

EUROPEUM NEWSLETTER

All you wanted to know about Europe but were afraid to ask

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The first issue of our new magazine, **EuroLens**, is out! | How do Czechs travel? | Green building renovation | Public debate Café Evropa | 7 EU enlargement analyses

Are you interested in **Europe's security** and **transatlantic relations**? We would like to introduce our new journal **EuroLens**! This year's first issue focuses on Europe's current security challenges. You can also read about the European security situation and the development of the **war in Ukraine** with the new cabinet of **Donald Trump** in the media inputs by Martin Vokálek, Viktor Daněk, and Zuzana Krulichová.

We would also like to invite you to **webinars of the JustGreen project**! We have prepared two events for you: a webinar on **green building renovations** and another on **trends in travel** in the Czech Republic. You can look forward to presentations from **Luděk Niedermayer, Petr Holub, Rebeka Hengalová, Filip Křenek**, and others.

Another topic we focused on, this time in the REWEU project, is **EU enlargement**. What are the prospects of the current situation, and what can we learn from previous waves of EU enlargement? You can read **7 analyses** from the perspectives of different member states or media contributions from **Jana Faktor Juzová**.

We wish you a wonderful week!

Best regards,

The EUROPEUM Institute Team

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EUROLENS

EUROPE'S SECURITY AT STAKE



And it's out! The **Eurolens** Journal, which will now be published semi-annually, is our new specialist magazine full of **expert interviews, analyses, commentaries** and **articles**, this time on **security policy topics**. Inside, you will also find an overview of **planned security-focused events, conferences** and of course much more. We hope you will find it an interesting and stimulating source of information and help you in your work.

In the first issue you will find:

- Three exclusive interviews. Read the views of **Věra Jourová, Rem Korteweg** and **Ian Brzezinski** on current security challenges and solutions.
- **Policy papers** by EUROPEUM Institute researchers examining key aspects of EU security policy
- Schedule of important security **events** in 2025
- A reflection on our recent **Transatlantic Policy Forum** conference, summarising key findings from the dialogue

Read or download the whole journal [here](#).

Online webinar on green building renovation



26/2
11:00–12:00
Online webinář



PETR HOLUB



REBEKA
HENGALOVÁ

Renovace bez legrace: Jak
získat podporu na zlepšení
vášeho bydlení?



Do you want to know how to get grants to renovate your home? Join our webinar on **green building renovation** and discover how to **get support** while **contributing to sustainability** and reducing your carbon footprint!

The webinar will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m on [this link](#). You can look forward to the input from **Peter Holub**, Senior Director of the Climate Protection Section at the Ministry of the Environment, and **Rebecca Hengal**, Research Fellow at EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy.

Online webinar: How Do Czechs Really Travel?

A Deep Dive into Mobility Trends & Electromobility

What truly matters when choosing how we get around? How do Czechs prefer to travel, and what's stopping them from switching to electric cars?

Join us for a **live talk-show-style webinar** where we'll present fresh data on Czech mobility habits. The webinar will take place on **05.03. 2025, from 15:00 to 16:00**.

We'll explore:

- 🚗 The top factors influencing transport choices
- 🚗 Trends in car use, public transport, and walking
- 🚗 What Czechs really think about electromobility—and why many remain skeptical

Expect engaging discussions and expert insights provided by **MEP Luděk Niedermayer**, **Rebeka Hengalová**, Research Fellow at EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, and **Filip Křenek**, Project Coordinator and Analyst at the EUROPEUM Institute for European policy.

Reserve your spot now by clicking [this link](#). For up-to-date information and a project description, please visit the **JustGreen website**.

The link to the webinar will be added and sent before the event. We look forward to your participation!



Public debate Café Evropa



How does climate change affect our daily lives? And how can we collectively prepare for its impacts?

Find out the answers to these and other questions in our **debate** with climate policy expert **Rebecca Hengalová**, research fellow at EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, and former Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic **Martin Bursík**.

The debate will occur at the **Břežnice Municipal Library on Thursday, 20 March 2025**.

7 exclusive analyses reflecting the 2004 'Big Bang' EU enlargement

As part of the **REWEU project** we have just published **7 analyses** focusing on the reflection of the **biggest enlargement of the European Union** in 2004! How do the perspectives differ between "new" and "original" EU members? And what conclusions and recommendations can be drawn for the current situation based on the experience of the so-called "big bang EU enlargement"?

Publications by **Czech, Polish, Belgian, Finnish, Italian, Latvian** and **Greek** authors can be found on the [REWEU website](https://20years.eu/publications).



In the media

- ČRo Plus | AfD on the rise: Election shows divided Germany and unresolved problems (Tereza Novotná)
- Euractiv | EU enlargement to the East: support grows but conditions remain key (Jana Faktor Juzová)
- Hospodářské noviny | Tariffs that Trump can't even begin to imagine. The EU is stifling its market much more than the US president could manage, analysis shows (Viktor Daněk)
- ČRo Plus | Viktor Daněk: Who is the dictator here (Viktor Daněk)
- TN Live | The German elections will change Europe. They could mean the end of Schengen (Martin Vokálek)
- Právo | Macron's attempt is Europe's best shot (Viktor Daněk)
- Voxpot | Has Europe lost all its certainties? (Zuzana Krulichová)
- TN Live | France has called another summit on Ukraine. Czech Republic can make a major contribution, says expert (Martin Vokálek)
- TN.cz | Trump and Putin have shut down Europe. Putting troops back into the game could get us back in the game (Martin Vokálek)
- STVR | US ambassador in Poland negotiates on Ukraine (Viktor Daněk)
- CNN Prima News | Key summit in Paris: Where is Europe and why is the Czech Republic missing? (Viktor Daněk)
- ČRo Dvojka | How does Viktor Daněk See It: The second Munich? Trump broke all diplomatic taboos with his phone call to the Kremlin (Viktor Daněk)
- ČRo Plus | EU must remind Trump of its role in supporting Ukraine (Martin Vokálek)
- Deník N | Will you need an outlet for your fireplace? We explain what emerging European rules may really mean (Viktor Daněk)
- EUobserver | Germany needs another Helmut Kohl - instead it gets Friedrich Merz (Hugo Blewett-Mundy)
- ČRo | Trump imposes tariffs on all steel and aluminium imports to the US (Viktor Daněk)
- Televizní noviny | The return of plastic straws to shops and restaurants (Filip Křenek)
- STVR | Kosovo PM Kurti's party wins elections (Jana Faktor Juzová)
- STVR | Hungary's success in the negotiations of EU sanctions against Russia (Danielle Piatkiewicz)
- Hospodářské noviny | Czechia is not yet a battery powerhouse. It though has a potential in production and recycling (Filip Křenek)
- Deník N | USA or Europe? After the rise of Trump's oligarchy, we Czechs have to decide what the West means for us (Klára Votavová)
- Euractiv.cz | Europe is wandering. The Competitiveness Compass should help find a way out (Filip Křenek)



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