

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy in cooperation with the French Institute in Prague cordially invite you to the debate:

Sovereignty and the European Union: what challenges going forward?

Preceded by the Prague launch of the *Global Go To Think Tank Index 2017*

16:00 – 17:45 on **January 30, 2018**

European House, Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

Speakers:

Yves Bertoncini, President of the European Movement, France,

Ivan Galal, ex-Member of Czech Parliament,

Nicolas Bouchet, Non-Resident Fellow, Berlin Office of the German Marshall Fund of the US

The debate will be moderated by:

Christian Kvorning Lassen, Research Fellow. EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

Please register at bit.ly/SovereigntyEU or contact us via europeum@europeum.org.

*The debate will be held in English. It will be preceded by an **exclusive presentation** (delivered by Martin Michelot, Deputy Director, EUROPEUM) of the results of the Think Tank Global Index 2017, the annual definitive ranking of think tanks by the University of Pennsylvania. EUROPEUM is the official Czech launch partner of the Index.*

The notion of sovereignty has been at the heart of the debates about the European Union in 2017, and especially at the heart of tensions between some Visegrad Four states and Brussels. The decision to trigger Article 7 against Poland, in late December 2017, represents another rung on the ladder of heated discussions about the balance between sovereignty and obligations of EU membership, and seems to have triggered even further divisions between the East and West. How will these tensions influence the future of European integration? What does the notion of sovereignty mean in 2018, and can we foresee circumstances in which sovereignty and integration go hand-in-hand? How does history influence the perception that each state has of the meaning of its sovereignty?



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