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The new Café Evropa podcast: Climate - from the Arctic Circle to the Amazon | Debates on membership in the European Union

Welcome to the second April newsletter!

We are happy to announce a new addition to the team. We are joined by Kristina Tůmová, our new communication manager. She has worked as a journalist for seven years in television newsrooms, primarily focusing on foreign topics such as the European Union and American politics. Kristina closely followed events like the European Parliament elections in Brussels in 2019 and the atmosphere preceding the presidential elections in several US states in the fall of 2020.

Over the past 14 days, experts from the EUROPEUM Institute have been commenting on a wide range of European topics in the media. For example, Kristína Chlebáková analysed the future of diplomatic relations between the Czech Republic and Slovakia after Peter Pellegrini had been elected president. You can also listen to Jonáš Syrovátka's interview on Russian interest in influencing the upcoming European elections. Viktor Daněk and Vít Havelka focused on migration in their analyses, while Klára Votavová and Rebeka Hengalová commented on the current situation with the Green Deal.

We also released the thirteenth episode of our Café Evropa podcast titled "Climate - from the Arctic Circle to the Amazon," which focused on ecological aspects of research and climate change. In this episode, Viktor Daněk discusses climate change from the Arctic Circle to the Amazon with Petr Horký, a film maker, polar explorer, writer, and the first Czech to have been to both the North and South Poles, as well as the Pole of Cold - Oymyakon in Siberia. More information about the podcast can be found below in the newsletter.

The Think Visegrad platform, which brings together think tanks from Visegrad countries, including the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, offers eight scholarships for experts from non-Visegrad countries for the summer/autumn/winter 2024 period. The length of the scholarships ranges from 6 to 8 weeks (based on agreement with the hosting institute). More information can be found [here](#).

Best regards,

The EUROPEUM Institute team



On April 10th and 11th, 2024, a two-day conference titled "20 Years of Reuniting Europe's East and West" took place in Prague, organised by the EUROPEUM Institute in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs within the framework of the Think Visegrad platform and the project (Re)uniting the East and West: Reflections on the 2004 EU enlargement (REWU), supported by the International Visegrad Fund and the European Commission. The program also included the second edition of the EU Enlargement Forum. We discussed the impact of EU membership on countries that joined before 2004 and during the "Big Bang" enlargement in 2004, as well as prospects for further European cooperation and integration.



In April, we also co-organized a discussion at the University of Economics in Prague, where we addressed the topic of the European Union's readiness for further enlargement and the current challenges facing candidate countries. Former Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern shared his experiences from Ireland's fifty-year membership in the EU. Eva Horelová, Deputy Head of Office and Head of the Political Section of the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic, focused on current geopolitical contexts and their impact on future enlargement. You can watch the recording of the debate by clicking the button below.

[Watch the debate](#)

Café Evropa podcast



#13 - Climate: From the Polar Circle to the Amazon

In the new episode of our podcast, we focus on the ecological aspects of research and climate change. Watch or listen to the interview with Petr Horký, a director and polar explorer, who, along with Czech scientists, visited the Johann Gregor Mendel Station in Antarctica, where 72% of energy is used ecologically. Petr shares his experiences of polar life and talks about the impacts of climate change not only there but also in the Amazon or in wine cultivation at a monastery near Brixen. Listen to how we can influence the future of the planet through our daily decisions and the role European regulations play in protecting the planet.

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In the media

- iRozhlas.cz | Pfizergate: Transparency or Privacy Protection? ([Žiga Faktor](#))
 - TV Nova | Despite the Green Deal, the Czech Republic still faces issues with excessive emissions ([Rebeka Hengalová](#))
 - TN.cz | Two months until the European Parliament elections ([Vít Havelka](#))
 - MF DNES | Pellegrini's first foreign trip will take him to the Czech Republic ([Kristína Chlebáková](#))
 - TV Nova | Russian Interference in European Elections ([Jonáš Syrovátka](#))
 - Seznam Zprávy | Europe is buying more and more Russian liquefied natural gas ([Martin Vokálek a Vít Havelka](#))
 - ČT24 | The European Parliament approved new migration rules ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - TN.cz | Politicians can't talk about migration because they would lose points with voters just before the European elections ([Vít Havelka](#))
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- Hospodářské noviny | More than five million people will need to be retrained in the Czech Republic by 2030. Car industry will mainly face the problems ([Rebeka Hengalová](#))
- RILSA | The uncertain fate of the Green Deal for Europe ahead of the European Parliament elections ([Klára Votavová](#))
- Newsroom ČT24 | Myths about the EU: Crooked bananas and other bans ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- Radio Impuls | European Parliament's Inefficient Moving Between Two Locations ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- RTVS | Extraordinary Summit in Brussels ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- Novinky.cz | Migration Pact: Non-compliance could lead to fines ([Viktor Daněk](#))



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