











#### **NEWSLETTER**

#### **February 2024/2**

#### New Café Evropa podcast: Two years since the invasion | Klára Votavová's analysis

Welcome to the second February newsletter!

Over the past 14 days in EUROPEUM Institute, our experts have been featured in multiple media outlets in relation to the approval of the EU Migration Pact. Read Viktor Daňek's commentary for MF Dnes on why the Czech Republic abstained from the vote or listen to Vít Havelka's interview with TV Nova on this topic. Another interview was given by Martin Vokálek for TV Nova on the visit of the head of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, to the Czech Republic.

Applications for the 17th EuropaSecura competition are now open. All students interested in current affairs and international events have the opportunity to apply until March 4, 2024. It is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge and experience something unforgettable.

Our researcher Klára Votavová set out to find out how is the Czech state administration able to draw from the EU's Just Transformation Fund. You can read her analysis on our website.

We recorded the tenth episode of the Café Evropa podcast. This time in Langhans - Cafe and Center of People in Need. Guests Ondřej Kundra, David Stulík and Lenka Víchová reflected on the current events in Ukraine, and talked about possible scenarios of future development and the decline of solidarity with Ukraine in Europe. Find out more further in the newsletter.

Sincerely, **EUROPEUM Institute team** 

## The EuropaSecura competition is now open!

For all those interested in current affairs and international events, and those who want to expand their knowledge and experience something unforgettable, the 17th edition of the EuropaSecura competition for high school students is now open.

Form a team of three people and take part in a unique multi-round competition. Test your knowledge, take on the role of security experts, and experience an unforgettable week-long workshop with the Czech Army and experts in international politics.

Registration form



#### **Publications**







#### ANALYSIS | Can the Czech government distribute the Just Transition Fund? Analysis of its capabilities on national level

How has the Czech administration responded to the establishment of a new EU fund that requires a rapid distribution? Does the Czech Republic have the capacity to use this fund in a meaningful way? How many officials are dedicated to the administration of the fund? And what are the lessons for the future? Find out in Klára Votavová's analysis.

Read analysis







### The EUROPEUM Institute joins the call to G7 and EU leaders

More than 280 European civil and expert organizations, including the EUROPEUM Institute, urge the EU and G7 to take stronger actions against the Kremlin's ability to finance Russian military operations in Ukraine through fossil fuel exports. More about this call can be found on our website.

Read more

#### Café Evropa podcast



# #10 - Two years since the invasion: What awaits Ukraine?

On Wednesday, February 21st, we recorded the tenth episode of our podcast - this time with audience. We offer an interview with expert on Ukraine Lenka Víchová, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Reflex magazine Ondřej Kundra, and Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership David Stulík.

You can listen to the recording at the beginning of next week.

Listen to podcast

#### In the media

- ČRo Plus | Czech Republic would discredit itself by withdrawing from the Green Deal (Viktor Daněk)
- ČRo | New sanctions package approved targetting entities beyond Russian territories (Viktor Daněk)
- Euractiv | Fund for coal regions is good PR for the Commission but could be costly (Klára Votavová)
- Právo | Von der Leyen wants to continue leading the EU (Viktor Daněk)
- ČRo Plus | Another sanctions package against Russia (Martin Vokálek)
- TN.cz | EU naval fleet in the Red Sea and Ursula von der Leyen's candidacy (Martin Vokálek)
- RTVS | Ursula von der Leyen wants to be the President of the European Commission again (Viktor Daněk)
- ČT24 | Von der Leyen will compete for another term (Klára Votavová)
- TN.cz | Head of the European Parliament in Prague. Fiala discussed security and farmer protests with EP President (Martin Vokálek)
- ČRo Plus | Pro-European Czech government and EU reform (Viktor Daněk)
- MF DNES | Czech Republic abstained from voting on the migration pact (Viktor Daněk)
- TN.cz | European Union approved the migration pact agreement. Czech Republic abstained from voting (Vít Havelka)



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