

NEWSLETTER

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Podcast Café Evropa: DG MEME at Colours of Ostrava | Looking for new colleagues | New publications

Welcome to the second July newsletter!

Even in the second half of this month, our researchers did not rest and focused on topics that are shaping European politics. In the media, they commented on **the first plenary session of newly elected MEPs in Strasbourg, the re-election of Ursula von der Leyen as President of the European Commission**, but also **possible ways to address the heatwaves affecting the Czech Republic, drawing inspiration from European cities**. All of the links to the media comments are at the end of the newsletter.

We recorded another episode of the Café Evropa podcast, this time directly from the Colours of Ostrava festival. We discussed with **Fabio Mauri**, the founder of the satirical profile **DG MEME**. Mauri shared his views on the funniest Czech and European politicians and explained why he considers Czech President Petr Pavel a goldmine for creating jokes. This episode will be released soon!

We are searching for new colleagues! For the position of **Senior Researcher** or **Leader of a Research Programme**. Details about the position can be found further down in the newsletter.

Our website features new publications by our researchers. **Hugo Blewett-Mundy** wrote a policy paper titled **Managing imperial decline: a new EU policy towards Russia**, presenting options for the EU in this new geopolitical reality. Additionally, **Tereza Novotná**, an Associate Research Fellow at EUROPEUM Institute, published an extensive article in the international journal The Diplomat on the topic of **NATO's New Mission: Keep America in, Russia Down, and China Out**. More information can be found below in the newsletter.

With best regards and wishes for a wonderful summer,

The EUROPEUM Institute Team

Café Evropa podcast



Interview with the founder of DG MEME coming soon!

During the Colours of Ostrava festival, we recorded another episode of the **Café Evropa podcast**. Deputy Director of EUROPEUM Institute Viktor Daněk talked with guest **Fabio Mauri, the founder of the satirical Instagram and X page DG MEME**. They chatted about how the Brussels bubble perceives his profile, how he created and maintains it, and which politician is the best for making memes. Coming soon on Spotify and YouTube!

[CAFÉ EVROPA ON SPOTIFY](#)

Looking for new colleagues!

Senior Researcher / Leader of a Research Programme

We are currently looking for a **Senior Researcher/Leader of a Research Programme for one of our work streams** with a research focus on topics such as **EU's climate policy and decarbonization of industry, role of the EU as a global player, social dimension of EU regulatory framework, cohesion policy and/or MFF**. We offer a job in a leading Czech think tank with flexible working hours and competitive salary.



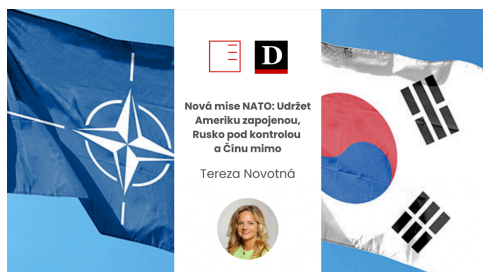
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New research papers



Managing imperial decline: a new EU policy towards Russia

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has shattered the post-Cold War international order built upon East-West interdependence and cooperation. The European Union must now adapt to the geopolitical reality of Russian neo-revisionism. Hugo Blewett-Mundy, an Associate Research Fellow at EUROPEUM Institute, identifies four areas where the EU's policy towards Russia could evolve to confront this emerging security situation in Europe. Read more [here](#).



NATO's New Mission: Keep America in, Russia Down, and China Out

In an article for the international magazine *The Diplomat*, Tereza Novotná, an Associate Research Fellow at EUROPEUM Institute, analyzes NATO's new direction, focusing on the Indo-Pacific region. The alliance aims to keep American engagement, curb Russian aggression, and limit China's influence, with strengthening cooperation with partners like South Korea being crucial for ensuring global stability. The article also includes recommendations for enhancing these relationships. Read more [here](#).

In the media

- ČT24 | The Czech candidate for European Commissioner is Jozef Síkela ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - e15 | European politicians boycott Hungarian presidency. Will Orbán continue to provoke? ([Oszkár Roginer-Hofmeister](#))
 - CNN Prima News | Who will be the next Czech EU Commissioner? ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - ČRo Plus | Slovakia and Hungary face oil supply issues and file a complaint against Ukraine with the European Commission ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - ČT24 | European Parliament Elected Committee Leadership, Including a Czech Chair ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - STVR | Boycott of the Hungarian Presidency in Council of the EU ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - ČRo Plus | Reactions of European leaders to Joe Biden's withdrawal ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - ČTK | EC President is assembling her team of commissioners, but so far has few candidates ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - Seznam Zprávy | By electing von der Leyen MEPs prioritized stability ([Viktor Daněk](#))
 - FORUM24 | The Impact of the Patriots of Europe Faction's Power ([Žiga Faktor](#))
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- Novinky.cz | The number of migrants arriving in Europe has significantly decreased, with many heading to the Canary Islands ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- TN.cz | Ursula von der Leyen to lead the European Commission again ([Zuzana Krulichová](#))
- Blesk.cz | Changing the Green Deal is almost impossible and its cancellation is not desirable ([Rebeka Hengalová](#))
- Seznam Zprávy | The victory of Ursula von der Leyen. How she became president of the Commission for the second time ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- ČT24 | Von der Leyen re-elected as president of the European Commission ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- Seznam Zprávy | Thursday's vote will decide the future of the European Commission and Meloni's political position ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Euractiv.cz | At the EPC Summit in the UK, the Czech Republic will sign a bilateral agreement with Ukraine ([Jana Juzová](#))
- STVR | Constituent meeting of the European Parliament ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Novinky.cz | MEPs of the Patriots for Europe faction face isolation ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- STVR | The first plenary session of the European Parliament in its new composition ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- ČT24 | Division into political groups in the European Parliament ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- STVR | The European Parliament will once again be led by Roberta Metsola ([Filip Křenek](#))
- ČRo | The European Commission boycotts the Hungarian presidency due to Orbán's unexpected visit to Russia ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- ČT24 | The first plenary session of the new European Parliament ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- TASR | Slovakia will have only one female MEP in the European People's Party ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- Czech Radio | New MEPs bring new debates. What challenges await the new European Parliament? ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- CNN Prima News | How political group work in the European Parliament? ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Deník.cz | Czech Republic can find inspiration in southern Europe in the fight heatwaves ([Katarína Svitková](#))
- ČTK | Czech cities are unprepared for heatwaves. They can find inspiration in Barcelona ([Katarína Svitková](#))
- Czech Radio | Babiš will be seen as a pro-Russian politician due to his faction in the European Parliament ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Seznam Zprávy | Babiš' political group in the European Parliament is dominantly pro-

Russian (Viktor Daněk)



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