

A PIVOTAL EUROPE: NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OR A EUROPEAN IDENTITY AS THE EUROPEAN UNION INTEGRATES



The Institute for Politics and Society, in cooperation with the European Parliament and office of Dita Charanzová, Vice President of the European Parliament invite you to the Conference on the Future of Europe "A Pivotal Europe: National Sovereignty or a European Identity as the European Union Integrates", which will be held on November 12th in Prague.

AGENDA:

10:00 – 10:15 OPENING REMARKS

- **Andrej Babiš**, Prime Minister of the Government of the Czech Republic
- **Dita Charanzová**, Vice President of the European Parliament

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10:15 – 11:00 INTERVIEW

- *In what ways is the EU succeeding and how is it failing?*
- *What is the future of European federalism? What is the difference between the goals of federalism and an ever closer union?*
- *Two-Speed Europe vs. Multi-speed EU; weighing where both are limited and how they succeed. Can we go ahead without opening basic treaties?*
- *The Eurozone and further integration of the EU after the elections in Germany and what these elections mean for the future of Europe. Future of the Franco-German engine.*
- *Where are the divisions in Europe, the East-West divide and the South-West divide?*
- *What is the strategic autonomy of the EU? What does it mean and what it will look like in practice?*
- *What is the future of Euro-Atlantic ties? Hopes, disappointments, and realities related to the Biden administration in Europe and a potential threat of Trump coming back by “kidnapping” the Republican party.*
- *How does Brexit affect the EU? Do we already miss the UK and in what ways?*
- *EU foreign policy and projecting of EU power across the globe and in the neighborhood of Europe. How to define European interest?*

Speaker:

- **Guy Verhofstadt**, co-chair of the Conference on the Future of Europe, Former Prime Minister of Belgium, Member of the European Parliament, Leader of the ALDE group between 2009-2019

Moderator: **Jan Macháček**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Institute for Politics and Society

11:00 – 12:00 ROUND TABLE

- *What should the rule of law and superiority of EU legislation look like in the cases of Poland and Germany?*
- *What is the state of the four freedoms of the EU single market?*
- *How is the single European market functioning, where are the limits and deficits and where it is helping?*
- *What about the energy crises across Europe and what are the connections with the green deal?*
- *Finally, is free movement of people success in Europe? If not, how should it change?*
- *Unanimity versus qualified majority in foreign policy and in other fields of EU integration.*

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- **Dita Charanzová**, Vice President of the European Parliament
- **Jan Kohout**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Czech Republic
- **Milena Hrdinková**, State Secretary for European Affairs of the Government of the Czech Republic

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12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH

Under the umbrella of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

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