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*Czech visions for Europe
European visions for the Czechs*



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Introductory Remarks

In 2023, our team continued activities focused on key European topics with the aim of contributing to the spread of the European idea in the Czech Republic and Czech perspectives within Europe. The EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy organized expert discussions, debates for the general public, conferences and published a number of outputs that provided important insights and information to the general public and experts. At the same time, we implemented more than two dozen, often international, projects, appeared in Czech and foreign media and held countless advocacy meetings, thereby trying to strengthen awareness and support a constructive dialogue about the future of Europe and the challenges that the EU and the Czech Republic face.

A team of approximately 40 people worked on our activities, with several changes during the year. I would like to thank the colleagues who changed their place of work during the year for their excellent work and contribution to our success. At the same time, I am glad that we were able to welcome new faces to the team who brought fresh ideas to our projects. Last year's division into Green Europe, Just Europe and Global Europe work programs was also successfully implemented in the Institute's activities, which helped to deepen the investigation of specific topics and streamline the work of individual teams.

At the same time, this year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the EUROPEUM Institute, which during that time has developed into one of the leading Czech think tanks recognized even abroad. This significant anniversary culminated in a celebration in October, where we had the opportunity to celebrate our 25th birthday together with current and former colleagues and partners from cooperating organizations. I am extremely happy that we were able to share this milestone with those who have supported us over the years and helped us in our mission to spread European values and politics in the Czech Republic and to project Czech views into European ones.

A huge thank you goes to our entire team, who put their best into their work, then to everyone who followed us, got involved in our activities and helped us develop further, and last but not least, to all [our partners](#) for their support and successful cooperation, without which we would not be able to do and we would not be able to move forward.

We enter 2024 with the knowledge of upcoming challenges, but also opportunities, full of optimism and determination. I am confident that our long-term commitment to professionalism, expertise and

cooperation will remain strong and enable us to make a significant contribution to the development of a strong, democratic, fair and sustainable Europe.

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EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

Our mission

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy is a non-profit, non-partisan, and independent think tank focusing on European integration and cohesion. EUROPEUM contributes to democracy, security, stability, freedom, and solidarity across Europe as well as to active engagement of the Czech Republic in the European Union. EUROPEUM undertakes original research, organizes public events and educational activities, and formulates new ideas and recommendations to improve European and Czech policy making.

Our values

INDEPENDENCE

EUROPEUM is a non-partisan think tank, not affiliated with any Czech or European political party or movement. Its financing sources are transparent and its activities carried out without interference from its funders. The largest donors are the European Commission, the International Visegrad Fund, the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. More information can be found in the annual reports below.

COOPERATION

EUROPEUM implements its activities in close cooperation with like-minded partners, especially other Czech and European think-tanks and NGOs, other civil society actors and the media, in order to enhance their outreach.

RESPONSIBILITY

EUROPEUM takes a firm responsibility and commitment to provide platforms for discussion and introduce new ideas about the EU. EUROPEUM's responsibilities are towards stakeholders, the Czech society and the European Union as a community of citizens and values.

CREDIBILITY

EUROPEUM ensures the high quality of its outputs and overall credibility of its work, by counting on trusted experts, by peer-reviewing of its publications, by the continuous exchange of know-how with other think tanks and partners, and by conducting purely evidence-based research and analysis with academic rigour.

In 2023, we...



...implemented
24 projects

focusing on a range of topics from youth education and public opinion research to the decarbonisation of heavy and automotive industries,

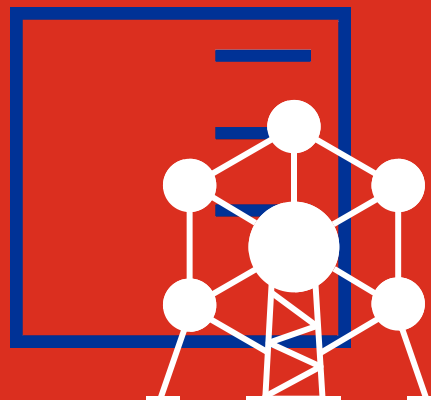


organized
126 events

across the Czech Republic and abroad, including seminars, public debates, workshops, expert roundtables and events for students,

were developing our
**Brussels
Office**

which we opened in 2016 as the first think-tank from Central Europe.



Projects in 2023

Prague European Summit

Prague European Summit is a strategic platform set to tackle Pan-European questions in light of the common challenges. Setting EU trends of the future through dialogue with the highest levels of the European public and private sphere. Strengthening the role of the European Union in the world, while building a sustainable and resilient society. Prague European Summit was founded in 2015 by the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy and the Institute of International Relations under the umbrella of the Czech Ministry of Foreign affairs with an aim to recast the image of the Czech Republic as an EU member country which self-confidently yet constructively joins the strategic discussions on the course of the European Union. Since then, it has grown to a high-level discussion policy forum which regularly brings together more than 500 senior politicians, political commentators, think-tankers, business representatives, public figures, young leaders and members of the public from around the world, discussing and searching for solutions to problems of today and building the Europe of tomorrow. In 2023, the Summit reflected the most topical issues, both in the main panels and in side events, such as green and digital transformation, geo-economics and, in particular, the Russian aggression in Ukraine and its consequences for individual EU Member States. More than 650 participants registered for the Summit and 1400 more joined online throughout the event. For more information, visit website <http://praguesummit.eu>.

Think Visegrad

EUROPEUM is a co-founder and active participant in the network of think tanks from the Visegrad countries. In the framework of the Think Visegrad project EUROPEUM contributes to short-term and long-term analyses for the V4 governments, hosts a short-term expert internship outside the V4 countries and represents the network in Brussels. Last year, within this platform we managed to organize several events covering a wide range of topics such as artificial intelligence and its subsequent regulation, the enlargement of the EU to the Western Balkans at a time of geopolitical crises or the question of the future European political community. For more information, visit <https://think.visegradfund.org>.

Brussels Office

The activities of the Brussels office in 2023 continued the activities of previous years and maintained the goals set in 2016, when EUROPEUM opened its first Czech think-tank representation in Brussels.

The aim of the office is to strengthen the links between the debates in Prague and Brussels, to bring Czech perspectives to Brussels, and in turn to mediate the Brussels environment to the domestic audience. In 2023, the Brussels office managed to organize a number of important events in the form of public debates, concluded round tables or cooperation at a festival within the framework of the One World platform. It also contributed significantly to the research and advocacy activities of the EUROPEUM Institute.

EuropaSecura

In 2023, the 16th year of a unique educational project for high school students took place. The project was implemented in the form of a multi-round national competition focusing on security, the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and their roles in the international security system.

Competitors took an online knowledge test in teams of three, developed a security analysis of a contemporary conflict and defended it in oral regional rounds for each region of the Czech Republic. The best team from each region then participated in the national finals at the military base in Brdy in close cooperation with the Ministry of Defence and the Czech Army. The top three teams were rewarded with a study trip to Brussels to visit EU and NATO institutions. In 2023, almost 2,000 high school students from all regions of the Czech Republic actively participated in the competition. For more information, visit <https://www.europasecura.cz>.

Café Evropa

In 2023, we continued our successful Café Evropa debate series, which aims to introduce both European and domestic topics with an international dimension to the general public through discussions with experts. In this period, we organized a total of 14 debates. A total of 38 speakers took part in the debates and the average viewership of the online format of the debates was 5,500 viewers. Along with the classic Café Evropa debates, the concept of informal debates called Hospoda Evropa continued. This is a concept of informal debates in smaller municipalities, where experts on European affairs talk to local citizens. The debates do not have a fixed structure and the topics are mainly discussed based on the preferences of the guests present. In the summer of 2023, as part of the Café Evropa project, we also started recording podcast episodes in the form of informal interviews with 1-2 guests. By the end of the year, 7 podcasts were recorded mainly on social topics. For more information, visit <https://www.cafe-evropa.cz>.

Czech Interests in the EU

The project Czech Interests in the EU, launched in May 2020 by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy in cooperation with the Institute of Empirical Research STEM (the initiator of the project), the Association for International Affairs (AMO) and Europe in Data portal, continued in 2023. Its aim is to engage the Czech public more in how Czechs influence politics in Europe and to investigate whether politicians in Europe are actually promoting Czech interests. For more information, visit <https://www.ceskezajmy.eu>.

Transatlantic Policy Forum

In 2023, the sixth year of this project was launched. The conference took place from 2nd to 3rd November 2023 under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The previous editions of TAPF have proven to be an extraordinarily useful tool to promote frank and open dialogue among participants from both sides of the Atlantic. In 2023, EUROPEUM was honoured to welcome Atlantic Council as the primary partner from the United States. Last year, more than 70 people from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean attended the event. It is traditionally a closed event attended by high-ranking officials, experts, academics, and representatives of think tanks worldwide. TAPF is a discussion forum that enables an exchange of views and knowledge on transatlantic cooperation's current challenges and future.

Empowering Serbian CSOs Involved in the Decarbonization Process through the V4 Experience

The project focuses on strengthening civil society organizations in Serbia towards more successful advocacy and enhanced participation in policymaking within the area of green transformation with a particular focus on coal phase-out. The project will create a platform for discussion between CSOs and relevant Serbian state institutions on alignment with EU climate goals and goals set by the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans. Furthermore, the project will enable the transfer of know-how between V4 countries and Serbia on decarbonization, including the role of the CSOs in the process.

Relations of Czechs to the EU from a Sociological Point of View

This project involved a detailed public opinion survey combining quantitative and qualitative research methods in order to explore in detail the sentiments of the Czech population towards the European Union, to identify the main areas that Czechs want the EU to address and to recommend how European issues should be communicated so that Czechs understand them. The project has been presented at several conferences and expert meetings and has become the basis for further activities of the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy in cooperation with the STEM research centre.

Talking Europe(um)

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. In each episode, we focus on a commentary of the most current topics connected to the EU and global affairs and bring an in-depth interview with the leading personalities to talk about the topics shaping the EU, Czechia and world. In 2023, we released a total of 7 podcast episodes with 14 guests, focusing on topics such as Russian aggression in Ukraine, the transition to a low-carbon economy, the presidential elections in Turkey, or the Czech delegation in Taiwan and relations with China.

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 current developments and the position of the Czech Republic in the European Union. 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. The topics of the series include the Polish and Slovak parliamentary elections, China's territorial ambitions in the South China Sea, or the issue of changing the functioning of European institutions. In 2023, we organized a total of 4 debates in this format.

Decarbonisation of the Automotive Industry

The aim of the Automotive Decarbonisation project is to enable the rapid and equitable decarbonisation of the automotive industry in the Czech Republic by bridging the communication gap between politicians, decision makers and businesses. Key activities are based on research outputs and the subsequent cooperation with relevant stakeholders of the automotive industry in the Czech Republic. The aim is, among other things, not only to deepen public understanding but also to

increase social acceptance of the forthcoming changes in the transport sector that seem inevitable. The project is led by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy with financial support from the European Climate Foundation.

Decarbonisation of the Czech Automotive Industry

After last year's successful project on decarbonisation of the Czech automotive industry, EUROPEUM's climate team is leading the third round of the project. This time, the project aims to use the knowledge, contacts and resources already acquired and to create a favourable environment for discussion between industry and the public sector. It also contributes to understanding decarbonisation pathways through evidence-based research. Finally, the project aims to raise societal awareness of the challenges and opportunities presented by the automotive transition through events and media briefings. The project focused on three main key areas of importance for the transition, namely technological challenges, social justice issues and environmental transition and policy communication.

EU-Pacific Talks

The EU-Pacific Talks series of debates aims to bring together experts, stakeholders, state officials and academia to discuss the most up – to date topics regarding the relationship between the EU and Indo-Pacific region, including the global actors in the new security environment. In 2023, EUROPEUM organized 7 debates that focused on topics such as migration and demographic challenges in Europe and the Indo-Pacific region, the global race in emerging technologies or the future of the automotive industry in the region.

European Summer School

The European Summer School (ESS) is an intensive eight-day programme in Prague focusing on European integration organised by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy under the auspices of the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic and in cooperation with the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University in Prague. The Summer School has been held since 2003 and is intended for university students or recent graduates from all over the world. Each year has its own specific themes reflecting current events in the European Union and the world, but the common denominator of the lectures and workshops is always European integration. The 20th year of the summer school took place from 8 to 15 July 2023 and was entitled 'Steering through the complexities of climate change: Is the EU nearing the point of no return?' 21 students from prestigious universities participated in the summer school. The summer school program focused

on climate change, the European Union's approach and solutions to climate change, and the political, economic, security and social aspects that climate change brings. For more information, visit <https://www.essprague.eu>.

Decarbonisation of the Industrial Sector – Sustainable Finance as an Opportunity?

Together with partners from all V4 countries, the project aims to identify priorities that will enable the decarbonisation of heavy industry in a way that is consistent with commitments to keep future warming to no more than 1.5 °C. The project offers a constructive contribution to the development of climate change policy in the region. The new data and analysis of the current situation will help to develop the debate and planning process for decarbonisation in industry and individual companies. We seek to understand and compare realistic decarbonisation options and outline a policy roadmap for achieving the 2030 carbon targets. EUROPEUM Institute has established cooperation with institutions in the Visegrad Four countries to conduct the analysis at national level and engage local stakeholders. For more information, visit <https://v4decarb.org>.

Think Balkans

The 'Cooperation Instrument for the Western Balkans Think Tanks – THINK BALKANS' project is financially supported by the International Visegrad Fund and builds upon the previously established cooperation between the members of the Southeast European Think Net Network (SEE Think Net) and Think Visegrad as part of the 'Regional cooperation in the Western Balkans: The Berlin Process and Visegrad Group in comparison project'. Modelling on the Think Visegrad – V4 Think Tank Platform and closely cooperating with it, this project aims to pilot an instrument for the permanent cooperation of Western Balkan (WB) think tanks.

Discussing Ukraine in V4 Mainstream Media: The Future vis-à-vis European Integration

The aim of the project is to evaluate how the mainstream media in the countries of the Visegrad Group produce, distribute and consume news about the future of Ukraine and its European integration. By identifying both dominant and marginalized narratives and analyzing their impact through focus groups, the project aims to provide stakeholders with insights to improve reporting and improve public access to diverse and accurate information. It addresses the inconsistency and uneven representation in the quality of reporting since the Russian invasion of Ukraine and aims to create a more balanced and comprehensive coverage. In addition, the project includes capacity-building initiatives for journalists and editors, supports the exchange of professional experiences and

promotes diversified coverage of underrepresented topics, ultimately contributing to a more informed and balanced public debate in the V4 region.

Civil Servant Mobility Programme

The aim of study stays supported by the International Visegrad Fund is to enable the exchange of experiences and facilitate networking opportunities for civil servants from Ukraine with their counterparts, experts and other interested parties. The primary intention is to provide the Ukrainian delegation with knowledge based on Czech experience. The meetings concern issues regarding Ukraine's future integration into the EU single market, support for growth, employment and competitiveness in trade, business, industry and transport. The meetings also cover the topics of how to mobilize EU funds to create economic opportunities for companies and entrepreneurs in Ukraine, how to effectively use EU financial assistance, how to attract investments and how to create a resilient and competitive Ukrainian business environment in the future. The aim is to provide insight into the lessons learned from the Czech experience with EU enlargement, as well as into the processes of institutional transformation in the past decades, with a special emphasis on green and digital transformation in recent years. Focusing on EU aid in production, transport and institutional development, the meeting also creates a platform for a wider discussion on how to successfully implement EU funds in these areas.

Future Leaders Europe Evening Talks

FLEET is an educational project for students to explore various aspects of transatlantic relations with renowned experts in the field. As part of this project, a series of six evening meetings took place in 2023, during which students had the opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics with experts from the ranks of high-ranking Brussels officials, ambassadors, Czech and European political experts, decision-makers, journalists and commentators.

Prague Climate Academy

The Green Europe team of the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy presented a series of workshops in 2023 focused on communicating the topic of green transformation with the Czech public. The aim is to support journalists and civil society in the development of public discourse on climate change and climate policies. In 2023, the Prague Climate Academy focused on sustainability in transport. The topic of the first workshop "How to effectively communicate about e-mobility in the Czech Republic?" was the decarbonization of car transport in connection with electromobility.

The second workshop "Passable Prague or Congested Prague?" focused on the sustainability of transport in Prague.

RevivEU

The RevivEU project, implemented by four leading institutions in the V4 countries, addresses the needs, concerns and fears of V4 citizens in four different areas related to the EU. It does so through quantitative and qualitative research on citizens' attitudes towards climate change, migration, covid-19 and the rule of law. It also analyzes government policies in these four main areas and the way in which the communication of these policies is formulated in public discourse.

Dezinfo Czech

The Dezinfo Czech project was focused on uncovering the most common disinformation narratives associated with European topics. Thus, topics such as the Green Deal, migration and the euro were discussed and the disinformation associated with them.

TACR Projects

Project [TITDMZV930MT09] Perception of the Czech Republic in the Central European Region

Comprehensive information about the perception of the Czech Republic in individual countries (or regions) of Central Europe from a sociological point of view (opinions of decision makers, interviews, questionnaires and independent public opinion surveys based on "hard" data, etc.), through a historical point of view, an analysis of the media and literature, or a combination of all the above aspects.

Conferences, webinars, and roundtables in 2023

In 2023, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy contributed significantly to raising awareness of the European Union in the Czech Republic by organizing public events on various European topics. These events attracted a wide range of participants thanks to effective promotion through social networks, a database of contacts and cooperation with partners. During these events, current issues and challenges the EU faces were discussed and participants had the opportunity to learn new information and engage in debate.

In addition to public events, EUROPEUM also organized major conferences such as Prague European Summit and Transatlantic Policy Forum. These conferences served as a platform for experts, politicians and other stakeholders to address European challenges and find solutions. Furthermore, EUROPEUM participated in roundtables within the National Convention, organized by the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, which focused on topical issues related to the EU. In these discussions, policy recommendations were formulated to contribute to better integration and functioning of the Czech Republic within the European Union.

- 12. 1. 2023 Workshop for high schools: What Is the EU Good for? (Brno)
- 17. 1. 2023 Expert roundtable: Dissemination of the European Green Policy Narrative in the Czech and Slovak Information Space
- 20. 1. 2023 National Convention: [Formats of regional cooperation from the perspective of the Czech Republic](#)
- 9. 2. 2023 Expert roundtable: China - Taiwan Relations: The Next Global Security Threat?
- 17. 2. 2023 Workshop for high schools: What Is the EU Good for? (Benešov)
- 22. 2. 2023 [Prague Climate Academy: How to Communicate Effectively about E-mobility in the Czech Republic](#)
- 24. 2. 2023 Workshop for high schools: What Is the EU Good for? (Slavičín)
- 24. 2. 2023 National Convention: [Evaluation of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU](#)
- 10. - 13. 3. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura Online round](#)
- 16. 3. 2023 Conference: PRC, Taiwan and "One China" in International Relations
- 31. 3. 2023 National Convention: [Review of the Energy Market](#)
- 12. 4. 2023 Conference: Mind as a Battlefield

- 28. 4. 2023 National Convention: [Reaction to the US Inflation Reduction Act](#)
- 4. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Prague, Prague)
- 5. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Prague, Central Bohemian Region)
- 9. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Ostrava, Moravian-Silesian Region)
- 10. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Plzeň, Plzeň Region)
- 10. 5. 2023 Workshop for high schools: What Is the EU Good for? (Ostrava)
- 11. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Jihlava, Vysočina Region)
- 12. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Zlín, Zlín Region)
- 15. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Karlovy Vary, Karlovy Vary Region)
- 15. 5. 2023 Expert roundtable: Sharing the Czech Experience with Decarbonization - A Non-profit Sector Perspective
- 17. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Liberec, Liberec Region)
- 17. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (České Budějovice, South Bohemian Region)
- 17. 5. 2023 Workshop for high schools: What Is the EU Good for? (Děčín)
- 18. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Olomouc, Olomouc Region)
- 18. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Hradec Králové, Hradec Králové Region)
- 23. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Pardubice, Pardubice Region)
- 23. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Ústí nad Labem, Ústí nad Labem Region)
- 24. 5. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura regional round](#) (Brno, South Moravian Region)
- 26. 5. 2023 National Convention: [The European Political Community and Its Future Potential](#)

1. 6. 2023 Expert roundtable: The Czech Republic, Euro-Atlantic, and the Indo-Pacific: A Geostrategic Rearrangement
10. - 14. 6. 2023 Competition for high school students: [EuropaSecura National final round](#) (Brdy)
20. 6. 2023 Expert roundtable: Electric Cars and Jobs: How to Prepare for Changes in the Automotive Industry?
21. - 22. 6. 2023 Conference: [Cyber Sec Forum 2023](#)
8. - 15. 7. 2023 Summer school: [European Summer School: Steering through the Complexities of Climate Change: Is the EU Nearing the Point of No Return?](#)
11. 10. 2023 Workshop: [FLEET: Donald Cordell, U.S. Embassy Prague](#)
15. 10. 2023 Conference: Neo-Idealism: Future Grand Strategy for Liberal Democracies?
18. 10. 2023 Workshop: [FLEET: Eva Horelová, European Commission Representation to the Czech Republic](#)
25. 10. 2023 Workshop: [FLEET: Dana Baschová, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic](#)
2. - 3. 11. 2023 Conference: [Transatlantic Policy Forum](#)
3. 11. 2023 Workshop: [FLEET: Transatlantic Policy Forum 2023](#)
3. 11. 2023 Workshop: Czech Republic amidst Global Security Crisis - Czech Response to Russian Aggression in Ukraine and Israel-Hamas War
8. 11. 2023 Workshop: [Prague Climate Academy: Prague Passable or Prague Clogged?](#)
9. 11. 2023 Expert roundtable: Electromobility and Job Opportunities: What Changes Lie Ahead?
10. 11. 2023 Workshop: The Impact of the NGO in European Affairs
15. 11. 2023 Workshop: [FLEET: Jeremy Bransten, Radio Free Europe](#)
13. - 16. 11. 2023 Forum: [FELF: Věra Jourová, Vice President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency](#)
14. - 16. 11. 2023 Conference: [Prague European Summit](#)
20. 11. 2023 Conference: [Czech Republic 2030: How to Support Green Transformation and Not Throw Money Out of the Window?](#)
22. 11. 2023 Workshop: [FLEET: Kate Davenport, British Embassy in Prague](#)

Public events organized in 2023

17. 1. 2023 Debate: [Green Deal and the Energy Crisis in the Czech Information Space](#)
30. 1. 2023 Debate: [Europe and the Indo-Pacific: Migration and Demographic Changes](#)
13. 2. 2023 Debate: [Europe in the Grip of Crises - What Next?](#)
21. 2. 2023 Debate: [Trade Relations with the Indo-Pacific](#)
27. 2. 2023 Debate: Bosnian Studies: Perspectives from an Emerging Field
28. 3. 2023 Debate: [EU-Pacific Talks: Be Small and Beautiful - Future of Nuclear Energy?](#)
13. 4. 2023 Survey presentation: [RevivEU: Migration and Climate in Czechia after One Year of War](#)
15. 5. 2023 Pub quiz and debate: [Europe in the Whirlwind](#)
30. 5. 2023 Debate: [In-EV-itable Future of Automotive Industry: What Is the Role of the Pacific Region](#)
5. 6. 2023 Webinar: [Migration Waves in Europe](#)
7. 6. 2023 Webinar: [NextGenerationEU](#)
12. 6. 2023 Survey presentation: [Czechs' Views on the Rule of Law, the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the European Union](#)
12. 6. 2023 Debate: [The European Union, the Geopolitics of Enlargement, and the European Political Community](#)
14. 6. 2023 Webinar: [The Rule of Law in the Czech Republic](#)
15. 6. 2023 Webinar: [Climate Neutrality](#)
19. 6. 2023 Debate: [Election Time in Central Europe - What Lies Ahead for Our Region?](#)
19. 6. 2023 Projection and debate: [A Kidnapped West by Milan Kundera, Translated into Czech by Anna Kareninová](#)
31. 8. 2023 Projection and debate: [ThuleTuvalu](#)
4. 10. 2023 Webinar: [Climate in the V4 - A Controversial Topic in the Upcoming European Parliament Elections?](#)
6. 10. 2023 Debate: [Taiwan and Security Dimension – Lessons Learned, Indo-Pacific Containment](#)
9. 10. 2023 Webinar: [Migration in the V4 - A Useful Phantom for Central European Populists](#)
12. 10. 2023 Webinar: [The rule of law in the V4: A Central European Revolt Against Liberalism?](#)
16. 10. 2023 Debate: [EU Enlargement to the Western Balkans: 20 Years after the Thessaloniki Summit](#)
23. 10. 2023 Webinar: [United in Fragmentation: Comparing Migration, Climate, Post-Pandemic Recovery, and Rule of Law Policies and Discourse in the V4](#)

24. 10. 2023 Debate: [EU-Pacific Talks: The Weaponization of Information: The Future of Risk in Digital Era?](#)
25. 10. 2023 Webinar: [Post-Pandemic Recovery in the V4: For More Money, Against Deeper EU Integration](#)
30. 10. 2023 Debate: [The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict - How Will It Affect the Situation in the Region and the Relations of the Involved Parties with the EU?](#)
31. 10. 2023 Pub quiz and debate: [Quo Vadis Europa?](#)
2. 11. 2023 Debate: [Taking Stock of Transatlantic Relations](#)
6. 11. 2023 Debate: [A View from Prague on Securing Ukraine's European Future](#)
6. 11. 2023 Debate: [Spotlight conversation with H.E. Martin Dvořák, Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic](#)
7. 11. 2023 Debate: [Urban Talk: Kidnaped Freedom: European Dimensions of Russia's War in Ukraine](#)
13. 11. 2023 Debate: [Urban Talk: Female Empowerment](#)
14. 11. 2023 Debate: [Opening/Pre-event of Prague European Summit: In the Face of War – European Dialogue](#)
15. 11. 2023 Debate: [Summit Talk: Imaginaries of Revenge](#)
15. 11. 2023 Debate: [Summit Talk: Half-time of the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility: What Have We Learned So Far?](#)
28. 11. 2023 Debate: [Charting the Course for Ukraine: Reassessment of the Indo-Pacific](#)
18. 12. 2023 Debate: [How to Reform EU Institutions?](#)
20. 12. 2023 Debate: [China's Territorial Ambitions in the South China Sea - How Are Neighboring States and World Powers Responding?](#)

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 in 2023

19. 1. 2023 Café Evropa online: [What Has the Czech Presidency Brought for the Future?](#)
19. 1. 2023 Café Evropa: [Hospoda Evropa: Stop by for One! We'll Talk about Europe As You See It](#)
24. 2. 2023 Café Evropa online: [Petr Pavel & Věra Jourová & Vitalij Usatyj: One Year after the Russian Attack on Ukraine](#)
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Vít Havelka: [Czech president named one of the most influential European personalities of the year by Politico](#) (ČRo Plus, 29. 11. 2023)

Kateřina Davidová: [The Czech Republic and the world must stop subsidising fossil fuels. Otherwise we will not solve the climate crisis](#) (Hospodářské noviny, 29. 11. 2023)

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Viktor Daněk: [European Parliament meeting on migration](#) (ČRo Plus, 5. 12. 2023)

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Viktor Daněk: [Morawiecki's government in Poland will probably end. Donald Tusk should become the new prime minister](#) (ČT24, 11. 12. 2023)

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Viktor Daněk: [Do Unie zkratka nevede. A postoj Orbána? Vzal si Ukrajinu a ostatní země EU jako rukojmí, říká expert](#) (Lidové noviny, 14. 12. 2023)

Viktor Daněk: [Orbán has been softened by the unblocking of EU subsidies. He did not veto the accession talks with the new states](#) (CNN Prima News, 15. 12. 2023)

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Žiga Faktor: [Protests against alleged election fraud in Serbia](#) (ČT24, 29. 12. 2023)

EUROPEUM Team in 2023

Management

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Martin Vokálek, Executive Director

Christian Kvorning Lassen, Deputy Director and Head of Research (until 6/2023)

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Project, organization and communication team

Alexandra Ilková, Office & Project Manager

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Research Fellows and Associate Research Fellows (and their expertise)

Kateřina Davidová, Senior Researcher

- EU energy and climate policy, environmental protection, EU-US relations

Vít Havelka, Senior Researcher

- EU institutional relations with member states, Europeanization, transformative role of the European Union

Jana Juzová, Senior Researcher

- regionalism, Visegrad cooperation, democratization and European integration of the Western Balkan countries, EU enlargement

Rebeka Hengalová, Researcher (from 2/2023)

- decarbonization of the automotive industry, labor market, social impacts of EU climate policies

Silke Maes, Researcher

- European social policies, migration, digitalization, EU digital single market

Danielle Piatkiewicz, Researcher

- transatlantic, Central, and Eastern European security, NATO, Eastern Partnership

Klára Votavová, Researcher (from 1/2023)

- European social policies, social impacts of digitization and decarbonization, inequalities between European countries

Zuzana Kasáková, Associate Research Fellow

- political development and history of Great Britain (especially the so-called Celtic border), history and institutions of the EU, EU regional policy, regionalism and nationalism of the so-called "stateless nations" in Europe

Alexandr Lagazzi, Associate Research Fellow

- diplomacy, EU foreign policy, Italy, China, international security, terrorism

Gentiola Madhi, Associate Research Fellow

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- NATO and transatlantic security, European foreign policy and defence, French politics, elections and society, Visegrad Group and Central Europe, EU institutional problems

Tereza Novotná, Associate Research Fellow

- EU foreign policy, European External Action Service, EU delegations, EU institutions, TTIP and transatlantic relations, EU enlargement and Central Europe, North Korea, Germany

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- EU foreign policy, Eastern partner countries, EU democracy assistance and EU funds for external actions, development cooperation, security and counter-terrorism policy

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- European integration, EU enlargement, political parties in the Western Balkans, Eurosceptic political parties

Zuzana Stuchlíková, Associate Research Fellow

- EU institutions, Central Europe, rule of law

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- Climate change, sustainability, smart cities

Ivo Šlosarčík, Associate Research Fellow

- legal aspects of the European Union, transformation of political and administrative structures (at international, national and regional level) in the context of European integration

Jakub Ferenčík, Research Assistant

- right-wing populism, separation of church and state, Christian fundamentalism, Eastern Europe

Jonathan Lyons, Research Assistant

- rare raw materials, fair transformation, energy security in Central Europe

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- climate change, circumpolar geopolitics

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Final accounts of 2023

Total revenues: 23 829k CZK

Total costs: 23 606k CZK

Balance after tax: 223k CZK

Revenues by major donors

Donors	Amount in thousands of CZK
European Commission	12 357
International Visegrad Fund	2 728
European Climate Initiative	1 260
European Climate Foundation	1 211
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic	565
Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung	476
French Institute in Prague	406
Embassy of Japan in the Czech Republic	320
European Parliament Liaison Office	291
European Investment Bank	248
Technology Agency of the Czech Republic	156
U.S. Embassy in the Czech Republic	156
Ministry of Defence & Armed Forces of the Czech Republic	130
International Republican Institute Europe	129
Embassy of the Netherlands in Czechia	113
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We use a dual approach to engage citizens and decision-makers: linking academia and scientists for evidence-based policymaking, and empowering citizens to participate in democratic dialogues on European issues. Our activities bridge the intersecting groups, gather input, and aim to address challenges while promoting European integration and societal cohesion. We conduct independent research, organize events, and promote educational activities that raise awareness of the EU agenda. Through our Brussels office, we provide input to EU consultations and serve as a catalyst for Czech and European visions.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE YEAR 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

- to the company promoters of the Institut pro evropskou politiku EUROPEUM z.s.
- to the management of the Institut pro evropskou politiku EUROPEUM z.s.

Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the companying financial statements of the **Institut pro evropskou politiku EUROPEUM z.s.** (here in after also the "Company") prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Czech Republic, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31.12.2023, and the income statement for the year then ended 31.12.2023 and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. For details of the Company, see Note to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Institut pro evropskou politiku EUROPEUM z.s. as at 31. 12.2023 and of its financial performance of the year then ended 31.12.2023 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Czech Republic.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Act on Auditors and Auditing Standards of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic, which are International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), as amended by the related application clauses. Our responsibilities under this law and regulation are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Act on Auditors and the Code of Ethics adopted by the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information in the Annual Report

In compliance with Section 2(b) of the Act on Auditors, the other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and auditor's report thereon. The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. In addition, we assess whether the other information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable law or regulation, in particular, whether the other information complies with law or regulation in terms of formal requirements and procedure for preparing the other information in the context of materiality, i.e. whether any non-compliance with these requirements could influence judgments made on the basis of the other information.

Based on the procedures performed, to the extent we are able to assess it, we report that:

- The other information describing the facts that are also presented in the financial statements is, in all material respects, consistent with the financial statements; and
- The other information is prepared in compliance with applicable law or regulation.

In addition, our responsibility is to report, based on the knowledge and understanding of the Company obtained in the audit, on whether the other information contains any material misstatement of fact. Based on the procedures we have performed on the other information obtained, we have not identified any material misstatement of fact.

Responsibilities of the company's director for the Financial Statements

The Director is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Czech Republic and for such internal control as the Director determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Director is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Director either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the above mentioned laws and regulations will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the above law or regulation, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

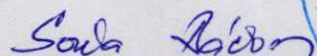
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Director.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty

exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Director among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Turnov, 5. 12. 2024



Ing. Soňa Báčová, auditor
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Attachments:

Balance sheet of 31.12.2023

Income statement of 31.12.2023

Summary of significant accounting policies of 31.12.2023