

## NEWSLETTER

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### Café Evropa Podcast - Prague on the Road to Sustainable Transport | Invitation to the Annual Conference "The Future of the Czech Republic in the EU"

Welcome to the second September newsletter!

The main topic of the last fortnight has been the **distribution of portfolios to the EU Commissioners**. Czech minister of Trade and Industry **Jozef Síkela** was offered the **International Partnership and Global Gateway portfolio**. Martin Vokálek, Executive Director of EUROPEUM Institute and Viktor Daněk, Deputy Director, spoke on the topic. Researcher Zuzana Krulichová commented on the **Global Gateway strategy**. Further comments and links can be found at the end of the newsletter.

A new episode of **Café Evropa** podcast was released this week! Host Viktor Daněk and **guest Zuzana Poláková** addressed the issue of **sustainable transport in Prague**. What obstacles has the capital to overcome? Find out more in the newsletter.

We are preparing two conferences in October. On **7th of October**, we will focus on the past 20 years of the Czech Republic in the EU and the future of the country in the Union at the **FMV VŠE 2024 Annual Conference**. On Thursday **17th of October**, we invite you to the **Kampus Hybernská** for a discussion on the competitiveness of the Czech automotive industry.

We wish you a pleasant end of September,

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EUROPEUM Institute team

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**Café Evropa podcast**



## Podcast on sustainable transport with Zuzana Poláková

Did you know that for every 1,000 Prague inhabitants there are unbelievably 600 cars?

What obstacles does Prague have to overcome? Is **Prague transport changing for the better?** Is it more modern and sustainable?

Topics that Viktor Daněk talks about in the new episode of the Café Evropa podcast with Zuzana Poláková from **the Sustainable Urbanism Laboratory of AutoMat organisation**, who is also involved in the project Zažít město jinak.

[Find the full episode on Spotify and YouTube!](#)

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## Café Evropa regional debates



### Litomyšl & Klášterec nad Ohří

On Saturday **7th of August** a regional debate took place in **Klášterec nad Ohří**. The invitation was accepted by Mayor of the town **Štefan Drozd** and **Milena Hrdinková**, Head of Communications of the European Union Agency for Space Programme. They discussed with the participants the **use of European subsidies in Klášterec** and the town's cooperation of the town with border regions in Germany.



In Litomyšl on **8th of October** we met with **Daniel Brýdl**, Mayor of the town, and **Markéta Boubínová**, editor of Deník N. The debate focused on the **importance of study abroad** and the **consequences of the possible Czech Republic leaving the EU** compared to Brexit.

**We look forward to seeing you at the next debates!**

## Invitation to Conferences

**Annual Conference FMV VŠE 2024 – The next 20 years of the Czech Republic in the EU – a never-ending story of catching up with Europe?**

The main topic will be a reflection on the **Czech Republic's twenty years of EU membership** and the outlook for the next two decades.

Only the first panel at 14:15 called „**Big Bang” enlargement as a milestone of European integration: What did the EU learn?** is in English, rest of the conference is held in Czech.



### MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

**Circularity in the Czech automotive industry: opportunities and obstacles**

Is the **Czech automotive industry competitive?** On Tuesday, **17th October** from 1:00pm to 5:30pm we will be glad to welcome you in the **Circular Hub at the Kampus Hybernská**. How are decarbonisation and **sustainability in the automotive industry** affecting the main engine of the Czech economy? The **opening remarks are in English**, rest of the debate is in Czech.



### MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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## In the media

- Novinky.cz | Refugees to be dealt with by Síkela, but don't expect change in migration pact, says expert ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Ekonomický deník | Transport is geostrategic, says Transport Commissioner-designate Tzitzikostas ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Deník N | Europe is lagging behind the US and China, it would have to invest to prosper. What about the Czech budget ([Klára Votavová](#))
- Hospodářské noviny | Síkela is supposed to take care of the ambitious but criticized Global Gateway project for the union. What's in store for him? ([Zuzana Krulichová](#))
- Rádio Prostor | What influence will Jozef Síkela have on the position of European Commissioner? ([Filip Křenek](#))
- Česká justice | What will Síkela be responsible for in the Commission? ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- TN.cz | New Commissioner Síkela. Bigger budget, less influence ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Seznam Zprávy | Síkela's portfolio is a no-win for the Czech Republic, says analyst ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Aktuálně.cz | A surprising portfolio "swap". The French could have played a role, says expert on Síkela ([Filip Křenek](#))
- ČTK | The new Czech Commissioner will have as much weight as he builds up ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- STVR | Composition of the new European Commission ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Deník N | Assessment of the draft composition of the new European Commission ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Seznam Zprávy | Six winners of the Brussels unveiling. Who gained influence in the new Commission and why ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Novinky.cz | Síkela's portfolio at the European Commission ([Filip Křenek](#))
- Voxpot | Síkela goes out into the world. As European Commissioner, he will be responsible for hundreds of billions ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Český rozhlas | Jozef Síkela is to be EU Commissioner for International Partnerships. Opposition considers portfolio weak and invisible ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Hospodářské noviny | Síkela will help defy China in Brussels. How important a portfolio has he been given? ([Filip Křenek](#))
- ČT24 | Síkela to be EU Commissioner for International Partnerships, von der Leyen announces ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Seznam Zprávy | Surprise from Brussels. Síkela got a different portfolio, but with a huge budget ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Hospodářské noviny | What awaits Síkela if he gets a trade in the commission? ([Filip Křenek](#))
- Seznam Zprávy | The future of Sikely to be decided by von der Leyen ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Radio Slobodna Evropa | What are the chances of EU enlargement by 2030? ([Jana Juzová](#))



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