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ANNUAL REPORT 2010

EUROPEAN VALUES THINK-TANK





Dear Reader,

you are holding the Annual Report of the European Values Think-tank, in which we would like to present our programs realized in 2010.

European Values is a non-governmental, pro-European organization that, through education and research activities, works for the development of civil society and a healthy market environment.

From 2005, we continue in our role as a unique educational and research organization and think tank, which contributes to public and professional discussion about social, political and economic development in Europe.

In the Czech Republic we point out that, due to our membership – active and constructive – of the European Union we can for the first time in modern history participate in decision-making processes concerning the future of Europe, and ensure that we are no longer just a passive object of desire of large powers in our neighbourhood.

With our international program, European Values Network, from 2007, we also contribute to a Europe-wide debate on the challenges that Europe faces today. We believe that the public and politicians do not recognize that the benefits of post-war development on our continent cannot be taken for granted, and that there are many global trends that threaten the freedom, security and prosperity of Europe as a whole. We analyse these social, political, security and economic trends, and we offer solutions to problems associated with them.

In addition to publishing our own books, publications, studies, recommendations, comments, and media contributions and commentary, we also organize seminars, conferences and training courses for professionals and the wider public. In our activities we arrange dialogue between politicians and journalists, businessmen and academics.

The well-known personalities among guests at our activities in previous years included, among others:

Petr Nečas, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Karel Schwarzenberg, Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic

Alexandr Vondra - Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs

André Glucksmann – French philosopher

Elmar Brok – MEP, former Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Eneko Landaburu - Director-General of the DG External Relations of the European Commission



Franz Fischler - former European Commissioner Gunnar Hökmark – MEP, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs Jan Kohout- former Czech Ambassador to the EU Jan Zahradil - Member of the European Parliament Jana Hybášková - Member of the European Parliament Jiří Dienstbier - former Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Affairs Jiří Šedivý - former Chief of the General Staff of Army, Czech Republic Josef Zieleniec - Member of the European Parliament Karel Kovanda - Deputy Director General for External Relations of the European Commission Klaus Hänsch – MEP, former President of the European Parliament Libor Rouček – Member of the European Parliament



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ABOUT US

WHAT IS EUROPEAN VALUES THINK-TANK?

European Values Think-tank is a non-governmental, pro-European organization that, through education and research activities, works for the development of civil society and a healthy market environment.



Since 2005, through research and education, we have been striving for an informed and sophisticated public debate in support of the success of the Czech Republic in the world. We are not afraid to tackle the difficult questions facing our society. We support solutions that make both the Czech Republic and Europe freer, stronger and safer. We are a nongovernmental non-profit institution, which is not

We produce our own publications including monographs, research papers, policy papers, recommendations, and comments for media. We organize conferences, seminars and trainings for experts and wider public. At our events we provide a platform for dialog amongst politicians, professionals, journalists, businesspeople and students.

OUR MISSION

The two-fold mission of European Values Think-tank is to provide European-dimension debate in the Czech Republic and to promote civil society participation in EU and national level public affairs. The main national programmes are: public debates ("European Club"), annual international conferences, and workshop educational programs for adult and youth learners. The international programme "European Values Network" is organized on the European level.





Since 2005 the European Values Think-tank has organized over 28 one- or several-day events attended by total of approx. 1000 participants mainly from among civil society workers from around 20 EU member states. The EV has successfully organized projects independently or in cooperation with partner organizations supported by grants from the Czech Government, European Commission, European Parliament, EU member states embassies, regional administrations, as well as public and private foundations and companies.

OUR GOALS

The particular focus of the European Values Think-tank is in fostering civil society interest and participation in democratic political process at national and EU level by

- ✓ providing educational and public debate programmes primarily for civil society workers
- ✓ actively contributing to the public debate on EU affairs with publications and eventbased activities.

The educational and public debate programmes include summer schools, workshops, conferences, seminars, round-tables and debates on various EU-policy issues (e.g. EU policy agenda, economic policy, immigration policy, external affairs policy, institutional questions, etc.). Public debate contributions by the EV include series of printed and electronic commentaries, research papers, policy papers, edited monographs etc. focused both on EU-policy issues and their relation to public and civil society participation.

OUR PEOPLE

RADKO HOKOVSKÝ

Executive Director and Chair of the Managing Board

Is the Executive Director and Chairman of the European Values Think-tank, where he has been working since 2005 as a volunteer, project manager, coordinator of international cooperation and as executive secretary. Between 2007 and 2010 he was a president of international research project called European Values Network. In the past he worked at Association for International Affairs and at Youth European parliament in the Czech Republic.



His interests are internal security of the European Union and institutional affairs of European union. Radko Hokovský authored and coauthored many expert and academic publications as



much as presentations on international conferences. He lectures at the Institute of Political Sciences of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Charles University.

He works on his dissertation at the Department of International Relations of Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University, where he also completed bachelor's degree in field of Politology and International Relations. He finished his master's degree ("Master of European Studies") at Center for European Integration Studies(ZEI) at University of Bonn. In 2005 he took a 3 -month internship in European parliament at Office of Josef Zieleniec, MEP. He also participated in Robinson-Martin Security Scholars program at Prague Security Studies Institute in Prague.

ANNA MATUŠKOVÁ

Vice-Chair of the Managing Board

She teaches Masaryk University in Brno where she earned her Ph.D., in 2004 she studied at the University of Wroclav. Anna Matušková Is a former Fulbright stipendist at Columbia University of New York. Her main interests are political marketing issues and election campaings issues. Before she started study at university she used to work for Czech media (Lidové noviny, Týden). Since 2005 she is vice president of

European Values, in 2006 Anna Matušková was as project manager coordinated international conference "European values and identity for 21st century". She's member of Political Marketing Group PSA, she is interested in bilateral relations between European union and the United States of America, politics, communication, marketing, modern art and languagess.

VÁCLAV LEBEDA

Vice-Chair of the Managing Board, Programme Director

Václav Lebeda is an expert of the European Affairs Department of the CEZ Group, before that he worked as an assistant to Member of the European Parliament, Mr. Josef Zieleniec. He has worked with the European Values association since 2006 and was mainly contributing to programme development of projects. From September 2007 he is Executive Programme Director and from June 2008 also Vice-President of the association. He has graduated in European Studies from Sciences Po







Paris and completed Lycee Carnot in Dijon.

From 2004 to 2005 studied within an exchange programme at University of Warsaw. He has also completed several internships in public services, including Czech foreign representation in Belgium, European Parliament, French National Assembly and AFP press agency. He is interested in history and European integration, especially foreign and neighbourhood policy of the EU, relations with Russia, EU enlargement and institutional functioning of the EU.

SUPERVISORY BOARD

- Renata Křivánková chairman
- Jana Holcová member
- Petr Holec member

WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT US

"I have had the pleasure of cooperating with European Values' team and I have been impressed by their enthusiasm and the quality of their work. Their contribution to the European debate is most valuable, particularly at a time when the EU has to find a way out of the global crisis and address the unprecedented challenges of this century."

Alain LAMASSOURE

Member of the European Parliament and former Minister for European Affairs of the French government

"Activities of the European Values association and its European Values Network contribute significantly to promotion and preservation of the values that our European community is, and should continue to be, built on."



Elmar BROK



"Europe freer, stronger, safer" Member and former Chairman of the Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

"It is has been a delight to cooperate with European Values over the past year. They are one of the few think-tanks in Europe with a truly European perspective on major policy and political issues."

Simon HIX

Professor of European and Comparative Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science

"European Values association has grown in four years of its existence from purely citizens' initiative in a respected think-thank, which plays an indispensable role in the Czech debate about European integration. It provides space for debate and comes up with new agenda that is essential for the future of our position in the European Union, but also for the form of the European integration itself. At the European level, the European Values association through its European Values Network contributes significantly to the forming of European civic society and all-European awareness of societal challenges. Their work thus deservedly merits respect and support."

Josef ZIELENIEC

Member of the European Parliament and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech government

The French Embassy appreciates and supports activities of the European Values association for their contribution to enrichment of the public debate about Europe not only in the Czech Republic, but also among young people on our continent."

H. E. CHARLES FRIES

Ambassador of the French Republic to the Czech Republic

 "I very much appreciate the work done by European Values association. Members of your association really strengthen Europe as a respected partner in world politics."

H.E. Helmut ELFENKÄMPER

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Czech Republic



 "I have very much appreciated my participation in the conference activities of European Values. At a time when some discordant voices throw an uncertain light on the Czech Republic's commitment to the values of a more integrated and more democratic European Union, organisations such as European Values are of all the greater importance for citizens both in the Czech Republic and throughout the EU."

John PALMER

Co-founder and longstanding Political Director of the European Policy Centre in Brussels

Together European Values association and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation have organized several seminars and conferences in 2008 highlighted by the seminar on political marketing for the European Parliament elections in September as well as a conference regarding elections and democracy in the EU in November. These are just some steps which contribute to the overall framing of Europe and its values in the Czech Republic. In the year of the Presidency the partnership between the European Values association and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation is an even more important one. For now I want to congratulate the European Values association for the successful mutual cooperation based on trust and friendship."

Hubert GEHRING

Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Prague Office

"Any debate is good. When it is among nations from different corners of the world, it is better. The European Values Network does this."

Tomáš SEDLÁČEK

Chief macroeconomic strategist of the ČSOB bank



BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The European Values has practical experience in working with learners from civil society organizations (including their leaders, workers and volunteers) from two kinds of projects:

✓ Residential workshops on political communication

that were designed for civil society workers and leaders with a specific need to improve their competences in the area of political communication and marketing with the aim of enhancing public participation in democratic political process at national and EU level. Two four-day such workshops were organized in 2008 and 2009.

✓ Various non-residential events including public and non-public conferences, seminars, round-tables and debates organized for civil society representatives, political parties professionals and interest groups representatives (on various topics of EU policy agenda).

Over 700 individual participants attended such events organized by the European Values Think-tank since 2005.

The European Values Think-tank has also organized over ten residential Workshops since 2006, both for adult and youth participants, including:

- EXPERT WORKSHOPS (four-day) for civil society workers on political communication composed of trainings and simulations led by high level practitioners (2008, Telc: Political Marketing for the elections to the European Parliament; 2009, Trebon: Political Communication and the EU)
- EUROPEAN VALUES NETWORK educational and policy-research programme for young scholars and professionals including three-day workshop meeting in Brussels and four-day workshop and conference meeting in Prague (four programmes organised in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010)
- ✓ SUMMER SCHOOLS (four-day) for university students composed of lectures by high profile practitioners and training simulations (2006, Horní Sokolovec: From Identity to European Integration & simulation of the European Council; 2007, Svatý Jan u Prahy: Way Towards Well Operational EU & simulation of the European Parliament)



✓ IN TOTAL OVER 200 ADULT AND OVER 50 YOUTH LEARNERS from more than 20 different EU member states completed residential educational programmes organized by the European Values Think-tank.

The European Values Think-tank has successfully organized four annual programmes of the European Values Network – a unique educational and policy-research programme for young scholars and professionals. The programme involved every year around fifty participants from approx. sixteen EU member states who took part in working groups, which met during three-day workshop meetings in Brussels and four-day workshop and conference meetings in Prague. So far four EVN programmes were organised in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. More information at <u>www.europeanvalues.net</u>

In addition the European Values Think-tank maintains transnational and European-wide cooperation being active member of the European Movement and other European networks. The European Values Think-tank regularly organizes international expert conferences with speakers from various EU member state.

EUROPEAN VALUES THINK-TANK IN 2010

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND CURRENT CHALLENGES OF THE EU

International project supported by the European Parliament¹ (2009 – 2010)

The aim of the project was to contribute to raising level of Czech public awareness about the importance, activities and outcomes of the European Parliament (EP) in the context of European Union policies and to support wide public debate about EP issues.



Particularly, the project was following three objectives: (1) to contribute to the **citizens' understanding** that the European Parliament is **THEIR Parliament**, where issues directly or indirectly affecting their everyday life are discussed and decided upon; (2) to apply three innovative approaches including **focus on the issues of the EP** that effect citizens'

¹ Project identification - COOM/2009/02/0103



lives and are of citizens' vivid interest, **focus on mediators**, personalities (journalists, academics, politicians, NGO activists) who from the nature of their public activity reach out significant number of citizens, **focus on new multimedia** for wider dissemination of the project's outcomes; (3) to offer the citizens a unique opportunity **to meet** with opinion and decision makers, **discuss** matters of their concern, and **express** their views.

Primary target group was **general public** which was reached directly at the events, with outcomes of the actions, but mainly through the "**mediators**" (publicly active people), who represented the second target group. The skeleton of the project consisted of single set of five actions, from each of which resulted several outcomes. **Each event focused on the role and position of the European Parliament with regard to the discussed issues.**

The first action was an Expert Workshop: Political Communication and the EU realised on 27 – 30 August 2009 in Třeboň for young publicly active people. Modern methods of communication and media skills were given by Anna Matušková – expert in political marketing, Masaryk University, Otto Eibl, expert in political communication, Masaryk University, Martina Čavnická, psychologist, Jan Odzgán, media coach, Jan Kremláček, experience designer & creative coach, and Hana Kůrová, consultant in PR and marketing. As guest speakers on the challenges of communication of European issues featured Jan Punčochář, deputy chief-editor, TV Prima, Lukáš Macek, director of the European programme Sciences Po Paris in Dijon, Daniel Kaiser, journalist, Lidové noviny, Petra Kuchyňková, lecturer at the International Affairs and European Studies Department, Masaryk University and CDK analyst, and Václav Lebeda, programme director, European Values. The main outcome was publication entitled *Effective Political Communication*.

 \checkmark The second event was a public debate European Club: Reducing Bureaucratic Burden for Businesses in Europe (24 September 2009, CERGE - EI, Praha). The guest speakers involved Manuel Santiago dos Santos, main advisor to the



director for industrial policy and economic reforms at the European Commission, **Tomáš Rutrle**, general manager, Fujitsu Technology Solutions, **Štěpán Hošna**, director of the business environment at the Czech Ministry for industry and trade. The moderator was **Jan Žižka**, deputy editor-in-chief of the Mladá fronta E15 daily. The outcomes included one publication and an article in the Mladá fronta E15 daily.



- The third action was an <u>international conference on the Perspectives</u> <u>of the Transatlantic Partnership</u> entitled "The West in the 21st Century: Doomed to Marginalisation?" which took place on 5 – 6 November 2009, Lichtenstein Palace, Prague. The conference was dealing with trade as well as defence cooperation between the EU and the US following the debates in the European Parliament. Among the panel speakers were: **Štefan Füle**: Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic, **Alexandr Vondra**: Senator, Former Czech Vice-Prime Minister for European Affairs, **Jeffrey Gedmin**: President, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, **Jane Gilson**: General Manager, Microsoft Czech Republic, **Philippe Nemo**: Professor at the ESCP-EAP European School of Management, Paris, **Erik Best**: Publisher, Fleet Sheet/E.S. Best s.r.o., **Weston Stacey**: Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce, Czech Republic, **Jiří Schneider**: Programme Director, Prague Security Studies Institute, **Jiři Šedivý**: NATO Assistant Secretary-General for Defence Policy and Planning
- The fourth event was <u>European Club: Where will the European</u> <u>money flow after 2013</u> on 30 November 2009 (in CERGE-EI, Praha). Among the guest speakers were Jiří Havel, MEP, Committee on Budget, Jan Gregor, director of the National Fund of the Czech Ministry of Finance, and Arnošt Marks, consultant and expert on EU Funds. The moderator was vice-chair of the European Values Alena Falathová. The outcomes included a publication and an article in Mladá fronta E15 daily.

1 The final action was European Club: Priorities of the New European Commission 2009, December (14 ABF Foundation, Praha). Just few weeks before the EP hearings of the Commissioner-designates distinguished speakers joint the debate: Marek Mora, deputy minister for European Affairs, Josef Zieleniec, former MEP a Foreign affairs minister, Jan



Macháček, journalist and commentator Respekt weekly. The moderator was chairman of the European Values, Radko Hokovsky. Lukáš Macek, was author of a detail policy paper entitled *"New European Commission: What Priorities for the "post-Lisbon" EU?"*.

In total up to 300 people directly participated at the events and other hundreds and thousands have been reached by the outcomes freely accessible on the website <u>www.evropskehodnoty.cz</u>.



EUROPEAN VALUES NETWORK 2010 - MEETING IN BRUSSELS

(28 February - 2 March 2010)

PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT:

http://www.evropskehodnoty.cz/en/images/stories/VZ09 aj baner.jpg

European Values Network is a platform of young European scholars and professionals who are inspired by the values of liberty, personal responsibility and an active civil society, and who aspire to contribute to the public debate by proposing solutions to enhance Europe's freedom, security and prosperity. Since 2007 many new participants have joined our annual programme. Participants have become members of our working groups which meet in Brussels and Prague every year, producing policy papers that address the major challenges facing Europe.

European Values Network 2010: Towards a Safer Europe was held **under the patronage of the President of the European Parliament**, **Mr. Jerzy Buzek**

The European Values Think-tank has successfully organized four annual programmes of the European Values Network – a unique educational and policy-research programme for young scholars and professionals. The programme involved every year around fifty participants from approx. sixteen EU member states who took part in working groups, which met during three-day workshop meetings in Brussels and four-day workshop and conference meetings in Prague. So far four EVN programmes were organised in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. More information at www.europeanvalues.net

The European Values Network (EVN) is a platform of young European scholars and professionals who are inspired by the values of liberty, personal responsibility, and an active civil society, and who want to propose solutions to enhance Europe's freedom, safety, strength, and prosperity.

EVN was found in 2006 by European Values o.s. in cooperation with partners from Germany, Poland and Hungary. Today EVN is the biggest and most important programme of EV, which is managed together with the EVN International Organizing Committee. Every year new participants join our annual programme and, within working groups, meet in Brussels and Prague, and have the opportunity to discuss their proposals with leading European politicians and experts. The output of EVN – the publication of policy papers - is then distributed widely between institutions and organizations in Europe.

The European Values Network 2010 was held under the **Patronage of the President of the European Parliament, Mr. Jerzy Buzek**. It is organized in cooperation with the **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU, and the CEZ Group.**



Programme included: meeting of the working groups and plenary session – groups presentation.

Third day concluded with the discussion session in the European Parliament with Gunnar Hökmark, MEP, Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, and Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis (Vice-Chair of the Group of the European People's Party), Simon Busuttil, MEP, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and

Home Affairs (Coordinator for the European People's Party) and **Eva Palatová**, Advisor to the Foreign Affairs Committee

Task of each of the eight working groups (WGs) was proposed to give recommendations on how to address one of the following threats:

1) WG on Democracy Disengagement and disinterest in democrat

Disengagement and disinterest in democratic politics / Coordinator: Th omas Winzen (Germany)

2) WG on Demography **Demographic decline and its implication for the society** / Coordinator: Igor Breitner (Hungary)

3) WG on Radicalisation Violent radicalisation and terrorism / Coordinator: Daniel Trautvetter (Germany)

4) WG on Competitiveness

Declining competitiveness of Europe's economy / Coordinator: Th eo Vassilopoulos (Greece)

5) WG on Energy Growing EU's energy dependency from unreliable suppliers / Coordinator: Maximo Miccinilli (Italy)

6) WG on Climate Climate change / Coordinator: Rafal Riedel (Poland)

7) WG on Confl cts **Armed confl icts in Europe' s greater neighbourhood** / Coordinator: Sargis Ghazaryan (Italy/Armenia)

8) WG on Proliferation **Nuclear proliferation** / Coordinator: Nuno Martins (Portugal)

The EVN 2010 programme was realised in the following subsequent phases:



Particular Section 2009–7 December 2010

2 Admissions announcement (20 December 2010)

Provide a set in Brussels (28 February 2010–2 March 2010)

First meeting of participants; workshops, roundtables, and discussions with EU institutions representatives.

P E-communication period (3 March 2010–7 May 2010)

Research phase, each participant works on his contribution to the fi nal paper using an Internet-based collaboration tool.

Provide a construction of a state of a stat

Meeting of working groups and finalising of policy papers followed by presentations and discussion of policy papers in front of a distinguished panel of experts, academics, and politicians. Press conference and high level political panel discussion on the Day of Europe, 9th of May.

Publication of policy-papers (12 May 2010–12 June 2010)

Final editing and publishing of the policy papers. Distribution of the papers to universities, think tanks, NGO's and other public institutions.

Presentation of Policy Papers in Brussels (13 June 2010–14 June 2010)

Conference presentation of selected policy papers in cooperation with Brussels based think-tanks.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: LEADERS OF CZECH KEY POLITICAL PARTIES ON CZECH-EU RELATION

Leaders of the four current Czech parliamentary parties have discussed priorities and Czech national interests in the EU on the occasion of a conference organised by the European Values association entitled Towards safer Europe on May 11. The discussants included Petr Nečas (ODS), Karel Schwarzenberg (TOP09), Jana Hybášková (KDU-ČSL), Ondřej Liška (SZ).





INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: TOWARDS SAFER EUROPE

Date and place: 10 – 11. 5. 2010, Prague

PRESS RELEASE: http://www.evropskehodnoty.cz/en/docs/PR European Values Network.pdf

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME: <u>http://www.evropskehodnoty.cz/en/docs/Konference_EH_10-11.5.pdf</u>

POLICY PAPERS FOR THE CONFERENCE:

http://www.europeanvalues.net/docs/EVN_PP_web_2010.pdf

Organiser: European Values Association within the European Values Network programme, held under the **patronage of the President of the European Parliament, Mr. Jerzy Buzek**. Partners: Europe for Citizens programme, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Embassy of France to the Czech Republic CEZ Group, CERGE-EI, European Movement in the Czech Republic. Media partner: Mladá fronta E15, Czech Radio 6 and EurActiv.cz

Eight discussion panels tackling current challenges Europe is facing nowadays: energy dependency, violent radicalization and terrorism, nuclear proliferation, declining competitiveness of Europe's economy, demographic decline, climate change, disengagement in politics, armed conflicts in greater neighborhood.

Conference programme included contributions:

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

- Pierre Lévy: Ambassador of France to the Czech Republic
- Hubert Gehring: Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Prague
- Radko Hokovský: President of the European Values Association
- PANEL 1: GROWING EU'S ENERGY DEPENDENCY FROM UNRELIABLE SUPPLIERS

Zuzana Krejčiříková: Director of the EU Aff airs Department, CEZ Group

Maïté de Boncourt: Research Fellow, Institut Français des Relations Internationales, Brussels Policy Paper Presenter: Antonio Dai Pra:





Consultant at European Consulting Brussels Moderator: Maximo Miccinilli: Consultant at BursonMarsteller, Brussels

PANEL 2: VIOLENT RADICALISATION AND TERRORISM

Alexander Ritzmann: Non-Resident Fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, and Senior Fellow at the European Foundation for Democracy in Brussels

Oldřich Krulík: Fellow of the Crises Management Department, Police Academy of the Czech Republic Policy Paper Presenter: Sarah Drexler: PhD Student at the Europa-Universität Viadrina

Moderator: **Daniel Trautvetter**: Programme Manager, European Foundation for Democracy, Brussels

• PANEL 3: NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

Mitchell A. Belfer: Editor in Chief of the Central European Journal of International & Security Studies

Ondřej Ditrych: Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, Prague Policy Paper Presenter: **Anna Giulia Micara**: Researcher in International Law, Università degli Studi di Milano

Moderator: Nuno Wahnon Martins: European Aff airs Offi cer, European Friends of Israel, Brussels

• PANEL 4: DECLINING COMPETITIVENESS OF EUROPE'S ECONOMY

Luděk Niedermeyer: Consultant with Delloite, Former ViceGovernor, Czech National Bank

Jürgen Matthes: Senior Economist, Internationale Wirtschaftspolitik, Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft, Köln

Policy Paper Presenter: **Danuta Rydlewska**: Student at the College of Europe, Bruges



Moderator: Theodore Vassilopoulos: Executive Assistant to the CEO of Epuramat SA



• PANEL 5: DEMOGRAPHIC DECLINE AND ITS IMPLICATION FOR THE SOCIETY

Tomáš Kučera: Research Fellow, Demography and Geodemography Department, Charles University in Prague

Policy Paper Presenter: Joana Cansado Carvalho: Researcher in Politics and Cultural Studies Catholic Portuguese University, Lisbon

Moderator: Igor Breitner: International Secretary of the Antall József Foundation, Budapest

• PANEL 6: CLIMATE CHANGE

Tomáš Chmelík: Manager of Environmental Products, CEZ Group

Policy Paper Presenter: Jacek Soboanski: Student, International Relations, University of Opole

Moderator: Rafal Riedel: Adjunct at the State University of Opole

• PANEL 7: DISENGAGEMENT AND DISINTEREST IN DEMOCRATIC POLITICS

Karel Müller: professor of political science, University of Economics, Prague Policy Paper Presenter: Ammon Cheskin: PhD Student, University of Glasgow

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Moderator: **Thomas Winzen:** Research Fellow at the Center for Comparative and International Studies, Zurich

• PANEL 8: ARMED CONFLICTS IN EUROPE'S GREATER NEIGHBOURHOOD

Jan Havránek: Research Associate, Prague Security Studies Institute Policy Paper Presenter: Ulrike

Esther Franke: Master Student in International Relations, Sciences Po Paris

Moderator: **Sargis Ghazaryan:** Adjunct Professor at the School of International Relations and Diplomacy, University of Trieste



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION IN EUROPE AT THE TIME

OF AN ECONOMIC CRISIS

Organized by European Values Association and the Embassy of France to the Czech Republic, in cooperation with the European Movement in the Czech Republic, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, and the Representation of the European Commission to the Czech Republic.



Date:

25 November 2010, Prague

Conference included: Opening of the Conference

• Pierre Lévy, Ambassador of France to the Czech Republic

Effects of the Economic Crisis and Current Challenges to Social Cohesion in Europe

- Aleš Michl, Economist, Economic Analyst of the Raiffeisenbank
- Matthias Schäfer, Head of Economic Policy Department, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Germany
- Pierre Naves, Inspector General of Social Affairs, France
- **Michel Amiel**, Policy Officer to the director of reception, integration and citizenship, Department of reception, integration and citizenship, Ministry of the Interior and immigration, France
- Moderator: Radko Hokovský, Chairman of European Values Association

Future of Social Policies in Europe and the Czech Republic

- Vladimíra Lesenská, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Committee for Social Policy and Standing Commission for Family and Equal Opportunities
- **Miroslav Fuchs**, Director, EU Department at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic
- Moderator: **Richard Duřpekt**, Expert on Social Policies, former Advisor to the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs



ROUNDTABLE DEBATE IMMIGRANTS INTEGRATION POLICIES IN EUROPE AS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION IN EUROPE AT THE TIME OF AN ECONOMIC CRISIS"

Organized by European Values Association and the Embassy of France to the Czech Republic, in cooperation with the European Movement in the Czech Republic and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Date: Friday, 26 November 2010, Venue: French Embassy to the Czech Republic,



Roundtable: Perspectives of the immigrants integration policies in Europe

Key-Note Speech:

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