

## NEWSLETTER

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### Podcast: will traditional media survive the 21st century? | Opinion on the National Convention - The Union and its defences

Welcome to the December newsletter!

In the second half of November, our experts commented extensively on the **events surrounding the approval of the European Commission**. They also dealt directly with the individual Commissioners - which of them will have the biggest influence on the future direction of the European Union.

**We also celebrated 35 years of democracy on Národní třída**. We recorded a public hosting of **Café Evropa podcast** about the **state of the media in the 21st century**. Guests **Johana Bázlerová**, author of the Instagram profile Jsem v obraze, **Jiří Kubík**, former editor-in-chief of Seznam Zprávy and **Andrea Procházková**, former deputy editor-in-chief of Respekt, debated what problems the media are facing in the current digital age and how the young generation is shaping the media market.

**With the Café Evropa series of regional debates** we visited **Starý Plzeňec, Žďár nad Sázavou and Česká Třebová**. Our guests and participants debated not only about the current challenges of the European Union, but also what 20 years of the Czech Republic in the EU means for their town.

We have also published several papers by our researchers. In collaboration with other authors, EUROPEUM Institute Project Manager **Oszkár Roginer-Hofmeister** wrote about how **Ukraine is presented in the V4 mainstream media**. Researchers **Zuzana Krulichová** and **Danielle Piatkiewicz**, together with Institute Associate Research Fellow **Tereza Novotná**, drafted the **Declaration to the National Convention on the Union and its defence**. You can read more in the newsletter below.

We wish you a peaceful holiday season,

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## Public Café Evropa podcast recording



**Will traditional media survive the 21st century?** On 17 November, we discussed this during a public recording of the **Café Evropa podcast** with our guests. The recording took place in the Experience Europe - Europa Experience building, right on Korzo Národní.

Our guests **Johana Bázlerová**, author of the Instagram profile Jsem v obraze, **Jiří Kubík**, former editor-in-chief of Seznam Zprávy, and **Andrea Procházková**, former deputy editor-in-chief of Respekt, debated the current state and future of media in the Czech Republic.

**The full podcast is available on Spotify or Youtube.**

[Listen on Spotify!](#)

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## Café Evropa regional debates



As part of the **Café Evropa series of regional debates**, we headed to **Starý Plzenec** on November 19, **Žďár nad Sázavou** on November 21 and **Česká Třebová** on November 30.

All debates focused on the **20 years of the Czech Republic in the EU**. In Starý Plzenec, Mayor of town **Jan Eret** and expert on European affairs **Jitka Savin** discussed the topic of the **use of European subsidies, partner cities and adoption of the euro**.



For the debate **in Žďár nad Sázavou** **Jitka Savin** was joined by **Martin Mrkos**, Mayor of the town. The discussion focused on **how EU benefits young people, how EU processes work and Green Deal**.

We finished the November series of debates in **Česká Třebová**. **Filip Křenek**, analyst at EUROPEUM Institute, **František Novotný** from the Department of European Policy Coordination of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic and **Kateřina Zichová**, editor of Euractiv.cz, talked to the participants about the **European elections, European regulation and economic development of the EU and the situation in Slovakia and Hungary**.

We are planning further discussions as part of the project – come to **Třinec on December 3**, or to **Strakonice on December 4**. Find more information on our website [here](#).

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## Newest publications

## Policy Report | **Discussing Ukraine in V4 mainstream media**



Since the **Russian invasion of Ukraine**, media coverage of the country has increased significantly. **Interpreting and commenting on events, putting them in the news and shaping the debate about Ukraine's future prospects in relation to European integration** has thus become an important part of the responsibility of most mainstream media. However, as the war drags on, **the V4 citizens' awareness of the conflict has diverged**. In the final report on the EUROPEUM Institute project, **Oszkár Roginer-Hofmeister** and others write. Read the full report [here](#).

## Statement on the National Convention | **The Union and its defence**



Over the past decade, **the European security environment has undergone significant changes**, from the Russian invasion of Ukraine and escalating tensions in the Middle East to China's growing geopolitical ambitions. **Europe is thus compelled to expand defence cooperation and strengthen its defence and security capabilities**. These developments are accelerating EU Member States' efforts to develop robust common security and **defence structures and policies to ensure the EU's stable position** in the global geopolitical order. Write EUROPEUM Institute researchers **Zuzana Krulichová and Danielle Piatkiewicz** and Associate Research Fellow **Tereza Novotná**. Read the full report [here](#).

## Report | **Euro-Atlantic Future of Ukraine and Eastern Europe: Views from Visegrad**



Report about online workshop series focused on **NATO's Open-Door policy and the potential for future eastern enlargement, offering a deep dive into the alliance's evolving dynamics**. Over eight engaging sessions, experts, students, and practitioners discussed Ukraine's prospects for NATO membership, challenges posed by democratic reforms, border disputes, and regional perspectives within the alliance. The workshops also explored **NATO's role in space and cyber operations, its response to geopolitical challenges**, and the impact of member states' internal dynamics on enlargement. Specifically focusing on the views from the V4. Read the report [here](#).

# Invitation to a debate on environmental issues

We invite you to a **debate on the premiere of the new educational programme on environmental issues Příhořivá**. The event is organised by the student education platform Based, within the framework of which the programme was created, and the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy. **We look forward to seeing you at Next Zone in Smíchov on 6 December at 16:00.** More information [here](#).



Registration is required for the event, capacity is limited. In case of interest please let us know using [this form](#).

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## In the media

- Hospodářské noviny | The new European Commission settles, where does it want to take the EU? ([Filip Křenek](#))
- Teraz.sk | Portfolio of Jozef Síkela has significant and untapped potential ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- ČT24 | Members of the European Parliament approve new European Commission ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Teraz.sk | Šefčovič will strongly influence the economic direction of the EU ([Filip Křenek](#))
- ČRo Dvojka | How Does Viktor Daněk See It? The New European Commission, EU-US Relations, and the Arrest Warrant for Netanyahu ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- Rádio Prostor | New majority in the European Parliament and approval of the European Commission ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- ČRo Radiožurnál | The European Parliament prepares to approve the new European Commission ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- ČT24 | MEPs approve all members of the new European Commission ([Viktor Daněk](#))
- iDnes.cz | Transportation poverty: billions won't go on petrol, but to public transport ([Rebeka Hengalová](#))
- CNN Prima News | MEPs have approved all candidates for the European Commission ([Martin Vokálek](#))
- Deník.cz | European Union soon with a new government or will there be no government? ([Viktor Daněk](#))



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