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*Immigration policy in the V4: the next big challenge for the region?*

**Thursday, June 25, 10h–12h**

**Embassy of the Republic of Poland to the Czech Republic  
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*Speakers*

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*Opening remarks*

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Since the beginning of the year 2015, a renewed spotlight has been put on the immigration policy of the European Union. The public opinion and the political class have been marked by the wreckage in the Mediterranean of several ships transporting candidates for immigration to Europe, prompting calls for the European Union to take concrete measures in order to avoid further dramatic losses.

The past few months have been marked by a series of discussions in Brussels, and most especially an exceptional European Council summit at the end of April. Ambitious in scope, the summit's results were little to none, with the heads of state and government providing very little support to the proposals made by Commission President Jean-Paul Juncker to secure resettlement to Europe for 10 000 asylum seekers, under a system in which every EU member state would welcome a certain number – a system known as “quota”, which has kickstarted discussions about immigration in Europe and throughout the V4 countries.

The V4 countries have kept a united front on these issues, and have come out strongly against the idea of quotas; however, as the emergency mounts at Europe's borders, what changes can we expect in Central Europe, and how will domestic policies evolve in the face of what seems to be of the EU's greatest human challenges?

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