

## The future of EU: Czechia in the core or on the periphery of Europe?

**Date:** 19. 4. 2018

**Venue:** University of Economics, Prague

9:00

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### Opening

**Josef Taušer**, Dean, Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics, Prague

**Matthias Barner**, Director of KAS CR and Slovakia

**Jarolím Antal**, Director of the Centre for European Studies, University of Economics, Prague

9:15 – 10:45

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### The future of European Union from the perspective of its members

- What vision for the EU do the member states offer?
- What future for the EU is real and what is unrealistic?
- Do we need to look for a way how to pursue a deeper integration or is there more will to pursue less integration with more tangible results?
- What future has the EU in the context of the current developments and challenges (Brexit, populism, division West / East)?

**Jan Král**, Head of EU Policies Coordination Dept., Office of the Government of Czech Republic

**Olaf Wientzek**, EU Policies Coordinator, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

**Yann-Sven Rittelmeyer**, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, Brussels

Moderated by: **Silvie Lauder**, Respect weekly newsmagazine

**11:15 – 12:30**

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**Central Europe in the EU - more coordination or confrontation?**

- How do Central European countries perceive the regional cooperation within the EU?
- Does the V4 offer an alternative in addressing hot issues that the EU is facing?
- Is there a common vision for the EU in the region?

**Tomáš Strážay**, Slovak Foreign Policy Association

**Ágnes Vass**, International Relations Manager, EU-V4 Office, Antall József Knowledge Centre, Budapest

**Vít Dostál**, AMO

Moderated by: **Michala Hergetová**, Czech TV

**13:30 – 15:00**

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**Active Czech Republic in Europe: What can the Czech Republic offer the EU?**

- To what extent is the potential for active promotion of Czech interests at European level really being used?
- On what topics does the Czech Republic play a significant role and what are the success stories?
- What coalitions/partnerships does the Czech Republic use in promoting its interests?

**Aleš Chmelař**, State Secretary for European Affairs, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

**Karolína Kottová**, Head of Political Section, Representation of the European Commission in Czech Republic

**Marek Mora**, Member of Board, Czech National Bank

Moderated by: **Ondřej Houska**, Hospodářské noviny daily

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