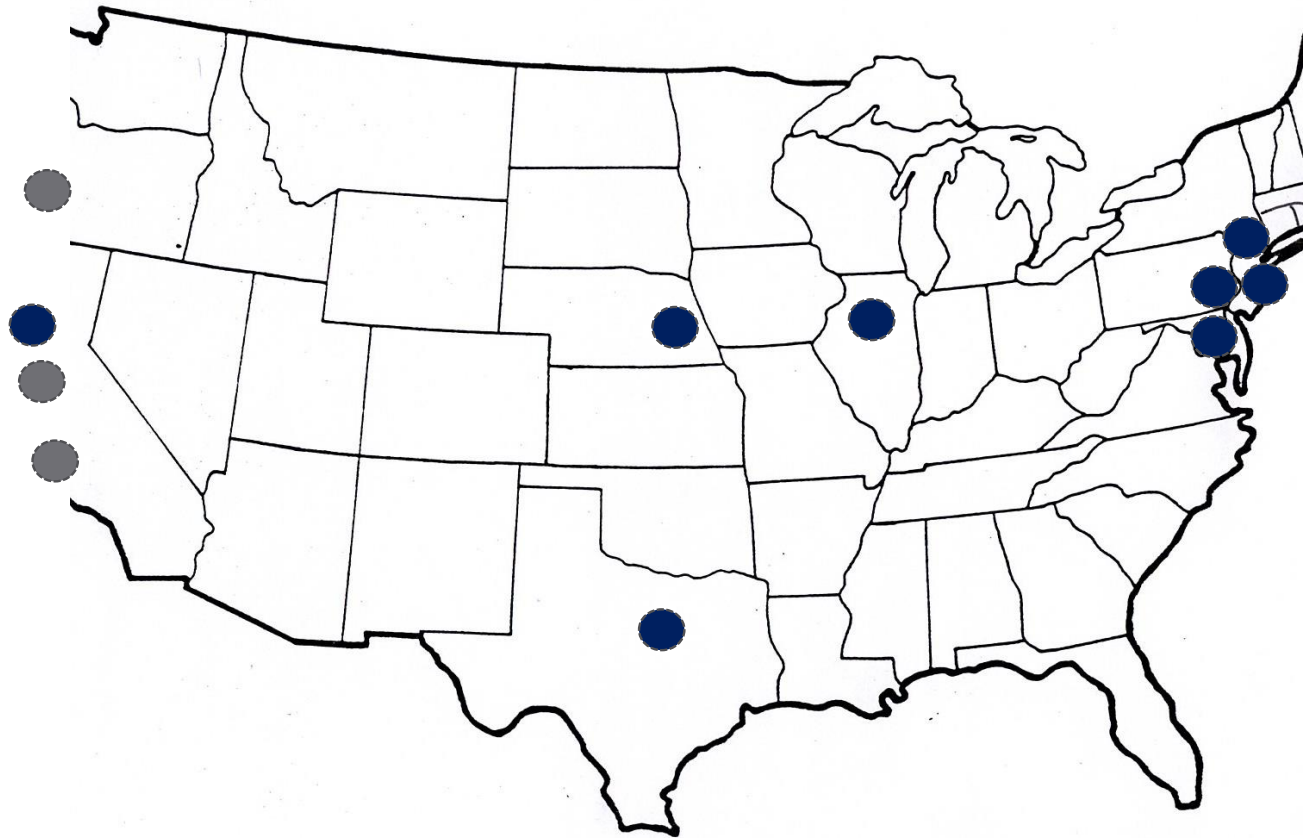
New York – Czech
Benevolent Society of
Astoria

Philadelphia

Czech NorthAmerican
Chamber of
Commerce and
Culture:

www.czechevents.net

Kalifornie, Oregon



**„Old“ Czech(slovakian) organizations/
„new“ organizations**



- Czech Schools (not only) Without Borders – good indicator of the evolution and the needs of the Czech diaspora nowadays
- Survey September 2013 – Paris
 - Motivations for attending the school (36 families responded)
 - Preservation of the language - cultural and family reasons 88%
 - Possibility of returning back to the country in case of a non planned event 28%
 - Plan of returning to the homeland („short term“ stay) 11%
 - Another language (economical reason) 25%
 - Possibility of studying at an university in CR – 40%

„I feel home in Czech Republic and in France and it's great, because I have two identities.“

Cítím se doma jak v Čechách tak ve Francii a to je skvělý pocit, protože mám dvě identity.

“ Nevím, jestli bych ráda žila v Čechách celý život, protože jsem na Francii a na Francouze vyklá. Přesto vnímám obě země jako domov.

„I don't know if I would like to live in Czech Republic for good, for I am used to France and French. But they are both my home.“

Thank you for your invitation.



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