

The future of Europe: What role for Visegrad cooperation?

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Online debates - Zoom meeting

Panel I. (10:00-11:30): EU in 2021: Potential for regional cooperation, or cacophony of interests?

The current model of EU functioning is facing challenges in multiple areas, which is also reflected in differing attitudes of the member states towards the common EU approach to tackling the covid pandemic. What lessons have the EU states learnt about their mutual cooperation and about cooperation of different EU regions during the covid crisis? What should the cooperation in the post-covid EU look like, what are the key areas where this cooperation should happen and what role could be played by the Visegrad cooperation? Reflections and opinions about the EU's future will be also expressed during the Conference on the Future of Europe - how to involve the regional dimensions and avoid an East-West divide?

Speakers:

- Dániel Bartha, Executive Director, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy
- Corina Stratulat, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre
- Wojciech Przybylski, President of the Board, Res Publica Foundation
- Tomáš Strážay, Director of the Research Center, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association

Panel II. (13:00-14:30): The post-covid EU recovery: Solving the climate and covid crises together

Although the covid crisis has been occupying the world's political agenda for more than a year already, it is necessary to keep in mind also the long-term climate crisis. The Recovery Plan for Europe promises to fight both crises together and to direct the EU recovery funds mainly into fair climate and digital transitions. How can the different regions in the EU cooperate on tackling both crises? Which partners could the Visegrad countries find to collaborate on climate projects? What can the perspective of Visegrad states contribute to the debate? And can the environmental transformation be aligned with strengthening the resilience of the EU?

Speakers:

- Ana-Maria Boromisa, Research Advisor, The Institute for Development and International Relations
- Mats Engström, Senior Analyst, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies
- Tomáš Jungwirth, Project Coordinator and Research Fellow, Association for International Affairs
- Aleksandra Palkova, Researcher, The Latvian Institute of International Affairs

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