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**PRESS RELEASE**

***Czech Delegation Visits BMW Assembly***

Mr Gerry Finn, Director of the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly, welcomed a ten member delegation of MPs from the Czech Parliament in Prague, who are on a fact finding tour of the BMW Region. The delegation was given presentations on various aspects of the content, management, monitoring and administration of EU Funds in Ireland and on the BMW Regional Assembly's experience over the last nine years as a Managing Authority for EU Regional funds. The delegation which was headed by Dr. Hana Sediva, Chairperson of the Committee that deals with EU funds in the Czech Republic said she was very impressed by the experience gained by the BMW Regional Assembly in the administration of EU Funds and the positive impact that these funds have had on the local community, local infrastructure, tourism and innovation in the BMW Region.

Mr Finn also stated that over the past number of years, the BMW Regional Assembly has hosted a large number of delegations from new and applicant Member States of the EU. The Assembly has developed a well deserved reputation for the effective management of EU programmes and the administration of these programmes at a regional level is of particular interest to other Member States.

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