

## Stakeholder Debate

# EU under new leadership: Priorities and challenges

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**When:** Monday, 23.9.2019 from 10.00 to 12.00

**Where:** Galerie kavárny Louvre, Národní 22, Praha 1

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In July, European Parliament confirmed Ursula von der Leyen as new Commission president. In her speech before the plenary, she unveiled plans for the EU between 2019 and 2024 that involved pledges to make the EU the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, introduce a “fair minimum wage”, launch a reform of migration and asylum rules, or create a European wide rule of law mechanism. What are the expectations from the new Commission? What are the prospects of translating its priorities into real policies?

The aim of the event is to promote the debate about the EU's policy directions under the new European Commission, the way they are likely to be shaped by other EU institutions, and about implications of new institutional setting on the Czech European policy.

### Themes to be discussed

- What will the policy of the new European Commission look like?
- What are policy priorities of Commissioners responsible for key portfolios?
- How active the new Commission is expected to be in proposing new legislation?
- How will EU policymaking be affected by the new composition of the European Parliament?
- What will be implications for the Czech Republic and what are its potential coalition partners?

### Programme

<b>09.30-10.00</b>	Registration
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	Opening remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Elmar Brok</b>, former Member of European Parliament (1980-2019) (EPP/CDU)</li><li>• <b>Milena Hrdinková</b>, state secretary for European affairs</li><li>• <b>Tomáš Zdechovský</b>, Member of European Parliament (EPP/KDU-ČSL)</li><li>• <b>Alexandr Vondra</b>, Member of European Parliament (ECR/ODS)</li></ul>
<b>10.30-12.00</b>	Moderated debate between panellists and participants
<b>12.00-13.00</b>	Light lunch, networking opportunity

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