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# The Visegrad Four and Germany: which shared priorities in the next Commission?

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**Confirmed speakers:**

- **Vladimír Bilčík**, Member of European Parliament (Slovakia)
- **Roland Freudenstein**, Policy Director, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies
- **Milan Nič**, Head of the Robert Bosch Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia, German Council on Foreign Relations
- **Sophia Russack**, Researcher, Institutions Unit, Center for European Policy Studies

**Moderator:**

**Martin Michelot**, Deputy director, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

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*The Visegrad Four countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia) have always looked to Berlin as one of their most natural partners, a fact that has been only reinforced by the future departure of the UK. Germany has also created a balance point in the continent, ensuring that no regions are left behind in European integration; central Europe has always been at the heart of this preoccupation given the extent of the economic relationship between Germany and V4 countries. French proposals, since the election of Emmanuel Macron, have proven a test to this relationship, and also to the unity of the V4.*

*The incoming Commission will have an ambitious agenda on completing aspects of the single market, curbing the effects of climate change, ensuring that the EU finally lives up to its global role, and ensuring that a proper migration compact is drawn up, on top of finalizing a deal on the next Multiannual Financial Framework. Will the V4 countries and Germany continue to show unity on these issues, or can we foresee certain key disagreements? Can we expect a showdown on rule of law issues? Will a new Green deal provide a key element in continued German investments in the region?*



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