European Values Think-Tank

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, 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 exports and the wider public. Our events provide a platform for dialogue amongst politicians, experts, journalists, businesspeople and students.

Radio Hekelův, Executive Director of the European Values Think-Tank

During 2015, we have significantly expanded and deepened our activities. We launched two strategic programmes. The first is Kromkrátká 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 Kromkrátká Watch programme is the only non-governmental centre in the Czech Republic, which systematically deals with the pre-Kromkrátká disinformation campaign.

The second programme is the Programme for Cohesive Society, which arose as a reaction to the dislocating phenomena that have long been observed in Western Europe. The Programme for Cohesive Society focuses on fighting radicalism, and also on migration policies 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 159 times in comparison to previous year’s 348 references. Our team was enlarged and it initiated a number of new projects. We have launched a regular publication of wide series of newsletters and monographs, which 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 Subcommission 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.

3. At our events this year, we welcomed figures such as the President of Estonia Toomas Hendrik Riga, the First Vice-President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans, the Deputy Prime Minister Pavel Bělobrádek, 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 Commissioner on Terrorism Cooperation Gilles de Kerchove and the current Chairman of the NATO Military Committee Petr Pavel.

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

5. In Prague, we welcomed the Prime 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 Centre ľ to the Czech analytical paper in this area. It was printed in its entirety by the Czech newspaper Lidové noviny.

7. In cooperation with the European Commission, we have organised 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.

8. The official think-tank of the European People’s Party, the Wilson 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 WCECS 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 1000 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 Kalensky who has been chosen as one of the five representatives of the member states as a member of the EAS 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-Kromkrátká 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 Miroš and on his Sunday show.

12. We count among the most vocal critics of the pro-Kromkrátká 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 published a study on the first year of work of the Czech MEPs, we have, as the only European institutes, published an intensive study on the attendance of all MEPs at the EP committees.

15. Our project for the monitoring of the MEPs and Ministers Hřibové was the challenge "Together We Open Data" of the Czech Ministry of Finance.

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

17. Hana Račí, 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 Summer which was, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended by the 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 and the Socialists in the European Progressive Studies.

21. In June 2015, the European Values z.s. has founded a new legal entity - Centre for the European Values z.s. 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.

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

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.

INFOGRAPHICS

WEB
91 572
214 115
page views
128 articles on iHNED.cz
76 229
readers

YOUTUBE
312 videos
25 979 views
the value with most views we watched
12.2 thousand people

EVENTS
36 events
15 public events
over 140 speakers
over 1500 attendants

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
In 2015, we managed to significantly increase our funding from private sources. We also managed to win a competitive tender from the European Commission for which we were awarded a contract for a project to support the Initiative for European Values.

We are able to do this because of the generosity of our supporters. They contribute to our work in various ways:

- **Sponsorship**: Contributions from foundations and companies support our work. The OSF – TTF is a significant partner in this area. We have also been able to benefit from the financial support of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Regional Development, and the Ministry of Finance. In 2015, we managed to significantly increase our funding from private sources.
- **Other individual donations**: Contributions from individuals who believe in our work and support our activities.
- **Consultations on immigration and integration policy**: We have been engaged in consultations on immigration and integration policy for the Initiative for European Values.
- **Publications (WP)**: We have published a number of publications, which have been well-received by our audience.
- **Income by sources (%)**: We have published a number of income sources, which have been well-received by our audience.

**Income by partners (CZK)**

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<td>The European Parliament</td>
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<td>The Ministry of Housing, Construction and Regional Development</td>
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<td>The Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic</td>
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**Expenses by projects (CZK)**

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**Total income** 4,820,799

**Total expenses** 4,142,310

*Note: The total income includes income from private foundation the OSF – TTF, where the EV Tanks was a major partner.*