

NEWSLETTER

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New Café Evropa Podcast | Open House Day at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Regional debate in Mělník

Welcome to the second June newsletter!

After the Prague European Summit, our researchers and analysts got back to work and commented in the media on the events after the **European elections, the negotiations of the individual parties elected to the European Parliament** and commented on its future priorities.

On June 15 we attended **the Open Day at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** in the gardens of the Czernin Palace. We presented our institute and our projects. And for the children we prepared a European-themed games.

This week we published the eighteenth episode of **the Café Evropa podcast**. This time, the host Jolana Humpálová talked to the guests about **volunteering**. In the episode you will learn more not only about volunteering with **Junák – Czech Scouts**, but also how to volunteer abroad, for example with the **European Solidarity Corps**. More information can be found in the newsletter.

We also continue with the **Café Evropa regional debates project**. The latest one took place in the Municipal Library in Mělník. The guests debated with the participants not only about the 20 years of EU membership, but also about **current European topics** such as the Migration Pact, the Green Deal or the use of European subsidies in Mělník.

Several research papers have also been published in the past 14 days. **Klára Votavová** dealt with **the conditions for successful use of the Fair Transformation Fund** at the regional level and the question of whether Czech interests were included in the discussions on the EU Strategic Agenda for 2024–2029. **Jana Juzová** wrote about **the enlargement of the European Union** to include other member states. You can find more information in the newsletter.

Best regards,

EUROPEUM Institute team

Café Evropa podcast



#18 - Volunteering - Helping Others and Yourself

In the latest episode of **the Café Evropa podcast**, host Jolana Humpálová and her guests talked about **volunteering**.

Student Petr Horník shared his experiences from his **ten-month stay in Sweden**, where he went to volunteer with the **European Solidarity Corps**. In the podcast, you will learn how to apply for the programme and what are the requirements. In the episode, guest Barbora Trojak, a spokeswoman for Junák, introduced how **volunteering works in the Czech Scouts** and talked about how volunteers helped on the phone line for the elderly during the pandemic and made special candles for Ukraine.

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EUROPEUM Institute Events

Open Day at Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Café Evropa Debate



On Saturday, June 15, we participated in the **Open Day at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, where **we presented our Institute and our projects**. We also prepared games for children with a European theme. The gardens of the Czernin Palace were filled with stands with representatives of the MFA, discussions on foreign issues, screenings, exhibitions, live music and quizzes.



On Wednesday, June 26, another of the **Café Evropa regional debates took place in the City of Mělník**. Guests and visitors evaluated not only the Czech Republic's 20 years in the EU, but also talked about the Migration Pact and the Green Deal, as well as how European subsidies have helped the development of the town.

The invitation to the Municipal Library was accepted by the **Mayor of Mělník, Tomáš Martinec, and Barbora Pištorová, editor of Euractiv.cz**. The debate, organised in cooperation with **the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic**, was moderated by Viktor Daněk, Deputy Director of EUROPEUM Institute.

New research papers



Conditions for Regional Preparedness to Draw on the Just Transition Fund

The aim of this analysis is to identify, based on interviews with officials and other relevant stakeholders at national and regional levels, **the conditions that regions need to efficiently and effectively utilize the Just Transition Fund**. Researcher **Klára Votavová** from EUROPEUM Institute has chosen the Moravian-Silesian and Karlovy Vary regions for comparison. Read more [here](#).



Enlargement on Hold: The Price Europe Pays

How can the process of EU enlargement regain lost momentum? **And what lessons can we learn from previous rounds of Union enlargement to new members?** These questions are answered by a group of authors along with senior researcher **Jana Juzová** from the EUROPEUM Institute in a new publication within the REWEU project. Read more [here](#).



Were Czech industrial policy interests reflected in EU 2024–2029 strategic agenda discussions?

How have Czech interests in industrial policy reflected in debates on the European Union's strategic agenda for the next five-year period? **Klára Votavová** from the EUROPEUM Institute **analyzes Czech industrial interests and presents two approaches:** a liberal approach advocating for free market and trade, and a progressive approach. Read more [here](#).

In the media

- Respekt | It's time to unite. Marine Le Pen is enticing the cooperation of the Italian Prime Minister ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- 168 hodin | Who is the surprise of the European election? ([Filip Křenek](#))
- RTVS | EU leaders discussed the new European Commission ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- ČRo Plus | EU leaders discuss key positions. The favorites are von der Leyen, Costa, and Kallas ([Filip Křenek](#))
- TV Nova | Personnel Changes in European Institutions ([Vít Havelka](#))
- Český rozhlas | Who will be the next Czech commissioner? ([Klára Votavová](#))
- The Parliament Magazine | From military support to EU membership: What the new European Parliament means for Ukraine ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- TV Nova | Distribution of factions in the European Parliament ([Martin Vokálek](#))

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- RTVS | What will be the balance of power at the top positions of the Union? ([Vladimír Bartovic](#))
 - Hospodářské noviny | The Green Deal may have been a topic of the European elections, but there is nothing to be done about it anymore ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - ČRo Plus | Withdrawal of ANO from the Renew Europe party in the European Parliament ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - ČT24 | Negotiations on the new leadership of the European Union ([Vladimír Bartovic](#))
 - ČT24 | Negotiations on the top EU positions ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - TN Live | EU has approved further sanctions. They target the Russian industry and energy sector ([Martin Vokálek](#))
 - Aktuálně.cz | Fragmented Czech Regions Need Reform ([Klára Votavová](#))
 - TN.cz | Ukraine and Moldova begin EU membership talks ([Viktor Daněk](#))



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