

# REPORT

## Path to Euro: Future of the Non-Eurozone Countries

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2018, 12:00 – 14:00  
Press Club Brussels Europe

- **A dozen of EU professionals met on Wednesday, December 5 to discuss and debate the future position of the EU Member States that chose to stay outside the Eurozone and are currently not taking active steps to adopt the euro, the possible political consequences of such choice, and the impact of incentive mechanisms within the new MFF.**
- **The event, titled "Path to Euro - Future of the Non-Eurozone Countries", was organized by the Think Visegrad platform, and was moderated by Vladimír Bartovic, Director of EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy. The discussion, which gathered together leading analysts working on the topic, representatives of European institutions and representatives of Member States outside the Eurozone, was held under the Chatham House rule.**

After **Vladimír Bartovic** (EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy) briefly introduced EUROPEUM's activities and its Brussels office, the conversation started with several kickoff remarks from **Fabian Zuleeg** (Chief Economist at European Policy Centre, Belgium) and **Konrad Poplawski** (Senior researcher at Centre for Eastern Studies OSW, Poland).

The discussion aimed to answer the following questions:

- 1) How is the balance of power between the Eurozone and non-Eurozone countries and how it will change after Brexit?
- 2) Are there new conditions for the introduction of euro? What are these "new conditions"? Are there

any other obstacles why the non-Eurozone countries would not be able to introduce euro?

- 3) What are the current intentions of the non-Eurozone countries towards the introduction of euro? What factors are influencing their intentions?
- 4) Is it still economically advantageous to enter the Eurozone? Given the changes to the Eurozone architecture, do the non-Eurozone countries still have the obligation to introduce euro?
- 5) Should the EU institutions motivate/push non-Eurozone countries to join? If yes, how? How do you see the role of convergence facility proposed by the European Commission?



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