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Newsletter: ⏰ Internship applications | Another episode of the Café Evropa podcast

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024!

In the second half of December EUROPEUM continued to produce **new articles**. We published several blogs focusing on a variety of topics. For example, you may read about the European Parenting Certificate, EU legislation on gender quotas in companies or the decarbonisation process in the Czech Republic. Our experts also continued to comment on public events **in the media**. They expressed their views on the political changes in Poland, the start of the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council or the possible future enlargement of the Union.

Two more debates from the **EU± series** took place. The first, with the title "How to reform the EU institutions?" and the second called "China's territorial ambitions in the South China Sea - how are neighbouring states and world powers reacting?". In the new year, the **EU-Pacific Talks** debate series also continued. In an online discussion entitled "Global Race in Emerging Technologies: Lessons for EU-Pacific Cooperation", experts focused on the development of new technologies.

We are once again **looking for interns** to join our organisational and communication team. Applications together with cover letters can be sent to jobs@europeum.org until 31 January 2024 and interviews with selected candidates will take place on 7 and 8 February. It will be a in-person internship and a workload of 1-2 days per week. For more information, please see below. 👇

Furthemore, the next episode of the **Café Evropa podcast** with Václav Moravec and Patrik Kořenář was released. In the episode entitled "Alternative Facts or Lies? How to approach disinformation?" they discuss the spread of false and misleading information in the media. You can listen to this episode on all podcast apps.

Thank you for your support over the past year.

Sincerely, EUROPEUM

Internships - February 2024

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy invites applications for trainee positions in the Organisational and Communication team starting in February 2024. More information in Czech here.

Publications

BLOG | The EU is running out of time to protect European workers from a turbo Svarc system
The final phase of negotiations between the European Parliament and the Member States on the Labour Directive is approaching. Time is running out to protect EU workers from Turbo Shvarc. Read the full article by Silke Maes.

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BLOG | Slovakia's Foreign Policy after the 2023 parliamentary elections
On 30 September, Slovakia held its long-awaited parliamentary elections, resulting in a resounding victory for Robert Fico, the leader of the opposition Smer-SD party, whose populist, aggressive and anti-Western rhetoric has further alarmed EU leaders. Simona Štibraná writes.

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Blog | Prague passable - or clogged? The dilemma of sustainable transport in the city
Prague faces increasing dependence on intensive car traffic, leading to growing problems with traffic, parking and deteriorating quality of public space. Read more in the text by Katarína Svitková.
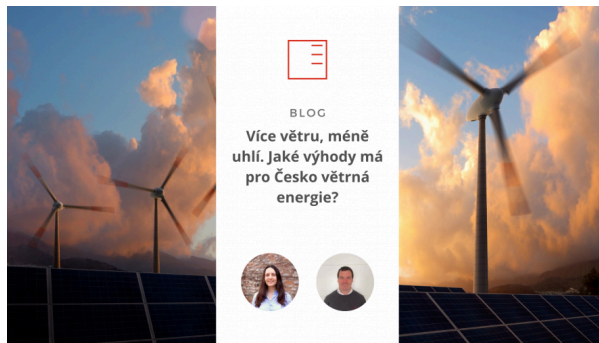
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Policy Paper | European Union Values and Member States: Crises, Solidarity, and the Role of the Rotating Council Presidency
To combat the problems facing the European Union, including accusations of a democratic deficit, it is necessary to understand the importance of accepting, respecting and applying fundamental European values in the Member States. Writes Dario Cepo in his policy paper.

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BLOG | The pressure for decarbonisation in the Czech Republic is growing. How profitable is wind energy for Czechia?
Coal has been an important part of the Czech economy for decades. As a fossil fuel, however, it is a significant producer of greenhouse gases, especially CO2. Jonathan Lyons and Kateřina Davidová write in their blog about the benefits of decarbonisation and switching to wind energy.

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BLOG | European Certificate of Parenthood - will children have the same rights?
Up to two million children may currently have difficulties in having their parentage recognised within the EU. This is due to different laws in different Member States. The European Commission's proposal aims to harmonise these different approaches to create a more child-friendly situation. Read more in Veronika Vráblíková's blog.

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BLOG | Gender quotas in business: the European Union and its strategy for equality

Inequality between men and women continues to exist in today's world, especially in the highest public offices. One way of tackling this problem is gender quotas, which the European Union has now taken up in the business context. Read more in the blog by Natálie Hendlingerová.

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Podcast

Alternative facts or lies? How to approach misinformation?

In the latest edition of **Café Evropa**, we focus on misinformation and literacy in the context of its dissemination in the media. **Václav Moravec** and **Patrik Kořenář** discuss this topic. According to Václav Moravec, has lying become the norm in contemporary society? Is nonsense on the same level as scientific knowledge? Listen to the new episode of Café Evropa here.

In the media

- ČRo Plus | What will change when Donald Tusk becomes Prime Minister? (Viktor Daněk)
- Libération | Serbia is not making enough effort as a candidate country for EU accession (Jana Juzová, Oszkár Roginer)
- ČTK | EU Summit to deal with aid to Ukraine, Hungarian PM blocks topic (Jana Juzová)
- TV Nova | This year's most important EU summit begins in Brussels (Žiga Faktor)
- ČT24 | Ukraine as the main topic of the European Council summit (Jana Juzová)
- E15 | Brussels summit will show if Orbán is Putin's Trojan horse in the EU (Jana Juzová)
- Lidové noviny | The shortcut does not lead to the Union. And Orbán's attitude? He has taken Ukraine and other EU countries hostage, says expert (Viktor Daněk)
- CNN Prima News | Orbán has been softened by the unblocking of EU subsidies. He did not veto the accession talks with the new countries (Viktor Daněk)
- RTVS | EU leaders' summit decides to open accession negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova (Martin Vokálek)
- ČT24 | Second day of the European Council summit (Vít Havelka)
- ČT24 | Is Ukraine succeeding in fulfilling the homework set by the EU? (Viktor Daněk)
- CNN Prima News | Hungary's position at the European Council (Martin Vokálek)
- Právo | Merchant Orbán cashed in on Brussels (Viktor Daněk)
- EURACTIV | The summit is not the end of the road to the EU. What now awaits countries aspiring to membership? (Jana Juzová)
- TV Nova | What to expect from the new Polish government? (Viktor Daněk)
- ČRo Plus | Measures to mitigate the energy crisis will continue (Kateřina Davidová)
- ČRo Plus | What will the new EU migration rules commit the Czech Republic to? (Viktor Daněk)
- RTVS | The heads of Polish public media have been dismissed (Viktor Daněk)
- Deník N | Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia to the EU? (Jana Juzová)
- Lidové noviny | How to expand the EU without major upheaval (Jana Juzová)
- Euractiv | More wind, less coal. What are the benefits of wind energy for the Czech Republic? (Jonathan Lyons, Kateřina Davidová)
- Právo | Tackling migration outside Europe? Unrealistic (Viktor Daněk)
- ČT24 | Protests against alleged election fraud in Serbia (Žiga Faktor)
- Pravo | The admired and hated father of the euro has died (Viktor Daněk)
- ČT24 | The upcoming European Parliament elections (Žiga Faktor)
- ČRo Plus | Belgian Presidency (Viktor Daněk)
- ČRo Plus | President of the European Council Charles Michel to run for the EP (Viktor Daněk)
- ČT24 | The fight over who will be the face of the European Union (Viktor Daněk)
- Deník N | EU leader's move may hand power to Orbán. What will happen if a successor is not elected in time? (Viktor Daněk)
- Balkan Insight | Czechia: Close of 2023 a grim warning of difficult times ahead (Klára Votavová)