

## NEWSLETTER

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### New Café Evropa Podcast: Twenty Years Without Borders - What Has an Open Europe Given Us? | Conference Green Modernization of Czechia 2024

Welcome to the second May newsletter!

Over the past 14 days, experts from EUROPEUM Institute have spoken to the media on a wide range of topics concerning the EU. One of the most important is the upcoming European elections. For instance, Martin Vokálek spoke to TN.cz about **security being the most discussed topic in this year's election**. In his opinion, the new composition of the European Parliament will need to address war in Ukraine and conflict in the Middle East, as well as migration issues. You can also watch Žiga Faktor's commentary for ČT24, where he analyzed **why the influence of eurosceptics is growing** in the European elections. Viktor Daněk outlayed **future of Europe after the European Parliament elections** for CNN Prima News.

This week, **the fifteenth episode of our Café Evropa podcast** was released, titled "**Twenty Years Without Borders - What Has Open Europe Given Us?**". The podcast discusses the benefits of Czech membership of the European Union as well as challenges that came with it. We recorded live with **traveler and writer Ladislav Zibura, journalist Veronika Capáková, and actor David Prachař** at the recently opened Europa Experience on Národní Street in Prague.

On Monday, May 6, a debate was held in Jeseník on the topic "**20 Years in the EU - What Membership Has Given and Taken from Jeseník**". We also partnered the conference "**Green Modernization of Czechia 2024**" which was held on May 14 at the Prague Castle.

Additionally, our researcher **Henry Barrett** examined in his new work how Hungary's ruling party, Fidesz, gained control over major public media institutions, entrenched a system of patronage for private media companies, and circumvented EU media laws. **Nargiz Mustafazade** focused on the European Union's migration agreement with Tunisia, which fails to address human rights violations in Tunisia. **You can read more in the newsletter.**

Best regards,  
EUROPEUM Team

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## EUROPEUM and the Green Modernization of Czechia



On Tuesday, May 14, we participated in the conference "**Green Modernization of Czechia 2024**" where experts, politicians, and other guests discussed a fair green future for the Czech Republic.

The conference focused on explaining the concepts of green modernization and just transition through examples of best practices from the Czech Republic and other EU countries. The aim was to revitalize environmental topics in public debate with an emphasis on their social impacts, and to offer a vision of a sustainable future in energy, transport, agriculture, and business.

The conference featured numerous examples of best practices across sectors, including energy, agriculture, education, and media.

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## Café Evropa podcast



## #15 - Twenty Years Without Borders: What Has Open Europe Given Us?

How does the generation that spent most of their lives behind closed borders perceive open borders? And what about the generation born after the revolution?

In the latest episode of our podcast, our guests **Ladislav Zibura, Veronika Capáková, and David Prachař** delve into this topic.

They also discussed what it means to be part of the European community and whether this membership brings only benefits or if there are also downsides.



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On Monday, May 6, regional Café Evropa debate took place in Jeseník on the topic "**20 Years in the EU - What Membership Has Given and Taken from Jeseník**". The speakers included Viktor Daněk from the EUROPEUM Institute and the mayor of Jeseník, Zdeňka Blíšťanová.

## New research papers



**Henry Barrett** writes about the European Union's important new legislation ensuring media freedom and independence, which has arrived too late for some member states. One such state is Hungary, where the ruling party Fidesz has taken control of major public media institutions, entrenched a system of patronage for private media companies, and evaded EU media laws. Read more [here](#).



**Nargiz Mustafazade**, an intern at the Brussels office of EUROPEUM Institute, addresses the issue of the migration agreement between the European Union and Tunisia, which fails to address human rights violations in Tunisia. The country has become a major departure point for asylum seekers and refugees, especially those from sub-Saharan Africa. Facing a surge in arrivals on Lampedusa, the EU has strengthened its cooperation with Tunisia and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with President Kais Saied. Read more [here](#).

## In the media

- 168 hodin | EU yes, euro no ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- CNN Prima News | EU member states confirm agreement on final migration pact ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- TN.cz | The EU will have to deal with new technology problems. It must tame them and yet keep up ([Silke Maes](#))
- ČT24 | Is there growing interest among young people in European politics? ([Klára Votavová](#))
- ČRo | Czech Republic abstains in the final vote on the migration pact ([Viktor Daněk](#))  
CNN Prima News | Future of Europe after the European Parliament elections ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- ČT24 | The rise of the far-right in the EU elections ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- TN.cz | The elections to the European Parliament are approaching. The main topic is security ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Vinohradská 12 | What is the Green Deal about? ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Události | Why is Euroskepticism and the far-right rising in EU elections? ([Žiga Faktor](#))
- ČRo Plus | Spanish and Irish recognition of an independent Palestinian state ([Viktor Daněk](#))



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