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# Think Visegrad in Brussels

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Welcome to the **January edition** of the newsletter of Think Visegrad in Brussels. This issue traditionally presents activities and publications of the **Think Visegrad** in Brussels projects, the individual members of the **Think Visegrad** platform and informs about the upcoming events.

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## 2025: A Defining Moment for Europe

The new year of 2025 brings both **challenges** and milestones for the European Union. As global competition intensifies, the EU must assert itself against rising geopolitical players like China while proving its unwavering **commitment to Ukraine**, now entering its third year of resisting Russian aggression.

The new **European Commission** and **Parliament** will set the tone for the Union's direction, alongside the rotating EU Council presidency. **Poland**, taking the helm in January before handing over to Denmark in July, is expected to drive momentum in **EU defence** and **security** policy, with a strong focus on boosting the European defence industry and tackling disinformation.

In this **January edition**, and throughout the year, we will bring you analyses, insights, and expertise from top experts within the **Think Visegrad platform**, offering a Central European perspective on what lies ahead for the EU—from security and defence to economic shifts and digital transformation.

Stay with us and stay ahead of the key developments **shaping Europe in 2025!**

## From our members: selected publications



### Moldova: Russia's gas crisis game in Transnistria

**Kamil Całus**

### A new Russian-Iranian treaty: closing ranks ahead of Trump's presidency

**Witold Rodkiewicz**



### Trump's Trade Policy Likely to Put Pressure on EU, Other U.S. Partners

**Piotr Dzierżanowski  
Damian Wnukowski**

### Romania, Bulgaria Gain Full Membership Rights in the Schengen Area

**Jakub Pieńkowski  
Jolanta Szymańska**

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**The Third Czech National  
Action Plan on Women, Peace  
and Security**

**Kateřina Kruliřov  
Mla O’Sullivan**

**Trade War 2.0? - Donald  
Trump’s Expected China  
Policy and China’s Potential  
Responses**

**Dniel Lvai  
Gergely Salt  
Zsolt Trembeczki**

**Why Greenland and Canada  
became the new geopolitical  
playing field**

**Ramachandra Byrappa**

## From our members: future events

### SAVE THE DATE

#### BUILDING BRIDGES: AFRICA’S GEOPOLITICAL POSITION IN A WORLD OF EXPANDING INFLUENCE

**11 February 2025 | Budapest, Hungary**



**Magyar Klgyi Intzet**  
Hungarian Institute of International Affairs

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The Hungarian Institute of International Affairs (HIIA) invites you to its upcoming roundtable discussion, "**Building Bridges: Africa’s Geopolitical Position in a World of Expanding Influence.**" This event will explore Africa’s evolving geopolitical role, strategic partnerships, and growing influence in a shifting global landscape. Featured speakers include **W. Gyude Moore**, Inaugural Visiting Fellow at Global Neighbours and former Minister of Public Works of Liberia, and **Tams Pter Baranyi**, Director for Strategy at HIIA. The discussion will be moderated by **Hanga Horvth-Sntha**, Senior Research Fellow at HIIA.

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[Slovak Foreign Policy Association \(SFPA\)](#)



[The Polish Institute of International Affairs \(PISM\)](#)



## What is the ‘Think Visegrad in Brussels’ project?

In the first half of 2016, the Think Visegrad platform members agreed on the idea proposed by the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, to create a common representation office in Brussels. The main motivation for it is the need to encourage debate on issues of common interest to the EU and the V4 and explain the positions of the V4 to a wide audience. We would like to project an image of constructive partners, to explain the dynamics of the debates within our regions and to highlight our active contributions to EU policy-making. With this view and with the aim to boost discussions specifically on the Czech Republic and the EU, EUROPEUM has opened its Brussels office in January 2016.

The project run in the second half of 2016 and consisted of many interesting and successful events. The second part of the project was approved in June 2017 and continued until the end of the year. Project has been continuously running since 2018.





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