

NEWSLETTER

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Key findings: how Czech society looks on decarbonisation of the economy | Podcast Café Evropa with Daniel Braun

Welcome to another January newsletter!

In the second half of January, our experts commented on **the halt of Russian gas supplies to Europe**. They also reflected on **Donald Trump's inauguration**, his first steps in office and expectations regarding his impact on EU and global politics and economy. They also commented on the European Aviation Environment Report 2025 and **the start of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union**.

We would like to invite you to the events associated with **the presentation of the main findings of the EUROPEUM Institute's JustGreen research project**, carried out in the V4 countries. The research focused on the public perception of change and how to better engage citizens in the **debate on decarbonisation of the economy**. **A roundtable for journalists** will take place, in addition, we are organising **an online webinar** to **discuss citizens' experiences** with energy-efficient home renovations and how state subsidies could help them.

We bring you **a new episode of the Café Evropa podcast**. This time **Daniel Braun, former Chief of Staff of the former Vice-President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency Věra Jourová**, speaks about how the European Union is trying to balance the relationship between innovation and user protection in **an era of Big Tech dominance**.

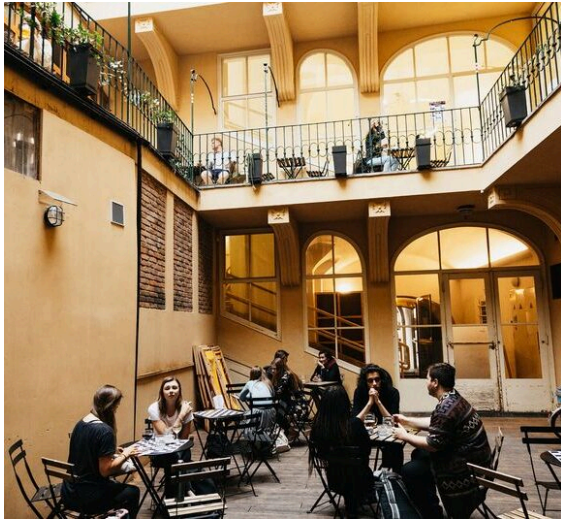
Introducing **a new addition to our team** – Head of **Just Europe** Programme, **Carlos Gómez del Tronco**. His research interests include **international migration to/in the EU** and its politicisation, populism, the social psychology of intergroup relations and discourse studies. Find out more in the newsletter.

We have also published a blog by Brussels office intern, **Kristína Gerová**. She analyses the **root causes of the low representation of women in the Slovak and Czech diplomatic environment** despite repeated national and EU-level initiatives.

Have a joyful last week of January,

EUROPEUM Institute team

JustGreen: roundtable for journalists



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EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy in cooperation with the Institute for Empirical Research STEM invites you to a **media briefing** to present the **results of a unique research on the attitudes of the Czech public towards decarbonisation of housing**. The event will take place on **29 January**, from 10:00 to 12:00, at **the Scout Institute** on Old Town Square.

Less than half of Czechs are interested in the topic of climate change and consider it a serious problem. However, some of the proposed systemic solutions are often **reluctantly accepted by the public**. Research conducted by the **JustGreen project** in the V4 countries looked at how people perceive change and how to involve the public more in the debate on decarbonising the economy.

JustGreen: online webinar

Do you want to know more about what Czechs think and do in terms of energy-efficient renovation of their homes?

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy invites you to join the **discussion in an online webinar**, where we will talk together about **citizens' experiences** with energy efficient home renovations, but also about how they can be motivated, what are **the main obstacles or how the state can support their efforts** through subsidy programmes, especially through the **"Nová zelená úsporám" programme**.

In the debate we will present the **main findings** from our interviews with citizens and from focus groups organised by the EUROPEUM Institute's **JustGreen** project in the Czech Republic.

The webinar will take place on **February 5, 2025 from 5pm to 6pm, in Czech language**.

**NOVÁ OKNA?
ANO, S DOTACÍ!**

 **5. února 2025, 17:00 - 18:00**

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Jak podpořit úsporné renovace?

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Café Evropa podcast



The future of Tech Giants in the EU

The influence of social media and online platforms is on the rise. They are increasingly affecting our professional and personal lives and shaping the public space. That is why the European Union has created **rules for the digital giants** that are successfully consolidating their power in the online world.

Listen to the **new episode** of Café Evropa. **Daniel Braun, former Head of Cabinet of former European Commission Vice-President for Values and Transparency Věra Jourová,** is explaining how the EU is trying to balance the relationship between innovation and user protection in the era of Big Tech dominance.

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Carlos Gómez del Tronco, head of **Just Europe** Programme, holds a PhD in political sociology from the **University College London** School of Slavonic and East European Studies (UCL SSEES), and an MA in International Relations and European Studies from **Metropolitan University Prague**. During his time at UCL SSEES, he was **a teaching assistant** on political sociology and a **predoctoral research fellow** on a project on the rise of illiberalism and populism in Central and Eastern Europe. He has also worked for **NGOs** as a research assistant on migrants' rights, as a project management assistant and as **a pro-bono evaluation consultant**.

Newest publications

Blog | **Is Czech and Slovak Diplomacy Keeping Women Out?**



This blog addresses the **current challenges** that have their origin in the social and political climate and are **the root cause of the low representation of women in the Slovak and Czech diplomatic environment**, despite repeated initiatives, European political agendas and other efforts, which have **failed to improve** this disbalance. Writes **Kristína Gerová**, an intern at the Brussels Office. Read more **here**.

In the media

- ČRo Plus | Ukraine is determined to stop transit of Russian gas ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Ekonomický deník | Location of charging stations and availability of alternative fuels. EU tunes data on infrastructure ([Hugo Blewett-Mundy](#))
- Balkan Insight | Czechia in 2025: To Heed or Not to Heed the Siren Call from the East ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- ČRo Plus | Could the European Union pass a complete ban on Russian gas supplies, including LNG? ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- ČRo Plus | Europe wants to make more use of precious metals from old batteries and worn clothes ([Filip Křenek](#))
- iROZHLAS | Trump changes inauguration rules. He invited Chinese president, populists and politicians of the far right ([Filip Křenek](#))
- STVR | EU can be the key in maintaining ceasefire between Israel and Hamas ([Danielle Piatkiewicz](#))
- Ekonomický deník | European Aviation Environment Report 2025 is too optimistic ([Filip Křenek](#))
- ČT24 | What can Donald Trump's presidency mean for Europe? ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- ČTK | You can't fully prepare for Trump, but there is a difference between rhetoric and actions ([Danielle Piatkiewicz](#))
- Sestry.eu | Polish Presidency of the European Union ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Horizont ČT24 | European countries are preparing for Donald Trump's presidency ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- ČRo Plus | Donald Trump's accession to office will affect the alliance between Germany and France ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- STVR | Poland's priority is EU security ([Martin Vokálek](#))



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