

## NEWSLETTER

September 2024/1

### Café Evropa Podcast - Are we at war with plastics? | Invitation to regional debates

Welcome to the first September newsletter!

August tends to be a quieter time in the European Union, but our researchers were still visible in the media. **Nominations for new European Commissioners** are currently resonating through the Union, which was commented by Deputy Directors Viktor Daněk and Žiga Faktor. Senior Researcher Kateřina Davidová commented on the topic of **emission allowances**. Further comments and links can be found at the end of the newsletter.

A new episode of the **Café Evropa podcast** was released this week! This time, **Jolana Humpálová** invited **Petr Novotný**, a consultant at Institute of Circular Economy. Should we go to war with plastics or learn to use them better? Find out more in the newsletter.

This weekend we prepared two **Café Evropa regional debates in Klášterec nad Ohří and in Litomyšl**. Both feature interesting guests who will discuss European topics from the perspective of the regions. If you are from these cities, we look forward to see you there!

We wish you a pleasant end of summer,

The EUROPEUM Institute Team

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**Café Evropa podcast**



## Podcast on plastics with Petr Novotný

In the latest episode of the Café Evropa podcast, host **Jolana Humpálová** and her guest **Petr Novotný** from Institute of Circular Economy discussed not only whether Czechs sort plastic wrappings properly, but also the **new return system**. It should be in place in the Czech Republic within two years. The government hopes to **motivate people to return plastic bottles and especially cans**. Only 20% of the latter of the total number in circulation can be recovered each year.



Will the system be ready in such a short time? What country is a good example for showing us that it will work? **And what does the future hold for Europe with plastics?**

**Find the full episode on Spotify and YouTube!**

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## Upcoming Café Evropa regional debates

**Café Evropa**  
Debaty 20 let v EU:  
Co členství dalo a vzalo  
Litomyšl?  
Neděle 8. září 2024, 15:30  
Coworking Kočárovna  
HOSTÉ  
Daniel Brýdl, starosta města Litomyšl  
Markéta Boubínová, Redaktorka Deníku N  
MODERÁTOR  
Igor Blahušiak, EU analytik

### Litomyšl & Klášterec nad Ohří

On Saturday, August 7, and Sunday, August 8, we are organizing **regional debates in Klášterec nad Ohří and Litomyšl**. In Klášterec nad Ohří, we will welcome **Štefan Drozd**, the town's Mayor, and **Milena Hrdinková**, Head of Communication at the European Space Agency. In Litomyšl, our guests will be **Daniel Brýdl**, Mayor of the town, and **Markéta Boubínová**, a journalist from Deník N.

**Café Evropa**  
DEBATA NA DNECH  
EVROPSKÉHO DĚDICTVÍ  
20 let v EU: Co členství dalo  
a vzalo Klášterec nad Ohří?  
Sobota 7. září 2024, 17:00  
Kulturní centrum,  
Malý sál Viola,  
Klášterec nad Ohří  
HOSTÉ  
Štefan Drozd, starosta Klášterce nad Ohří  
Milena Hrdinková, vedoucí komunikace  
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The Café Evropa debates **focus on the European Union from a regional perspective** – what EU membership has brought to and taken from these towns.

**Join us for the discussion; we look forward to see you!**

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## In the media

- ČRo Plus | Sestavení nové Evropské komise ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- iDnes.cz | Emission allowances for households ([Kateřina Davidová](#))
- e15 | Síkela has a chance at a key position in the new European Commission, von der Leyen faces tough negotiations ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- STVR | Last day to announce EU Commissioner candidates ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- ČT24 | Von der Leyen knows almost all the candidates for EU Commissioners ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- Hospodářské noviny | The Czech Republic can raise billions to fight transport poverty, but the government is hesitant on key legislation ([Rebeka Hengalová](#))
- ČT24 | Síkela to be EU Commissioner for Energy, says Die Welt ([Viktor Daněk](#))



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