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Introduction

In 2020, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy has carried out its activities for the 22nd year in a row starting with its research agenda, continuing with the publication process and organization of the projects and events dedicated for the general and professional public. Despite the deterioration and disruptions caused by the pandemic worldwide, we managed to successfully switch our projects and further activities from personal and physical to online environments.

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy not only moved all of its activities to an online environment and continued working on current projects, but also managed to create new projects such as the Talking Europe(um) podcast, which deals with current global political topics.

52 publications in 2020

During 2020, we managed to **finalize 17 projects**, **82 seminars and discussions for the public**, and a number of workshops for high school students or the public. Other closed events, for instance, online expert roundtables, through our own initiative or within the cooperation with other partners, were also conducted

in the pursuit of facilitating evidence-based and empirically-driven policymaking through dialogue between decision-makers, academia, scientists and civil society.

In 2020, our staff published a total of **52 publications, wrote 19 blog posts and appeared 101** times in the media to analyse and explain current issues regarding the EU and European policies.

EUROPEUM also organized the annual Prague European Summit in a hybrid format due to the pandemic, and the annual Transatlantic Policy Forum and Visegrad Conference were successfully executed in full virtual formats.

82 public events in 2020

Thanks to all these activities, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy maintained for the **fourth year in a row the position of the best think tank in the Czech**

Republic and simultaneously the position of the second-best think tank in Central and Eastern Europe based on the ranking of Global Go to Think Tank Index, comparing more than 8000 think tanks globally.

With a monthly average of 7 public events, 6 publications or blog posts, 8 media outputs, more than 1 project and a number of expert consultations, workshops, meetings and other events, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy contributed to the improvement of democracy, evidence-based policymaking, security, stability, freedom and solidarity across Europe and to the active participation of the Czech Republic in the European Union.



We thank all the <u>partners</u> for their support, and although 2020 has brought an unprecedented situation and a number of obstacles in carrying out the activities and projects, we believe that we will continue to achieve our common goals this year and the years that follow in the online space and, if the situation allows, physically.



Projects

Prague European Summit — is conceived as a platform for regular high-level strategic discussions on topics related to the European Union. It aims to seek common answers to the key challenges facing Europe in economic, social, climate, digital and foreign policy. The sixth edition of the Summit

800+
online
attendees

took place on 18-19 November 2020 in the Czernin Palace in two virtual studios and held over 30 discussions (i.e. discussions at the main summit incl. side-events), attended by over 800 registered online guests. This year, considerable attention was also paid to the balance of women and men on the panels. In total, there were more than 110 speakers from more than 30 different states from senior

political leaders, experts, the media, and the private sector at all panel discussions, including accompanying events. Of these, more than 46% were women. An equally important accompanying part of the event was the Future European Leaders Forum, which focuses on young people and took place all week in the third virtual studio in the Czernin Palace.

Think Visegrad — EUROPEUM is a founder and active participant in a network of think tanks from Visegrad countries. As part of the Think Visegrad EUROPEUM project, it contributes to short-term and long-term analyses for V4 governments, recruits experts outside the V4 country for short-term fellowships and internships, and, last but not least, represents the network in Brussels.

Brussels Office – The Brussels office's activities continued at a very high cadence and level in 2020, building on the work launched in 2016, when EUROPEUM was the first Central and Eastern European think-tank to open its representation in Brussels. The aim of the office is to strengthen the links between policymakers, academia, scientists and citizens in Prague and Brussels through public and private debates, to bring Czech perspectives to Brussels and to convey European input, values and awareness to the Czech domestic audience. During 2020, the Brussels office carried out a number of online events for the general or professional public, while representing the Think Visegrad network of research centres in Brussels amongst relevant stakeholders. It also contributed to a large extent to the research and advocacy activities of the EUROPEUM Institute, acting as a two-way catalyst between Czech and EU knowledge and perspectives.

EuropaSecura – In 2020, the 13th year of a unique nationwide competition took place for secondary grammar school students. The topics of the competition included security, the European Union, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and their roles in the international security system. This year



was fundamentally marked by the coronavirus pandemic from the first round, but despite a number of obstacles, the whole project was carried out and actively included approximately 1,563 students from all regions of the Czech Republic, who had to pass a complex online test in teams of three

members, then develop a security analysis of the current conflict and defend it in regional rounds, that took place in an oral form. Due to our health precautions, we did not have any incidents of COVID-19 infections during the programme. The best team from each region is supposed to participate in the national final round organized in close cooperation with the Ministry of Defence and the Army of the

1500+ high school students

Czech Republic. The final round had to be cancelled at the last minute due to pandemic restrictions in the Czech Republic as the outbreak intensified, thus disallowing public gatherings. Its online alternative took place in the autumn when the best teams participated in a series of diplomatic simulations and workshops as part of an online round spanning several days. The best team has been given the opportunity to participate in a study trip to Brussels, which is planned with the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic for the second half of 2021 provided the pandemic allows travelling.

Café Evropa debates – Together with the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic and the Office of the European Parliament, in 2020 we continued to carry out a series of

10 000+ views per debate regular Café Evropa debates aimed at strengthening the public debate on selected EU issues and new instruments and mechanisms for coordinating EU policies, as well as on domestic topics with international reach. These debates, which have been going on since 2015, were organised as physical events in the first part of the year when four debates took place, but since March they

have been marked by a pandemic situation. The implementation of further debates has thus moved from Prague and regional and district cities throughout the country purely to the online space. In total, 25 Debates of Café Evropa were organized in 2020. Each online debate has an average of 10,328 direct and

Available as podcasts

indirect views, and they are all available as videos and podcasts on online platforms such as Facebook or Spotify. In 2020, a total of 72 guests from a wide range of disciplines and institutions took part in the debates, and more than 44% of these participants were women.

Czech Interests in the EU – In May 2020, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy launched the Czech Interests in the EU project in cooperation with the Institute of Empirical STEM Research



(initiator of the project), the Association for International Affairs (AMO), and Europe in Data portal. It aims to draw the Czech public more into how Czechs influence politics in Europe and to examine whether politicians in Europe are really promoting Czech interests. As it encompasses a wide range of sociological data, indicators and research, these findings were also instrumental in incorporating gender and non-discrimination mainstreaming in various other activities that were conducive to such inclusions.

Transatlantic Policy Forum – In 2020, the third year of this project was launched. The conference took place on 13 October 2020 in a virtual form due to travel restrictions across Europe and the US. It is traditionally a closed event attended by high-ranking experts from all over the world; however, this year parallel events and subsequent public publications enabled the public to engage



within this format too. TAPF is a discussion forum that enables an exchange of views and knowledge between senior politicians, experts, academics, and representatives of NGOs on the current challenges and future of transatlantic cooperation.

Prague Climate Talks – For the fourth year in a row, EUROPEUM has been providing a platform for an open discussion on climate change, its impacts, and ways of mitigating it. It currently represents one of the longest-running projects within the Czech Republic on climate change and its mitigation. In this series of discussions, we involve representatives of many disciplines from the ranks of academics, scientists, decision-makers, industry, officials, and experts from relevant areas, as well as members of the general public, in order to involve the widest possible range of people in these discussions. In 2020, all four discussions took place online and interest was even greater than in previous years. A background study was carried out for each debate, which was subsequently discussed it with experts and the public.

From Warsaw to Tirana: Joint Overcoming the Past – The project was aimed at identifying

V4-Western Balkans cooperation positive examples of initiatives and steps in overcoming bilateral disputes and the historical burden in relations between the V4 countries and the Western Balkans. The aim of the project was to transfer good experience from the Visegrad to the Western Balkans region. The project was supported by the International Visegrad Fund and the partners in the project were the Slovak Foreign Policy Association

in Slovakia, the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade in Hungary, the WiseEuropa Institute in Poland,



the European Movement in Serbia, and the Academy of European Integration and Negotiation in Albania. The project produced five case studies, a joint policy paper presented at the Berlin Process Summit in Poznan, a final publication, and six public discussions that took place in Prague, Budapest, Poznan, Brussels, Belgrade, and Tirana.

Relations of Czechs to the EU from a Sociological Point of View — The project in which a detailed opinion survey was carried out combining quantitative and qualitative methods of research in order to examine in detail the sentiments, priorities and concerns of the Czech population in relation to the European Union, identify the main areas that Czechs desire the EU to address, and how European topics are to be communicated so that Czechs understand them. The project was presented at several conferences and expert meetings and became the basis for further work involving decision-makers, academia and scientists.

Workshops for secondary schools – Youth and Climate – EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy together with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung has been offering workshops on climate change and its economic, social, health and political impact on the younger generation from autumn 2020. Due to the covid-19 pandemic situation, an online version of the workshop was created, when we successfully implemented 2 workshops at the end of 2020. The online form of workshops successfully continues until 2021.

Talking Europe(um) – podcast about current political issues in Europe –

Following the start of the covid-19 pandemic, the Europeum Institute for European Policy has launched a new online podcast that comments on current events in the European Union. Talking Europe(um) runs from March 2020 and by the end of the year, we managed 12 episodes with guests from civil society, academia and scientists.

12 podcast episodes

The Cooperation Instrument for the Western Balkans Think Tanks — THINK BALKANS —

Following the model of the Think Visegrad, the V4 Think Tank Platform aims to launch a platform for the continued cooperation of Western Balkan think tanks and state institutions responsible for foreign affairs and regional cooperation. During their presidency of the Council of the European Union, the project partners will hold 4 events in the Visegrad region and the Western Balkans, as well as in Slovenia. In addition to the inaugural event, other promotional events will be held in Belgrade and



Warsaw, and the final conference will be held in Ljubljana. In addition to these events, the project organises study visits by Western Balkan think-tankers and civil servants in the Visegrad Group capitals, as well as study visits to Visegrad Group think-tanks in the Western Balkans capitals. Based on the experience and knowledge gained from study visits, four short-term analyses and three long-term analyses will be carried out on topics of common strategic interest for the Visegrad Group and the foreign policy perspectives of the Western Balkans in the context of European integration of the Western Balkans.

Together for EU Enlargement – V4 and WB Strengthening Cohesion of EU Integration and Berlin process – This research project focused on institutions, approaches, priorities, regional and national funding mechanisms, and specifications that have been created or improved in the context of the Berlin Process. Particular attention has been paid to the dimension of connectivity, taking into account the contribution of specific projects to the growth and prosperity of the country and the related financing opportunities – including available and potential. Finally, specific recommendations were drawn up for each stakeholder category in order to make the most of the Berlin process. Particular attention was paid to the contribution of connectivity to the WB6 reforms involved and the progress of the WB6 countries towards EU membership. The project ended with an online conference where research and knowledge from the project were presented to stakeholders, the think-tank community, and the interested public.

Civil Servants Mobility Programme – The main objective of the Civil Servants Mobility Program (CSMP) is the education of civil servants from Eastern Partnership and Western Balkan countries through organizing study visits in the V4 countries. The study visits are focused on the past experience of Visegrad countries in the implementation of the sectoral reforms and harmonisation of the national legislation with the EU legislation with a specific focus on the topic of the visit.

EU± series of debates — A platform for discussions on topics related to current EU issues in the eyes of the young generation. The project focuses on debates on selected EU policies and the position of the Czech Republic in the European Union in terms of issues perceived by the young generation. The aim is to give young citizens the opportunity to learn and discuss European issues and current issues that affect them, in order to develop their understanding of EU processes and give them space to discuss the future of Europe. In 2020, we held debates, for example, on the topic of the European budget for 2021-2027, the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the EU, the EU response to the



situation in Belarus, the new Pact on Migration and Asylum, and the impact of the US elections on the EU or the upcoming Czech Presidency in the EU Council.

What EU do we want to have in 2025? — Series of debates focused on specific topics related to EU policy. The project is aimed at providing a platform for general public to discuss the future shape of European Union. In 2020, we held debates, for example, on the topics of Social Europe, Digital strategy of European union, Changing the Institutional Framework and Green politics and decarbonisation.

Conferences, seminars, panel discussions, and round tables in Czechia and abroad

The events organized by the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy enjoy a large number of attendees. The majority of them are further serviced by live-tweeting of the most interesting statements across EUROPEUM's twitter account, and social media and media posts with photographs, recording and a report being made. Due to the pandemic situation in the Czech Republic during 2020, the events took place mostly in the online space and achieved high viewer counts and ratings. Most of them took place via live broadcast on social networks, where viewers had the opportunity to participate directly in the discussion through questions in the comments.

Through social networks, our database of contacts and cooperation with partners, as well as user-friendly processes of promotion, registration and communication, we are able to reach a wide range of participants. Thus, we are able to offer people various platforms and ways for obtaining information and discussion on European topics not only in Prague, but also in other cities in the Czech Republic and other European countries.

14. 1. 2020 Debate: Reconciliation and settlement in the Visegrad Four and the Western Balkans

22. 1. 2020 Round table: Sustainable financing and energy security

23. 1. 2020 Debate: EU ± // European budget



28. 1. 2020 Debate: Southern Gas Corridor: Prospects and Challenges for European Foreign Policy

30. 1. 2020 Debate: 30 years of freedom: What is the future for think tanks?

3. 2. 2020 Debate: Brexit has occurred - and what next?

25. 2. 2020 Debate: $EU \pm //$ New coalition in Austria

26. 2 2020 Debate: Reviving EU enlargement: A new opportunity for the Western Balkans

28. 2. 2020 Round table: Between peacekeepers and peacekeepers: Europe in the conflicts of the Middle East

2. 4. 2020 Debate: $EU \pm \frac{U}{What}$ will happen to the European Union after the coronavirus pandemic?

14. 4. 2020 Debate: What kind of EU do we want in 2025? Green policy and decarbonisation

29. 4. 2020 Debate: Populism and nationalism in coronavirus times

30. 4. 2020 Debate: $EU \pm //$ Europeanization in times of coronavirus pandemic

4. 5. 2020 Debate: Security of Europe and covid-19

12. 5. 2020 Debate: Prague Climate Talks: Will the Green Deal bring a structural change?

19. 5. 2020 Debate: Internships in EU institutions-how to deal with them?

28. 5. 2020 Debate: LIVE: Covid-19 as an opportunity to build greener economies

28. 5. 2020 Debate: What kind of EU do we want in 2025? Digital strategy of the European Union

3. 6. 2020 Debate: Multiannual financial framework in times of (post) coronavirus

16. 6. 2020 Debate: Prague Climate Talks: Fund for Fair Transformation

23. 6. 2020 Debate: Funding of science and research in the EU – a view beyond the horizon

26. 7. 2020 Expert discussion on the North Atlantic Alliance

17. 9. 2020 Debate: Prague Climate Talks: Climate Change and Society

22. 9. 2020 Conference: Think Visegrad Conference



- 23. 9. 2020 Debate: $EU \pm I/I$ How should the EU respond to the situation in Belarus?
- 30. 9. 2020 Debate: What kind of EU do we want in 2025? Social Europe
- 13. 10. 2020 Transatlantic Policy Forum
- 14. 10. 2020 Debate: <u>EU ± // New Pact on Migration and Asylum</u>
- 26. 10. 2020 Debate: Prague Climate Talks: Financing the transition to a low-carbon economy
- 3. 11. 2020 Workshop: How to communicate about the EU, Gymnázium Hranice
- 5. 11. 2020 Debate: What kind of EU do we want in 2025? Changing the institutional framework
- 6. 11. 2020 Debate: <u>Impact of US elections on trans-Atlantic relations</u>
- 11. 11. 2020 Debate: The future of the EU after the Covid-19 pandemic
- 11. 11. 2020 Workshop: What benefits does the EU bring us?
- 23. 11. 2020 Debate: $EU \pm // European budget$
- 25. 11. 2020 Debate: The year of the new European Commission in office
- 26. 11. 2020 Webinar: Law and Covid-19
- 27. 11. 2020 Debate: Western Balkans in 2020: EU enlargement in turbulent times
- 2. 12. 2020 Debate: <u>Dialogue: Opinions of Czech society on the Green Deal</u>
- 3. 12. 2020 Debate: $EU \pm //$ The impact of the US elections on US-EU relations
- 8. 12. 2020 Debate: The Year of Czech European Politics How were we successful?
- 9. 12. 2020 Debate: Dialogue: Opinions of Czechs on the European response to COVID-19
- 10. 12. 2020 Debate: <u>Evaluation of EU-NATO cooperation</u>, <u>Czech involvement and the prospect of improvement under the leadership of the USA</u>
- 15. 12. 2020 Debate: $EU \pm //$ Portuguese and Czech Presidencies of the Council of the European Union



17. 12. 2020 Debate: Europe in the digital age



<u>Conferences, seminars, panel discussions and round tables organized</u> <u>by the Brussels Office</u>

20. 1. 2020 Debate: Reconciliation and settlement in the Visegrad Four and the Western Balkans

23. 4. 2020 Debate: EU enlargement during the coronavirus crisis

26. 5. 2020 Debate: Tough Renewal of African-European Relations?

22. 6. 2020 Debate: Eastern Partnership at the turn of the new decade

6. 10. 2020 Round table: Visegrad climate policy

29. 10. 2020 Debate: Responsible leadership - How the Visegrad countries can contribute to a stronger Europe globally

12. 11. 2020 Webinar: Czech and Slovak response: national perception of the 2030 goals and implications for the principles of renewal

30. 11. 2020 Webinar: What do Czechs think about "hot" questions about European integration?

21. 12 2020 Webinar: EU-Asian interconnection strategy: the role of Central Europe



A series of public debates of Café Evropa organized with the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic and the Office of the European Parliament

- 11. 2. 2020 Café Evropa in Prague: 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz
- 20. 2. 2020 Café Evropa in the regions Hradec Králové: Middle East and the EU
- 24. 2. 2020 Café Evropa in Prague: The Middle East and the EU what should be our role?
- 2. 3. 2020 Café Evropa in the regions Mladá Boleslav: Brexit
- 26. 3. 2020 Café Evropa online: Digitalization and modernization of Czech education
- 7. 4. 2020 Café Evropa online: Coronavirus and the reactions of the European Union
- 21 4. 2020 Café Evropa online: Western Balkans and the EU
- 28. 4. 2020 Café Evropa online: Democracy and values in coronavirus time
- 7. 5. 2020 Café Evropa online: Economic recovery after coronavirus
- 13. 5. 2020 Café Evropa online: Czech science in the fight against coronavirus
- 21. 5. 2020 Café Evropa online: Czech and European culture in the "quarantine"
- 1. 6. 2020 Café Evropa online: Green restart of the economy after the pandemic
- 8. 6. 2020 Café Evropa online: Reopening of the borders in Schengen
- 18. 6. 2020 Café Evropa special: Fires, drought and the effects of climate change are we ready for

these fundamental challenges?

- 30. 6. 2020 Café Evropa online: Sustainable agriculture and food self-sufficiency
- 3. 8. 2020 Café Evropa online: <u>EU and LGBTI what are the European institutions doing in the field</u>

of rights and protection of sexual minorities?

8. 9. 2020: Café Evropa online: <u>European Recovery Plan - what will the EU budget look like after</u>

the pandemic?



16. 9. 2020 Café Evropa online: Speech on the state of the Union 2020 - what awaits the EU next year?

21. 9. 2020 Café Evropa online: The end of coal in the Czech Republic

21. 10. 2020 Café Evropa online: <u>Brexit - what does the future of relations with Great Britain look</u>

like?

26. 10. 2020 Café Evropa online: <u>EU response to current international events - how will Europe face</u> <u>current geopolitical challenges?</u>

4. 11. 2020 Café Evropa online: <u>A new EU migration and asylum policy - will Europe agree on common migration management?</u>

12. 11. 2020 Café Evropa online: <u>Disposable plastics - what about them and how to reduce them?</u>

24. 11. 2020 Café Evropa online: Transatlantic relations - what is their future after the US

elections?

7. 12. 2020 Café Evropa online: EU as a brand



EUROPEUM and the National Convention on the European Union

In 2020, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy was again actively involved in negotiations and professional events of the National Convention on the EU. At the same time, EUROPEUM directly prepared expert documents and a summary of the discussion with recommendations for two round tables within the National Convention on the EU:

18. 9. 2020 Round table of the National Convention: <u>Priorities of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU 2022</u>

27. 11. 2020 Round table of the National Convention: <u>Conference on the future of Europe from the perspective of the Czech Republic</u>



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