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Think Visegrad in Brussels

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Welcome to the May 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. Furthermore, you can find information about an open call for the Think Visegrad Fellowship this Autumn/Winter!

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Last days to apply for the Think Visegrad Visiting Fellowship!

Eight visiting fellowships are available for **Autumn or Winter of 2023**. Each of the core network think tanks (see list below) will host one **non-V4 expert fellow** with at least **five years' research experience**. Each selected candidate will have the opportunity to take part in the institute's activities **for a period of six to eight weeks (at least 4 weeks in-person)**. During this period, each fellow will be expected to **develop a policy paper** and **deliver one public presentation on a pre-agreed topic**. A lump sum of **€3,000** will be given to each selected visiting fellow to cover all necessary costs and expenditures related to his or her stay at the hosting institute (e.g. lodging and local transport). Think Visegrad will also cover the **cost of international travel** to the hosting institute for the visiting fellow up to the amount of **€500**.

Hosting institutes: Center for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID), Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), EUROPEUM – Institute for European Policy, Globsec Policy Institute (GPI), Hungarian Institute of International Affairs (HIIA), Institute of International Relations (IIR), The Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (RC SFPA)

Deadline:

Application dossiers consisting of the application form, **structured CV** (including the list of publications) and a **motivation letter** (maximum 300 words) are to be submitted to **thinktank@sfpa.sk** by **June 19, 2023**.

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Think Visegrad: past events



European conference 2023

On Tuesday, May 23, the European conference 2023 organized by SFPA took place at the premises of Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. The aim of this year's conference was to **address an effort to formulate the future vision for the EU in the context of war in Ukraine**.

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Think Visegrad: upcoming events

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

7th June 2023 | 10:00 to 11:30 | University Club, Rue d'Egmont, 1000 Bruxelles

Registration

The event will be opened by welcome speeches by **Žiga Faktor** (EUROPEUM) and **André Härtel** (SWP).

The experts will then discuss 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.

Our guests will be **Jana Juzová** (EUROPEUM) **Marina Vulović** (SWP), and **Tomasz Zornaczuk** (PISM). The debate will be chaired by Margit Wunsch Gaarmann (SWP).

From our members: selected publications



Ódor's technocratic government in Slovakia: the calm before the electoral storm

Krzysztof Dębiec

GLOBSEC Trends 2023: United we (still) stand

GLOBSEC team

France's Need to Be Different: Macron Policy Includes "Balancing Power"

Łukasz Maślanka

Between Brussels and Moscow. Georgia is moving closer to Russia

Wojciech Górecki

THE 'IT' FACTOR: Spotlight on the Danube Region's Path to Innovative Excellence

Olivia Blanchard, Lola Crespel

Using Frozen Russian Assets to Rebuild Ukraine: Possibilities for the EU

Elżbieta Kaca

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RELATIONS PRAGUE

The Moscow Mechanism
Report: the Forcible
Transfer and Deportation of
Ukrainian Children

Veronika Bílková,
Cecilie Hellestveit, Eľina
Šteinerte

Czechia: Saving the Climate
or the Czech Industry?

Petr Kratochvľl, Zdeněk
Sychra

From our members: past conferences

GLOBSEC 2023 Bratislava Forum



GLOBSEC's 2023 Bratislava Forum, the preeminent international strategic conference on the frontlines of a newly divided world, took place from **May 29 – 31**. The discussions were guided by **three overarching themes**: continuing support for Ukraine, resilience of Europe in the face of war, and mitigating the global consequences of the conflict in a global dialogue. The GLOBSEC's guests of honour have included **Ursula von der Leyen, Emmanuel Macron, Zuzana Čaputová, Věra Jourová** and countless other influential stakeholders.

The annual flagship conference of the **IIR**, co-organized with the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, took place on **May 15-16**. The **conference Multilateral Czechia reflected on Czech priorities in relation to European and global events**. As a keynote speaker, we had the pleasure to welcome **Nathalie Tocci** who addressed the issue of internal coherence of the EU amidst the Russian aggression against Ukraine. Further, our high-level panel formed by **Minna Ålander, Justyna Gotkowska, Mats Braun, and Jaroslav Kurfürst** and moderated by **Barbora Chaloupková** focused on a debate of whether the "East" will become the new center of gravity in Europe.

Multilateral Czechia by IIR Prague



PISM Strategic Ark 2023



PISM Strategic Ark 2023 took place between **May 18 - 19 in Warsaw**. The conference hosted number of distinguished guests such as **Adrzej Duda, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli, Anna Jarosz-Friis, Majda Ruge, Thomas Wright, Zbigniew Rau, Dmytro Kuleba** and many others. Among the main topics discussed was the global security architecture after Russia's unprovoked war in Ukraine.

From our members: future events

European Summer School in Prague 2023



Don't miss your chance to experience an unforgettable summer learning experience in the heart of Europe! The registrations will be **closing on the 11th of June**.

Our program promises a **unique and unparalleled learning experience that blends cultural immersion with academic excellence**. European Summer School in Prague is packed with fascinating **speakers, engaging workshops, exciting excursions, and plenty of free time activities**, ensuring that every one of you will have an unforgettable experience.

Registration

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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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