

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, The Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG), the European Fund for the Balkans (EFB) invite you to the public event titled:

Implications of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine for the Western Balkans: Challenges and Options for the Czech Presidency

18:30–20:00, Wednesday 11 May 2022

Impact Hub K10, Koperníkova 10, Praha 2 - Vinohrady, 120 00

Speakers:

- **Florian Bieber**, BiEPAG coordinator, Director of the Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz
- **Donika Emini**, BiEPAG member, Executive Director, CiviKos Platform
- **Aleš Chmelař**, Deputy Minister for European Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (TBC)

Chair: **Jana Juzová**, Research Fellow, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

The attention of Europe is now focused on the East in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. While the leaders of the European Union are discussing the implications for European security, energy, and the future of Eastern Europe, the current crisis has a serious impact also on the Western Balkan countries and their prospects. The Czech Republic's Presidency of the Council of the EU, starting in July 2022, will have to react to this changed reality.

What consequences does the war in Ukraine have on the Western Balkans? How does it affect their European perspective? And how can the Czech Republic balance reacting to the current crisis with its long-term commitment to the Western Balkan's European integration?



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