



European Values Think-Tank

2015 Annual Report



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Our vision is that of a free, safe and prosperous Czech Republic within Central Europe that is an integral part of the West.

Even in 2015 we have helped to face aggressive regimes, radicalisation within the society, the spread of authoritarian tendencies and extremist ideologies including Islamism.

We have provided politicians with expert recommendations and we systematically watched and evaluated their performance.

Active citizens, accountable politicians, political parties that fulfil their role, as well as cohesive society that shares the values of individual freedom, human dignity and equal rights - these are what we consider the principle elements of a functioning liberal democracy.

Since 2005, as a non-governmental and a non-profitable organisation which is not linked to any political party, we have pursued research and educational activities. In addition to publishing analytical papers and commentaries for the media, we organise conferences, seminars and training sessions for both experts and the wider public. Our events provide a platform for dialogue amongst politicians, experts, journalists, businesspeople and students.

Radko Hokovský,
Executive Director of the European Values Think-Tank



8. The official think-tank of the European People's Party, the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, has published our study showing the presence of the Russian hardware in Ukraine. It has become the most shared publication of this institute since 2008. Subsequently, the WMCES organised a public presentation of this study in Brussels where, among other things, we called for the extension of the sanctions against Russia.

9. Our European Values Initiative has organised 15 debates with more than 1500 participants where we have defended the values of liberal democracy. The Initiative has also attracted interest because of the presence of several presidential candidates.

10. We are the main support base for the Czech national expert Jakub Kalenský who has been chosen as one of the five representatives of the member states as a member of the EEAS STRATCOM team where the recommendations for the European response to the Russian propaganda are made. On a weekly basis, we supply this team with the supporting documents for the Disinformation Review that collects the most common cases of pro-Kremlin information offensive.

11. Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka has referred to our study on the participation of Ministers at the EU Council for the past ten years. The study on the impacts of the sanctions against Russia has been quoted by the journalist Václav Moravec on his Sunday show.

12. We count among the most vocal critics of the pro-Kremlin attitudes of President Zeman. He commented on our account: "Well, I don't know if it's a tank, but I am sure that it doesn't think."

13. We regularly participate in the European debate. We have the largest number of published commentaries among the Czech institutes in the European media such as the EUObserver.

14. We are the only Czech institute that systematically monitors the work of MEPs. In 2015, we have published a study on the first year of work of the Czech MEPs, we have, as the only European institute, published an extensive study on the attendance of all MEPs at the EP committees.

15. Our project for the monitoring of the MEPs and Ministers Hlídáme je won the challenge "Together We Open Data" of the Otakar Motejl Fund.

16. Under the auspices of the President of the Chamber of Deputies and the Minister of the Interior, we have organised the first annual HOMEAFFAIRS conference that focuses on the issues of internal security of the EU. As a part of the conference, we have organised several-day programme on Islamism for the experts from the security forces and intelligence services of Central European states.

17. Haras Rafiq, the CEO of the British think-tank Quilliam, who acts as a chief advisor on the fight against extremism for the British government considers us the major partner regarding this topic in Central and Eastern Europe.

18. Along with the Institute of International Relations and the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, we have organised the Prague European Summit which was, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended by five Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the first Vice President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans and more than 150 other distinguished guests.

19. We have been quoted in The Economist and The New York Times. Our project FacingExtremism even made it into the top European policy newsletter Playbook published by POLITICO Europe.

20. We have held internal debates on the immigration policy with the two largest groups in the European Parliament - with the European People's Party in the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies and the social democrats in the Foundation for European Progressive Studies.

21. In June 2015, the European Values z.s. has founded a new legal entity - Centre for the European Values z.ú. Unlike the European Values z.s. that focuses on the analytical and publishing activities, the Centre for the European Values institute focuses on the organisation of events, educational seminars and conferences.

In 2015, the Centre has organised a two-day discussion forum in Brno and participated in the logistical preparation of the first Prague European Summit. The Centre uses a transparent account as well.

During 2015, we have significantly expanded and deepened our activities. We launched two strategic programmes. The first is Kremlin Watch, a strategic programme of the European Values Think-Tank, which aims to uncover and face individual instruments of the hybrid war led by the Russian Federation against the liberal-democratic system. The Kremlin Watch programme is the only non-governmental centre in the Czech Republic, which systematically deals with the pro-Kremlin disinformation campaign.

The second programme is the Programme for Cohesive Society, which arose as a reaction to the disturbing phenomena that have long been observed in Western Europe. The Programme for Cohesive Society focuses on fighting radicalism, and also on migration policy and integration policy. Within the programme, there are two specialized expert groups - Counter-Radicalisation Task Force and Migration Policy Task Force.

We have increased our impact in the media, which mentioned us 529 times in comparison to previous year's 348 references. Our team was enlarged and it initiated a number of new projects. We have launched regular publication of wide series of newsletters and monitors, which we deliver to thousands of e-mails both in the Czech Republic and abroad.

Our achievements in 2015

1. In response to our recommendations within the National Convention on EU Affairs, the Chamber of Deputies created Subcommittee on migration and asylum policy. Our activity in the context of migration policy was also appreciated by the Prime Minister when he referred to a roundtable which we co-organized in November 2014.

2. In response to our recommendation within the National Convention on EU Affairs, the form of the Committee for EU was adjusted and representatives of both chambers of Parliament received regular dedicated space within the coordination of European policies in the Czech Republic.

In addition to that, the established practices change, as the departments will now start to demonstrate to EU committees how they incorporated their resolutions into action on the Union's level. The parliamentary scrutiny of the governing in EU affairs was therefore partially strengthened.

3. At our events this year, we welcomed figures such as the President of Estonia Tomas Ilves, the First Vice-President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans, the Deputy Prime Minister Pavel Bělohrádek, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Lubomír Zaorálek, the Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs Miroslav Lajčák, the Minister of Defence Martin Stropnický, the Commissioner Věra Jourová, the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator Gilles de Kerchove and the current Chairman of the NATO Military Committee Petr Pavel.

4. We were the first Czech think-tank to co-organize our own policy session at one of the world's five largest safety conferences GLOBSEC. It was attended for example by the President of Estonia or the Deputy Secretary General of NATO.

5. In Prague, we welcomed the President of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Guy Verhofstadt for whom we held a dinner with prominent Czech journalists.

6. In the fight against Russian propaganda, we have published in cooperation with Czech experts and the Slovak CEPI Institute the most cited Czech analytical paper in this area. It was printed in its entirety by the Czech newspaper Lidove noviny.

7. In cooperation with the European Commission, we have organized a conference of leading European experts in energy efficiency in Prague under the auspices of the Minister of Industry. This created a platform for the meeting of leaders of European financial sector, the expert community and the leadership of the European Commission.

INFOGRAPHICS

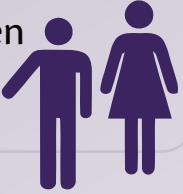
OUR TEAM

Involved in the work of the European Values Think-Tank are

109 people

58 women

51 men



WEB

91 572 website visitors

214 115 page views



128 articles on iHNED.cz
76 229 readers

YOUTUBE

312 videos

25 979 views

the video with most views was watched by

12,2 thousand people



EVENTS

36 events

15 public events

over 140 speakers

over 1500 attendants

5 cities

3 states



MEDIA

529 references in the media

42 appearances in Czech Radio

33 appearances in Czech Television



FACEBOOK

5 880 fans

99 % of fans have the right to vote

On average we had daily:

119 reactions

40 comments

20 shares

daily reach of 5 704 people



Our Team

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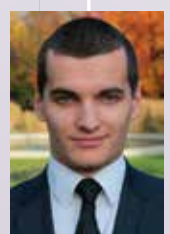
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Interior
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Integration policy
Counter-Radicalisation

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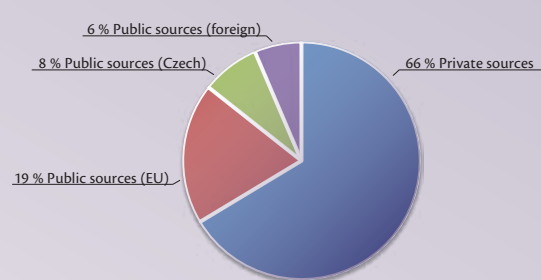
Radko Hokovský (chairman), Jakub Janda (member) and Jan Famule (member).

Our financial management in 2016

Income by partners (CZK)

Private donations to the Initiative for European Values	850 516
The League of Human Rights z.s.*	625 393
Private donations to the Programme for Cohesive Society	567 000
Open Society Foundation – Think Tank Fund	380 091
European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic	255 458
European Parliament Information Office in the Czech Republic	246 700
Private donations to the Educational Programme	211 500
International Visegrad Fund	173 440
Foundation for European Progressive Studies	164 713
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung	150 326
European Parliament	98 386
Institute of International Relations Prague	84 000
U.S. Embassy in the Czech Republic	76 689
Czech National Delegation in the EPP Group in the EP	66 000
European Parliament – S&D Group	54 630
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic	45 000
Embassy of the United Kingdom in the Czech Republic	38 646
Political Capital Institute	35 803
Ruta z.s.	26 600
Office of the Government of the Czech Republic	25 000
Ostrovky s.r.o.	20 000
Global Europe z.s. - EU Bulletin	10 937
Other individual donations	10 300
Antall József Knowledge Centre for Political and Social Sciences	3 610
Total income	4 220 739

Income by sources (%)



Expenditures by projects (CZK)

Research project about the growth of extremism in the issue of minorities and immigrants*	789 832
European Values Initiative	767 367
Development of a web tool for monitoring activity of MEPs and ministers of the Council of the EU	373 318
Programme for Cohesive Society	331 845
HOMEAFFAIRS - Internal Security Forum Prague	316 846
Centre for European Values	278 385
Seminar for Czech MEPs and journalists about the state of the Czech EU debate	215 311
Series of debates Interpellations of Czech MEPs	192 525
International conference on energy efficiency	189 932
Educational Programme	187 000
International conferences on security threats for Europe and the role of NATO	124 532
Discussions at schools with MEPs about the role of European institutions and current issues	75 266
Analytical Team outputs	44 600
Kremlin Watch	44 584
Prague European Summit	43 585
Consultations on immigration and integration policy with members of German and Austrian parliament	32 739
Public debate on the International Women's Day	27 315
Other operational expenditures	25 342
National Convention of the EU	24 555
Public debate with the Commissioner about the introduction of the Digital Market Strategy	20 707
Debates on Sřečický Island about Europe Day	19 981
Our presentations at events and conferences	16 750
Total expenditures	4 142 319

In 2015, we managed to significantly increase our funding from private sources. We obtained funding from Czech Americans living in the United States in a total amount of 727 000 CZK (see following table). We have therefore strengthened our independence from sources from public budgets.

Donations to the European Values Initiative (CZK)

Callaghan, Hana	246 930
Duda Family Foundation	243 650
Prince, Jeffrey A.	236 577
Hák, Jiří	50 000
Janeček, Radek	20 000
Česká zbrojovka a.s.	10 000
Jabůrková, Milena	10 000
Klepálová, Martina	10 000
Grubhofer, Libor	8 000
Jonák, Petr	6 000
Šmilauer, Bohdan	4 900
Ráb, Miloš	1 000
Šolár, Jakub	980
Dravecký, André	350
Total	848 387

Donations to the Programme for Cohesive Society (CZK)

FINEP Holding	250 000
Zaněk, Tomáš	200 000
Matela, Jiří	65 000
Pardubický, Tomáš	25 000
Zuzák, Vladimír	20 000
Ševčík, David	5 000
Tůma, Jan	2 000
Total	567 000

Donations to the Educational Programme (CZK)

Škoda Transportation a.s.	200 000
Hrazdilová, Lenka	4 500
Křížková, Matina	7 000
Total	211 500

How to donate?

We are able to do our work thanks to individual donors. Support us in our effort to make the Czech Republic free, secure and prosperous.

It is simple. On our website, you can choose a specific programme which you want to financially support, the sum, and then click the "donate" button. You can explicitly select which of our activities you will support. A simple app will redirect you to a payment gateway, where you will securely enter your personal and banking details, and afterwards submit your donation. You will receive a confirmation right after sending the payment.

Financial information:

We use a transparent account at Fio banka

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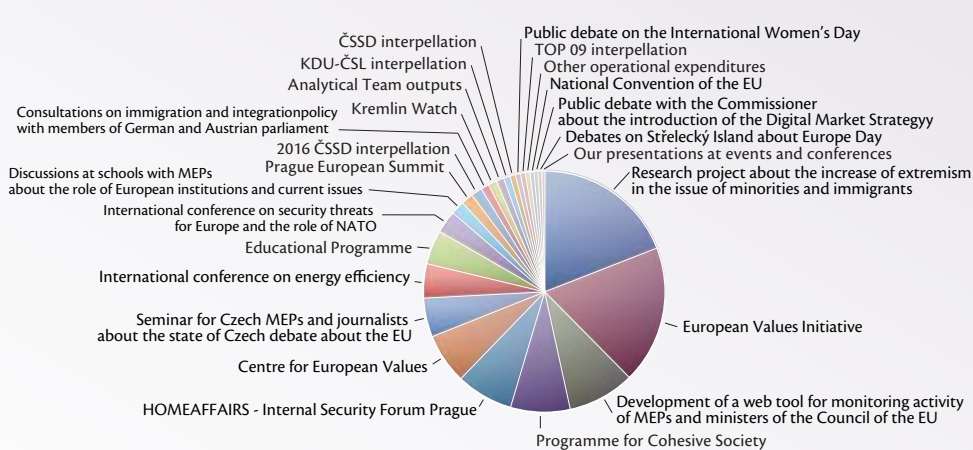
YOUTUBE

www.youtube.com/user/evropskehodnoty

TWITTER

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In 2015, we paid a monthly wage to, on average, 24 employees. The total sum used for salaries was 1 619 400 CZK.**



* Joint project focused on research of the growth of extremism realized with funding of private foundation the OSF – TTF, where the EV Think Tank was a major partner
** Salaries and operational expenditures are included in the expenditures for projects.