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Workshop of Ukrainian and  
Czech NGOs  
working on EU issues

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# Who are we?

- Founded in 1998
- Civic association
- Initiative of lecturers and teachers – platform to debate EU issues
- Close links to Charles University
- In first years rather loose structure, in 2002 transforming to a think tank
- Not very big – around 15 members, core team: only around 7 people



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# Mission statement

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy is a non-profit, non-partisan and independent institute. It focuses on the issues of European integration and its impact on the transformation of political, economic and legal milieu in the Czech Republic. EUROPEUM strives to contribute to a long-lasting development of democracy, security, stability, freedom and solidarity across Europe. EUROPEUM formulates opinions and offers alternatives to internal reforms in the Czech Republic with a view of ensuring her full-fledged membership and respected position in the European Union.



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## How are we funded?

- No institutional funding
- But major pool of donors: MFA, European Commission, German Marshall Fund, German political foundations, OSI
- Some profit-generating activities to cover operational costs



# Scope of activities

- Research
- Awareness building (conferences, seminars, workshops, round tables)
- Publication (internet, printed)
- International networks (PASOS, EPIN)
- Policy advice
- Education and training



# Research

- Not academic, but applied and policy oriented
- Trying to focus on delivering recommendations to policy makers
- More work on advocacy and visibility needed

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## Research – main topics

- „Big EU issues“: constitutional treaty, budget, future direction of EU policies (regional)
- EU enlargement
- EU foreign policy (including ESDP and neighbourhood policy)
- Democracy assistance and transformation co-operation
- Justice and home affairs, terrorism, visas



# Publications

- Research outputs
- Integrace (online and printed magazine) – until 2005
- Euractiv.cz – Czech version of a Brussels-based network of policy portals
- Challenge: working more with the major printed media (op-eds etc.)



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# Networks

- PASOS – Policy Association for an Open Society – network of think-tanks from new EU member states, Eastern Europe, Balkans and Central Asia
- EPIN – European Policy Institutes Network
- Number of joint network projects as leading organisation or as partners (for further info see [www.europeum.org](http://www.europeum.org))



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# Training and education

- Civil service – Institute for Public Administration
- Europeum summer school – since 2003
- Educational projects: main focus group – young people (secondary and university)



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# Work with the media

- Increasingly important in terms of expert debate and awareness building
- Relations build gradually with public TV and radio, a bit more complicated with major periodicals
- Expertise and track record extremely important!



## Activities before EU accession

- Participation in „training of trainers“ (PHARE)
- Participation in EU communication strategy (Europanostrá)
- Government advisory bodies (Convention on the future of Europe)
- „Integrace“ – a wide expert platform for various stakeholders



## Is this applicable to Ukraine?

- Czech Republic's membership not contested on either side
- Wide public support
- Favourable conditions on the EU side
- Geopolitically less disputed
- Higher real convergence with the EU



... **still**

- Particularly two projects deserve attention in the Ukrainian context:
- Integrace
- Europanostra and Europasecura contests
- More information in break-up sessions



- More information available at [www.europeum.org](http://www.europeum.org)
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