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IN-PERSON EVENT

18:00-19:30 CET

📍 Café Louvre, Národní 22, 11000 Prague, Czechia

Middle-Class Concerns and European Challenges

Study Presentation in Czechia



The middle class has long been considered as the social ground for political stability and economic wellbeing, with about two-thirds of Europeans still belonging to this classification. Yet, economic crises, geopolitical conflicts, and polarizing debates about culture and values have heavily impacted the prospects of this socio-economic group.

Based on a recent empirical study by the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, political foundation of the European People's Party, in Brussels, this event will present the latest findings on the economic situation, the perceptions, challenges, and hopes of the middle class in all 27 European member states. It will also compare the situation across Europe with a specific analysis of Czechia.

Ahead of the European Elections in June 2024, panellists will debate the most urgent topics for Europe and what solutions European politics and parties can provide to overcome these challenges. Having been the political representatives of the middle class for decades, centre-right and Christian Democratic parties must now develop new answers and present a convincing and inclusive vision of the future of the middle class in Europe.

- 17:30** Registration
- 18:00** Presentation: "Middle-Class Concerns and European Challenges", Peter Hefele
- 18:15** Panel discussion
 - Peter Hefele**
Policy Director, Martens Centre
 - Markéta Pekarová Adamová**
Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Czech Republic, TOP 09 Party Leader
 - Benjamin Činčila**
Head of Department of Strategic Activities, Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
- Moderated by: **Julie Hrstková**, *Economia media house*
- 19:10** Q&A
- 19:30** End of discussion and networking dinner

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