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REPORT

The post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework from the V4's point of view series: Financing the post-2020 MFF Challenges and Opportunities

Thursday 15th of March 2018, 08:30 – 10:30

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- **The Business Breakfast titles 'Financing the post-2020 MFF – challenges and opportunities', was the second event under the Conference Series 'The post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework from the V4's point of view'. The event took place on Thursday 15th of March, 2018 at the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU.**
- **The conference aimed at bringing forward opinions and ideas from different actors, while contributing to the clear vision of the MFF on how to make Europe a better, stronger, more competitive, more secure and more resilient place for its citizens.**

The event was organized by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy and the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU, with the Antall József Knowledge Centre and under the Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group. The event was a second of a four-event debate on the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). The conference series are jointly organised with the following partners: Antall József Knowledge Centre (Hungary), Window Polska (Poland), EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy (Czech Republic), 'From Tatras to Schuman' (Slovakia), and the four Permanent Representations to the European Union.

Experts that joined the discussion panel include: *Lenka Filípková*, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Budget, European Commission; *Michal Částecký*, Head of the EU Budget Unit, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic; *Werner Vlasselaer*, Head of Cabinet of Jan Gregor, European Court of Auditors; *Oliver Dreute*, Advisor on the MFF, European

Political Strategy Centre (EPSC); *Jorge Núñez Ferrer*, Senior Research Fellow, CEPS.

Andrzej Sadecki, Research Fellow from the Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW) moderated the debate, which included welcoming remarks by *HE Martin Povejšil*, Czech Ambassador to the EU and closing remarks by *Mr. Balázs Molnár*, Deputy State Secretary Responsible for EU Affairs, Hungary. The event followed the Chatham House rule.

The debate covered a range of topics surrounding the next MFF negotiations such as the volume of the budget, the possibility of adding new resources to the budget, handling the correction mechanisms and possible structural policies with special regards to the V4 countries. Furthermore, the panellists sought to answer questions regarding the lost revenue and the financial gap caused by Brexit, as well as ways to ensure added value of the new budget in order to avoid a new Brexit scenario.