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## NEWSLETTER

# Think Visegrad in Brussels

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Welcome to the June edition of the newsletter of Think Visegrad in Brussels. This issue traditionally presents activities and publications of the Think Visegrad in Brussels projects, the individual members of the Think Visegrad platform and informs about the upcoming events.

We wish you a pleasant summer break and see you again in September!

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## Think Visegrad: past events

## The Western Balkans' EU Perspective: New Impetus through Normalization of Belgrade–Pristina Relations and Interregional Cooperation?

5 – 6 June 2023 | Brussels



As part of Think Visegrad activities here in Brussels, we organized an expert trip focused on the EU enlargement process in Western Balkans. Researchers **Tomas Strazay** (SFPA), **Tomasz Zornaczuk** (PISM), **Ferenc Nemeth** (HIIA), **Jana Juzova** (EUROPEUM), and **Ziga Faktor** (EUROPEUM) participated in a meeting with **MEPs** and **diplomats from the V4 countries** to discuss this timely topic.

On Wednesday **June 7** we held an expert discussion where the speakers talked about the **far-reaching consequences of EU granting the candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova**, in June last year, regarding enlargement policy debates inside the Union for existing candidates in the Western Balkans.

The discussion with **Jana Juzová** (EUROPEUM) **Marina Vulović** (SWP), and **Tomasz Zornaczuk** (PISM) was moderated by **Margit Wunsch Gaarmann** (SWP).

The event was organized in cooperation with the Brussels' office of **Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)**.

Think Visegrad platform organized an expert roundtable on **June 28th** on the topic of Just transition in the V4 countries and Central Europe as such.

The speakers explored the topics of **socio-economic challenges of decarbonization** and on the instruments intended to assist in resolving them, including the **Just Transition Mechanism and the Social Climate Fund**.

The discussion was driven by three speakers, **Jonathan Lyons** (EUROPEUM), **Martin Hojsík** (MEP, Renew/Slovakia), **Orsolya Ráczová** (GLOBSEC) and moderated by **Ziga Faktor** (EUROPEUM).

## Towards A Just Transition in Visegrad countries: mission (im)possible?

28 June 2023 | Brussels



## From our members: selected publications



**Ukrainian oligarchs and their businesses: their fading importance**

**Sławomir Matuszak**

**Unfulfilled ambitions: Russia's LNG sector in the grip of sanctions**

**Filip Rudnik**

**How Committed is Germany to a Zeitenwende in Defence?**

**GLOBSEC team**

**Ukraine's cyber defence: Insights on private sector contributions since the Russian invasion**

**Anushka Kaushik**

**EU and NATO Countries Strengthen the Protection of Critical Infrastructure**

**Filip Bryjka, Tomasz Zajęc**

**Examining Changes in Regional Cooperation in Central Europe from a Polish Perspective**

**Tomasz Żornaczuk**

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**The People's Republic of  
China -  
Political perceptions in  
Central Europe**

**Alica Kizekova (Chapter  
2.4)**

**International Disaster Risk  
Reduction  
and Response Law Made in  
the Arctic**

**Federica Cristani, Stefan  
Kirchner**

**Reinvigorating the EU  
enlargement policy:  
Phasing-in as a way to  
overcome the enlargement  
impasse**

**Jana Juzová, Žiga Faktor,  
Constanza Celoria**

**BLOG: What can Czechia  
learn from Poland's solar  
energy shift?**

**Kristína Král'ovska**

## From our members: future events

### SAVE THE DATE

#### CEEC XVII. – Central European Energy Conference 2023

**20 - 21 November 2023 | Bratislava**



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The purpose of the annual **Central European Energy Conference (CEEC)** organized by **SFPA** (Slovak Foreign Policy Association) is to discuss and assess topical issues relating to energy security and climate policy in Central Europe in the context of EU policy development and implementation. This **17th CEEC** will confront the **challenges facing the energy sector in the upcoming years**.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Prague European Summit 2023

15 – 16 November 2023 | Prague

**Prague European Summit** is a strategic platform set to **tackle pan-European questions in light of the common challenges**. Setting EU trends of the future through dialogue with the highest levels of the European public and private sphere. **Strengthening the role of the European Union** in the world, while building a sustainable and resilient society. It is organized by **EUROPEUM** and the **Institute for International Relations in Prague**.



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## What is the ‘Think Visegrad in Brussels’ project?

In the first half of 2016, the Think Visegrad platform members agreed on the idea proposed by the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, to create a common representation office in Brussels. The main motivation for it is the need to encourage debate on issues of common interest to the EU and the V4 and explain the positions of the V4 to a wide audience. We would like to project an image of constructive partners, to explain the dynamics of the debates within our regions and to highlight our active contributions to EU policy-making. With this view and with the aim to boost discussions specifically on the Czech Republic and the EU, EUROPEUM has opened its Brussels office in January 2016.

The pilot project run in the second half of 2016 and consisted of many interesting and successful events. The second part of the project was approved in June 2017 and continued until the end of the year. Project has been continuously running since 2018.



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