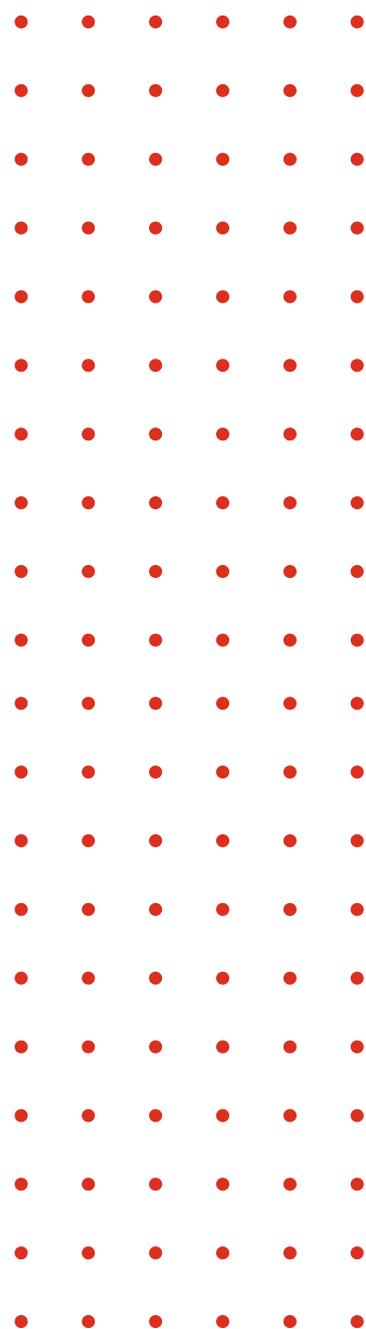


 Final Report

EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

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In July 2023, the Institute for European Policy EUROPEUM organized its 20th edition of the European Summer School in Prague. This year's jubilee edition programme focused on the complexities of climate change and the EU's approach and solutions towards this ever-growing issue, entailing climate change's political, economic, security, and social aspects.

This year the programme welcomed 21 students from all around the world. During the 8-day intensive summer school, our participants participated in six lectures, four excursions with additional lectures on-site, and three practical workshops. Moreover, our students had the opportunity to participate in various leisure, sport, and cultural free-time activities each day of the programme.

The academic programme commenced Monday morning with a lecture led by **Kateřina Kolouchova**, a climate analyst from the Facts on Climate initiative, which focused on the EU's past, present, and future energy and climate policies. An afternoon lecture followed up this class on climate justice and just transition and the theoretical and practical aspects of these concepts led by **Tomař Jungwirth Březovsky**, Head of the Climate Team at the Association for International Affairs in Prague. Lastly, our participants had the unique opportunity to visit the EU Agency for the Space Programme and discuss EUSPA's digital solutions aimed at tracking climate change, such as the Copernicus programme, developed and managed by the Agency 'staff.

Tuesday morning started with a lecture on climate change and its relation to future migration patterns led by **Marketa Votoupalova**, expert and Assistant Professor at the University of Economics and Business in Prague. After this, our participants spent the afternoon with **Michal Hruby**, an economist at the International Sustainable and Finance Centre, and learned more about the EU energy market development and the effect of various energy resources on our climate.

Wednesday morning began with a private excursion at the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, continued by a sit-down lecture on the premises of the Office of the Government. This confidential discussion with several government officers focused on the Czech communication strategies on the EU towards the general public and an introduction to the EU affairs department of the Office of the Government, including insights into their daily work and current challenges. In the afternoon, our students transferred to the premises of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic for the second excursion of the day, followed by a private sit-down discussion with **MP Klára Kocmanová** about the Czech perspectives on climate change and the current challenges and possible solutions. Lastly, our participants completed a fast fashion workshop led by **Karolína Holubová**, fashion and photography professional.

Thursday morning was dedicated to the fourth excursion of the academic programme at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. Our participants had the opportunity to enter the historical parts of the building and take part in a lecture on climate change's presence in diplomacy organized and taught by **Bronislava Tomášová**, the Chair of the Ministry Climate Working Group. In the afternoon, our students engaged in a class on the resilience of cities and urban spaces in times of climate change, lectured by **Katarína Svitková**, Associate Research Fellow at EUROPEUM.

Friday, the last day of the academic programme, started with an intensive workshop tutored by **Lucie Martincová**, Senior Consultant at PwC. During this time, our students had the chance to learn more about the ESG framework and develop their own ESG strategies for organizations and public institutions. The programme continued in the afternoon with the honorary guest of the European Summer School, **Member of the European Parliament Mikuláš Peksa**, whose work and lecture addressed the European Parliament's current climate-related legislative initiatives and the EP's positions within the EU's effort to fight climate

change. Lastly, our participants had the chance to attend a dual workshop, where the first part focused on detangling the perspectives of the Czech general public towards euroscepticism, led by **Vít Havelka**, Senior Research Fellow at EUROPEUM. In contrast, the second part introduced the European perspective on the same issue, organized and lectured by **Jindřich Pietras** and **Irena Kubášková**, the staff of the European Parliament Liaison Office in the Czech Republic.

The European Summer School in Prague 2023 was organized under the auspices of the European Parliament Liaison Office in the Czech Republic, the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic, and in cooperation with the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University. By this, we are expressing our sincere gratitude to our general partners for supporting this project.

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