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Without a doubt, 2022 will be remembered as one of the most challenging and shocking years of the 21st century, as we faced the greatest challenge in our Eastern neighbourhood since the fall of Communism in the late 1980s. On 24 February 2022, we all woke up to a completely different world. Russia's invasion and aggression against Ukraine was a clear attempt to put not only the East, but also all of Europe and the wider world in a state of geopolitical disorder and disaster. From that moment, all eyes in the democratic world have been on Ukraine.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has unprecedented implications for the EU, especially for its security. The EU was founded as a peace project, whose main aim was to secure peace and stability for its members. These days, we must take common European decisions, which will guarantee our European security and eliminate external threats.

Already in 2017, the Martens Centre was advocating for further integration in some areas, based on the strict principle of subsidiarity, one of which was defence. We need to build effective European defence forces and change our decision-making process in the field of foreign policy. It would be beneficial for the whole transatlantic community if the EU could defend the Eastern and Southern flanks of the Alliance. Only then will Europe be able to defend its basic values and a rules-based international order.

The increasingly complex geopolitical circumstances in which Europe finds itself require the development of a European response that can effectively address current challenges and anticipate future threats, while preserving the bloc's inherent values and principles.

In addition to the war, the pandemic, the energy crisis, the consequences of climate change, the culture wars, growing gaps between rich and poor, social division and polarisation are all becoming ever greater challenges to democracy, itself increasingly falling under pressure.

The Martens Centre's ambition was to react to the above-mentioned challenges through our research, projects and communications strategy, to incite expert debates, raise awareness, and provide our centre-right leadership and our network with such ideas and recommendations that could address the issues we face in this increasingly fractured global environment.

I believe that also next year, along with our member foundations and partners, we will be driven by such ambition, because we are obliged to contemplate the future.

And now, I am very pleased to introduce you the Martens Centre's 2022 Activity Report, as the result of the true spirit of togetherness and professional teamwork which animates us, having just celebrated our 15th anniversary of existence. I would like to thank my colleagues, our experts, member foundations and partners and all of you for accompanying us on this journey. The coming year will see us continuing to try to tackle this challenging period for Europe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dimitris Droutsas".



01. Publications

As the EPP's political foundation, the Martens Centre monitors, analyses and contributes to the debate on EU policy that is relevant for both experts and the broader European public. The six main research themes cover a wide range of specific political issues. Taking these themes as its point of departure, the Martens Centre produces research papers and policy briefs and organises events and conferences.

02. Events

03. The War in Ukraine

04. Common Projects

05. Outreach

06. About us

All of our publications are available at:
www.martenscentre.eu/publications



European View

The European View is the policy journal of the Martens Centre. An intellectual platform for politicians, opinion makers and academics, it tackles contemporary themes of European politics, focusing on one specific theme in each issue.

The journal contributes to the debate on the most important fields of European and international politics. What makes it unique is its hybrid nature: its capacity to involve esteemed academics and experts, on the one hand, and high-level politicians and decision-makers, on the other. Presidents and prime ministers regularly author articles for the journal.



Volume 21 - Issue 1
Spring, APR. 2022



The changing realities of EU defence cooperation

Edited by Niklas Nováký

The Kremlin's decision to invade Ukraine has rightfully led Europe and the West to support Ukraine and its people in their time of need. Beyond the war itself, the EU must boost its security and defence dimension in order to tackle the challenges of tomorrow. This issue of the European View aims to provide a valuable perspective on how European defence cooperation could and should be developed further in the years to come.



Volume 21 - Issue 2
Autumn, NOV. 2022



Contemporary regional threats and challenges in Europe

Edited by Niklas Nováký

In today's world, the regional threats and challenges in Europe have become increasingly multidimensional and complex, with the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine being major issues which united the bloc's member states like never before. This issue of the European View seeks to tackle the wide variety of challenges facing the European Union and better prepare its societies for the future.



Our Publications in 2022

IN BRIEF
Why Brexit Britain is a Threat to the EU From the Left, not the Right
By Angelos Chryssogelos



IN FOCUS
The Transatlantic Perspective on Migration: Attuning Migration Policy to National Politics
By Henrik Larsen
Edited by Vít Novotný

IN BRIEF
Russia's War Against Ukraine is Changing Europe's Strategic Culture
By Niklas Novák and Peter Hefele

JAN.

FEB.

MAR.

APR.

MAY

JUN.

JUL.

AUG.

SEP.

OCT.

NOV.

DEC.

RESEARCH PAPER
Democratisation in EU Foreign Policy: The Cases of Belarus, Turkey and Ukraine
By Lucie Tungul, Petr Hlaváček, Tereza Soušková, and Marek Ženíšek
Edited by Viktoria Jančošeková



POLICY BRIEF
Regulating the Digital Future: A Centre-Right Approach to Crypto Assets and Digital Currencies
By Eoin Drea and Dimitar Lilkov

POLICY BRIEF
NATO's New Strategic Concept: What Should We Expect?
By Jamie Shea



IN FOCUS
Standing in Unity, Respecting Diversity: A Survey Into Citizens' Perspectives on the Future of Europe
By Federico Ottavio Reho and Anne Blanksma Četa

POLICY BRIEF
The EU's Relations With a Future Democratic Russia: A Strategy
By Andrius Kubilius, Vladimir Milov, Roland Freudenstein, and Sergei Guriev

IN BRIEF
Europe's Tough Energy Choices
By Dimitar Lilkov

IN BRIEF
The Long View: A Centre Right Response to the Economic Fallout of War in Ukraine
By Eoin Drea and Peter Hefele

FUTURE OF EUROPE
EU Subsidiarity as an Antidote to Centralisation and Inefficiency
By Adriaan Schout
Edited by Federico Ottavio Reho

MARTENS CENTRE PAPER
Beyond the Headlines: The Real Impact of Western Sanctions on Russia
By Vladimir Milov

RESEARCH PAPER
'Our European Way of Life' as the Guiding Principle: Shifts in the Understanding of Immigrant Integration at the EU Level
By Vít Novotný

IN BRIEF
GDP, not the Bond Yield, should Remain the Anchor of the EU Fiscal Framework
By Lars Jonung and Fredrik N.G. Andersson
Edited by Eoin Drea

POLICY BRIEF
The EU's Relations With a Future Democratic Russia: A Strategy
By Andrius Kubilius, Vladimir Milov, Roland Freudenstein, and Sergei Guriev

IN BRIEF
Thinking the Unthinkable: How Might the EU Prepare for and React to a Russian Nuclear Strike on Ukraine?
By Niklas Novák and Jolyon Howorth

IN BRIEF
Climate Club: The Way Forward
By Jarosław Pietras



RESEARCH PAPER
The EU and the Multifaceted Nature of European Identity
By André P. Debattista
Edited by Federico Ottavio Reho



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All of our events are available at:
www.martenscentre.eu/events

2022 saw the return of our in-person events as an important avenue for networking in addition to the fruitful exchange of ideas. This year saw many high-level events featuring politicians, activists, and experts from all over Europe and beyond, including our flagship EIF, held for the second time as the European Ideas Forum, and the Martens Centre's participation to the EPP Congress in Rotterdam.



Our Events in 2022



JAN.

FEB.

MAR.

APR.

MAY

JUN.

JUL.

AUG.

SEP.

OCT.

NOV.

DEC.

23.02 • ONLINE EVENT

Can Migration Alone
Solve Europe's
Demographic Crisis?

07.04 • ONLINE EVENT
Hungarian
Parliamentary
Elections: Democratic
Backsliding or
Democratic Revival?

08.04 • EVENT WITH DELPHI
ECONOMIC FORUM, DELPHI
Europe's Geopolitical
Footprint: The
Challenges Ahead

28.04 • HYBRID EVENT
Horizon 2030:
How Will the Strategic
Compass Impact the
Future of EU Defence
Cooperation?



08.03 • ONLINE EVENT
Voices from Ukraine:
Frontline Stories

30.03 • ONLINE EVENT
What is the Future of
the European AI Act?

31.03 • HYBRID EVENT
Putin's War Against
Ukraine and the
New Paradigms of
European Defence
Cooperation

03.05 • HYBRID EVENT
Serving Russian
Interests in the EU –
From Far-Right Parties
to GONGOs

10.05 • HYBRID EVENT
Regulating the Digital
Future: Can Europe
Lead the Crypto and
Digital Currencies
Revolution?

05.07 • EVENT WITH THE
ECONOMIST'S 26TH ANNUAL
GOVERNMENT ROUNDTABLE,
ATHENS
Effective Diplomacy in
Unstable Times: The
European Strategy for
Peace and Stability

19–21.07 • FLAGSHIP EVENTS
12th Transatlantic
Think Tank Conference:
Forging an Alliance of
Democracies

27.09 • HYBRID EVENT
Liz Truss and the
EU-UK relationship:
Bridging the channel
or a bridge too far?

10.11 • ONLINE EVENT
The US midterm
elections and the
implications for Europe
– All change and no
change?

29–30.11 • FLAGSHIP EVENTS
European Ideas Forum
Brussels 2022



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for European Studies



11.10 • HYBRID EVENT
European integration
in the 2020s:
Standing in Unity,
Respecting Diversity?

25.10 • ONLINE EVENT
Financing Freedom:
Strengthening
Ukraine's economic
resilience in 2022 and
2023

26.10 • HYBRID EVENT
Ukrainian immigration
and its effects on the
EU labour market

03.12 • HYBRID EVENT
WITH ISPI
MED Dialogues:
A Wake Up Call?
New Centrality of the
EU Neighbourhood

06.12 • HYBRID EVENT
Resisting Russia's
False Narr-ative –
EU-Ukraine Forum
on Countering
Disinformation

12.12 • ONLINE EVENT
WITH FOREIGN POLICY
A New Cold
War? The Rise of
Authoritarianism
and the Future of
Democracy



EPP Congress 2022

United for Europe

The 2022 EPP Congress dealt with matters extremely relevant to our political family and the wider European Union. As always, the Martens Centre was present to organise a variety of panel discussions tackling salient issues and providing an opportunity for dialogue between key figures of the European centre-right.



Interviews with
EPP Leaders and
Representatives on
a Rolling Basis -
Day 1 & 2

Interviews - Day 1 & 2

Powering EU Technological Leadership -
a Discussion on Open Strategic Autonomy

Speaker Audrey Scozzaro Ferrazzini,
Senior Director of Government
Affairs Europe, Qualcomm

Hosted by Dimitar Lilkov,
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

How Will Trade Shape
the Future of Transatlantic Relations?

Speaker Simona Popa,
Vice-Chair, European Parliament
Outreach Task Force, AmCham EU

Hosted by Margherita Movarelli,
Head of Communications
and Marketing, Martens Centre

The Disinformation
Threat to Europe After
the Russian Invasion of
Ukraine

Speaker Aura Salla,
Head of EU Affairs,
Facebook (Meta)

Hosted by Margherita Movarelli,
Head of Communications
and Marketing, Martens Centre

Cybersecurity and 5G -
What is at Stake for the
EU and the US?

Speaker Claudia Selli,
Vice-President for European Union
Government Affairs, AT&T

Hosted by Dimitar Lilkov,
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

Panels Day 01 - 31 MAY

Christian Democracy and the Centre-Right

Speakers Tom Berendsen,
MEP, CDA, Netherlands
Arjen Siegmann,
Professor of Valuable Work and
Christian-Social Thinking, Vrije
Universiteit Amsterdam, Research
Associate, CDA Research Institute

Moderator André Poortman,
Researcher, CDA Research Institute

European Economic Forecast: Priorities for the Union's Economy

Speakers Siegfried Mureşan,
MEP, PNL, Romania,
Vice-President, EPP
Luděk Niedermayer,
MEP, TOP-09, Czechia

Moderator Eoin Drea,
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

A Green New Future: Balancing Energy Security, Sustainability, and Social Justice

Speakers Jessica Polfjärd,
MEP, Moderaterna, Sweden
Peter Hefele,
Policy Director, Martens Centre

EU Enlargement: A New Approach

Speakers Željana Zovko,
MEP, HDZ, Croatia
Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsandze,
MP, European Solidarity, Ukraine,
former Deputy PM for European
and Euro-Atlantic Integration

Moderator Jarosław Pietras,
Visiting Fellow, Martens Centre

How Does EU Tech Policy Shape Up for the Digital Decade?

Speakers Mark Boris Andrijančič,
Minister for Digital Transformation,
Slovenia
Eva Maydell,
MEP, GERB, Bulgaria

Moderator Dimitar Lilkov,
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

United for Security and Defence: a Genuine Possibility for the EU?

Speakers Arnaud Danjean,
MEP, Les Républicains, France
Henna Virkkunen,
MEP, Kansallinen Kokoomus,
Finland

Moderator Niklas Nováký,
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

Panels Day 02 - 01 JUN.

Future Prospects for EU Migration and Refugee Policy

Speakers Tasos Chatzivasileiou,
MP, New Democracy (EPP),
Greece, Secretary of the Standing
Committee of National Defense
and Foreign Affairs
Rasa Juknevičienė,
MEP, TS-LKD, Lithuania

Moderator Vit Novotný,
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

12th Transatlantic Think Tank Conference: Forging an Alliance of Democracies



For the 12th year running, we organised the Transatlantic Think Tank Conference with our partners at the Hudson Institute and the International Republican Institute. At a time of complicated geopolitical circumstances for the West, the Conference was a valuable opportunity for us all to take stock of impressions and expectations on either side of the Atlantic.

Overview
Day 01 - 19 JUL.
Welcoming Remarks:
The State of the Unions
Session 1:
The War in Ukraine and the Future of European Security
Session 2:
New Approaches to the Indo-Pacific
Luncheon Remarks:
Lifting the Fog of War – The Current State of the War in Ukraine
Session 3:
Economic Recovery in an Era of Turbulence

Dinner hosted by the International Republican Institute

Overview
Day 02 - 20 JUL.
Session 4:
The Future of Energy
Session 5:
Global Competition Revisited - Trade and Technology in the 2020s



Side Programme
20 JUL.

Side Programme Dinner
Speaker Ravi Agrawal,
Editor in Chief, Foreign Policy
Public Panel Discussion
with Hanns Seidel Foundation Washington D.C.
After the US midterms: Transatlantic status quo or new dynamics?



Speakers Angelos Chryssogelos,
Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at London Metropolitan University; Research Associate, Martens Centre
Paul Massaro,
Senior Policy Adviser, Commission for Security and Cooperation in Europe
Jeff Rathke,
President of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at the Johns Hopkins University

Moderator Christian Forstner,
Director, Hanns Seidel Foundation USA





European Ideas Forum Brussels 2022

This year, EIF featured a live audience for the first time since 2019! However, wishing to preserve the possibility for our audience to watch the debates from anywhere at anytime, as was the case since 2020, we held the Forum in a hybrid, TV-studio style format. Whether they were following the debates live or remotely, we also engaged the audience through interactive polls which our moderators used to further stimulate conversations.

As always, EIF was a meeting place for policymakers, industry leaders and academics, allowing them to focus on key challenges facing Europe over two days of interesting discussions.

The European Ideas Forum 2022 was presented by Sandra Pasarić, Project Officer at the Martens Centre



Opening Remarks

Roberta Metsola,
President, European Parliament



Presentation of
the Forum

Mikuláš Dzurinda,
President, Martens Centre

Titled ‘Reshaping Europe Through Crises’, this year’s EIF sought once again to bring together policymakers, industry leaders and academics to discuss the most pressing challenges facing the European Union.

Overview Day 01 29 NOV.

Panel 01

Seeking Stability: Inflation and Tackling Europe’s Economic Challenges

The first panel discussed the highly-topical question of how best to control inflation and the risks of increased government spending, with experts from both the Parliament and the Commission and the Martens Centre’s Eoin Drea.

Speakers	Luděk Niedermayer, MEP, EPP Group Pim Lescrauwae, Expert at the Cabinet of Executive Vice President Dombrovskis, European Commission
Moderator	Eoin Drea, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre



Panel 02 Repower EU: Building a True European Energy Union

Moderated by Dimitar Lilkov, Senior Research Officer at the Martens Centre, EIF’s second panel tackled the future of European energy security, dealing with matters of digitalisation, decentralisation and storage, and renewable energy. Day one concluded with a networking cocktail for all participants and guests.

Speakers	Jerzy Buzek, MEP, EPP Group Philipp Offenberg, Senior Manager Europe, Breakthrough Energy Brenda Shaffer, Professor, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School
Moderator	Dimitar Lilkov, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre



Interview in Cooperation with Google - Building Europe’s Technological Sovereignty and Digital Resilience

Guest	Thiébaut Meyer, Director, Office of the CISO, Google Cloud
Moderator	Dimitar Lilkov, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre



Exclusive Interview

Guest	Klaus Welle, Secretary-General, European Parliament
Moderator	Margherita Movarelli, Head of Communications and Marketing, Martens Centre



Panel 03 War and Peace: Strategic Autonomy and the Future of European Security Policy

Day 2 began with a networking breakfast before the start of EIF’s third panel focusing on geopolitics and dealing with questions of critical infrastructure dependency on Russia and China, and the need to enhance the European Defence Industrial and Technological base.

Speakers	Henna Virkkunen, MEP, EPP Group Stijn Mols, Head of Division, Security and Defence Policy, EEAS Jamie Shea, former Deputy Assistant Secretary-General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO, and Senior Research Associate, Martens Centre
Moderator	Tomi Huhtanen, Executive Director, Martens Centre



Interview in cooperation with Microsoft EU Cyber Legislation and the Geopolitics of Cybersecurity

Guest	Florian Pennings, Director European Government Affairs – Cybersecurity, Microsoft
Moderator	Eleftheria Katsi, Communications and Press Assistant, Martens Centre



Interview in cooperation with Johnson & Johnson The EU as a Global Hub for Health Innovation

Guest	Anouk De Vroey, Head of Government Affairs and Policy Pharmaceutical & Vaccines EMEA, Johnson & Johnson
Moderator	Eoin Drea, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre

Closing Remarks

Antonio López-Istúriz White, MEP, EPP Group, Secretary-Treasurer, Martens Centre

Overview Day 02
30 NOV.

Panel 04 Repower EU: Building a True European Energy Union

The final panel of the 12th EIF discussed the EU’s evolving strategic culture and the current role of the transatlantic relationship, featuring experts with experience on both sides of the Atlantic. Afterwards, Antonio López-Istúriz White, EPP MEP and Secretary-Treasurer of the Martens Centre gave the closing remarks of EIF 2022, where he stressed the need for pragmatism and remaining united in the face of adversity. The event concluded with a networking lunch for all attendees.

Speakers	Radosław Sikorski, MEP, EPP Group Susan Danger, CEO, American Chamber of Commerce to the EU Theresa Fallon, Director, Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies (CREAS)
Moderator	Peter Hefele, Policy Director, Martens Centre



Interview in cooperation with AT&T Bridging the Pond: What Future Role for the EU-US Trade and Technology Council?

Guest	Alberto Zilio, Director External and Legislative Affairs Europe, AT&T
Moderator	Anna Nalyvayko, Project Officer, Martens Centre



01. Publications

02. Events

03. The War in Ukraine

A substantial portion of our work in 2022 was informed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the importance of supporting Ukraine in their efforts to repel the attack, protect populations at risk, and build closer ties with the European Union. This was already an important thematic in our work, as the Martens Centre was providing advice to the country as early as 2014, but the circumstances of this year made us re-double our efforts.

Through this dedicated section, we wish to salute the inspiring determination of the Ukrainian people and highlight some of the work we've done on the topic, both in years past and in 2022.

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All of our Ukraine-related content can be found at
www.martenscentre.eu/ukraine/



WMCES and the Situation in Ukraine

— Pre-2022



PUBLICATION

13 FEB. 2015 Ukraine after Minsk II: The military situation on the ground

In the aftermath of Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea and the Minsk Agreements, the Martens Centre wrote about the military situation in the country.

Authors Roland Freudenstein
Policy Director, Martens Centre
Viktor Artemenko



BLOG POST

10 DEC. 2013 The message from the streets of Kyiv

From the very beginning of Euromaidan, the Martens Centre supported Ukraine's quest for a European future.

Author Roland Freudenstein
Policy Director, Martens Centre



Mikuláš Dzurinda,
President, Martens Centre
in Kyiv, Ukraine, NOV. 2014



PUBLICATION

13 APR. 2018 European Energy Security: The Case Against Nord Stream 2

Early on, the Martens Centre was warning about potential energy blackmail by Russia..

Authors Roland Freudenstein
Policy Director, Martens Centre

Dimitar Lilkov,
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

ONLINE EVENT

10 SEP. 2021 Crimea in the Spotlight – the Road to De-Occupation

As geopolitical tensions were rising, we remained committed to Ukraine's goal of retaking all occupied territory.

Discussants Emine Dzhaparova,
First Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine

Roland Freudenstein,
Policy Director, Martens Centre

Michael Siebert,
Managing Director for Eastern Europe
and Central Asia, EEAS

Moderator Anna Nalyvayko,
Project Officer, Martens Centre



PUBLICATION

01 FEB. 2017 Ukraine Reforms: Milestones and Achievements

The Martens Centre was always ready to stand by Ukraine as it sought to build closer ties with Europe. As early as 2014, the WMCES organised a series of visits by senior EU figures to advise and assist Ukraine in these efforts, as it dealt with the Russian occupation of its land. By late 2016, the programme presented over 20 activities, 18 high-level visits in Ukraine in 7 different cities, around 70 meetings and lectures and over 40 media interviews.

WMCES and the Situation in Ukraine

→ Blogs

As soon as the war broke out, our experts recognised the important implications of the invasion for Europe's future, and how important the question of energy would be for the conflict.



27 FEB.
The Fight for Europe's Future is Being Fought in the Streets of Ukraine

Author Tomi Huhtanen, Executive Director, Martens Centre



03 MAR.
The EU Must Limit Gazprom's Grip and Slash Putin's War Chest

Authors Dimitar Lilkov, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre



→ Publications

Our European View Spring 2022 edition focused on how EU defence policy would need to adapt to the new geopolitical reality.



26 APR.
The changing realities of EU defence cooperation



16 NOV.
Beyond the Headlines: The Real Impact of Western Sanctions on Russia



Through a deep dive into a variety of economic indicators, Vladimir Milov demonstrated that Western sanctions were indeed having negative consequences on the Russian economy, contrary to what many Russian officials were advancing.

Author Vladimir Milov, Russian Opposition Leader and Martens Centre Research Associate



→ Interviews → Events



05 MAR.
Thinking Talks Ep.4 with Andrius Kubilius

In early March, we organised an interview with Andrius Kubilius MEP, former Prime Minister of Lithuania and a key figure in advocating for EU support to Ukraine, where we discussed Ukraine's needs and accession perspectives. He had previously participated as an expert in the Ukraine Reforms programme.

Discussants Andrius Kubilius, MEP
Peter Hefele, Policy Director, Martens Centre



26 SEP.
Thinking Talks Ep.7 with Vladimir Milov

As Russia's army was experiencing repeated setbacks at the hands of the valiant Ukrainian military, we held a discussion with Vladimir Milov to take stock of the situation and its effects on Putin's position in Russia.

Discussants Vladimir Milov, Russian Opposition Leader and Martens Centre Research Associate
Tomi Huhtanen, Executive Director, Martens Centre



Over the entire year, we organised many events on the war in Ukraine, providing Ukrainians with platforms to communicate important messages to our European audience. These also served as key fora to connect decision makers involved in the matter.

08 MAR. 2021
Voices from Ukraine: Frontline Stories

Discussants Dinara Habibullaieva, MP, Kyiv City Council
Viktor Artemenko, Independent Government and NGO Consultant
Host Anna Nalyvayko, Project Officer, Martens Centre



26 OCT. 2021
Ukrainian immigration and its effects on the EU labour market

Opening Remarks Tomi Huhtanen, Executive Director, Martens Centre

Discussants Dušan Drbohlav, Full Professor, Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, Charles University in Prague, Czechia
Justyna Segeš Frelak, Senior Policy Advisor for Legal Migration and Integration, International Centre for Migration Policy Development

Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Moderator Vit Novotný, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre



06 DEC. 2021
Resisting Russia's False Narrative – EU-Ukraine Forum on Countering Disinformation

1st Keynote Katarina Mathernova, Deputy Director General at DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) and Head of Support Group for Ukraine, European Commission

Panel 1: De-railing Russia's disinformation campaign in its war against Ukraine

Moderator Garvan Walshe, Visiting Fellow, Martens Centre

Panel 2: Joining efforts to combat disinformation – the Lublin Triangle report

Moderator Marina Dadinova, Head of Programs, Brand Ukraine

2nd Keynote Katarina Mathernova, Deputy Director General at DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) and Head of Support Group for Ukraine, European Commission

3rd Keynote Petra Gombalova Kyslingerova, Head of Ukraine Division EURCA

Panel 3: Strengthening EU-UA resilience towards shared challenges

Moderator Dimitar Lilkov, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre





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2022 saw continued cooperation between the Martens Centre and its vast network of like-minded organisations, which brings together 32 member foundations and 19 official partners from all over Europe and beyond.

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All of our Common Projects are available at
www.martenscentre.eu/type-of-event/common-projects/



Projects with Member Foundations

JAN.

COLLABORATIVE
PUBLICATION
JANUARY-APRIL, ESTONIA
WMCES/PRO PATRIA
INSTITUTE
These 30 Years

COLLABORATIVE
PUBLICATION
JANUARY-MAY, ATHENS
WMCES/HSS
Greece in the EU:
40 Years

COLLABORATIVE
E-PUBLICATION
JANUARY-DECEMBER,
SLOVENIA
WMCES/INAK
Stand up for the EU
News Season 2

COLLABORATIVE
E-PUBLICATION
JANUARY-DECEMBER,
SLOVENIA
WMCES/INAK
Following the path
of digitalisation in
Slovenia and Europe



ONLINE CONFERENCE
AND COLLABORATIVE
PUBLICATION
3 FEBRUARY, VIENNA
WMCES/POLAK

The (future) role of
Artificial Intelligence
in political decision
processes

CONFERENCE
19 FEBRUARY, NICOSIA
WMCES/GCI
The Future of Europe

COLLABORATIVE
PUBLICATION
FEBRUARY-DECEMBER,
TALLINN
WMCES/PRO PATRIA
INSTITUTE
These 30 Years II

MAR.

COLLABORATIVE
E-PUBLICATION
MARCH-JUNE, ONLINE
WMCES/POLAK
E-Learning Africa

COLLABORATIVE
PUBLICATION
MARCH-DECEMBER,
SKOPJE
WMCES/KAS
Decarbonising the
Economy of North
Macedonia

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The 7th edition of NET@WORK was held on 15 November 2022 in Brussels. Held in-person for the first time since 2019, this edition was a valuable opportunity for all parts of our wide network of member foundations to come together and exchange on the important issues affecting their countries and the wider EU.

This event has become the largest public platform of European centre-right think-tanks gathering to debate and advocate EU policies. We joined forces with our partners of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS European Office) Germany, Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung (HSS Brussels Liaison Office) Germany, and Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (PolAk) Austria.

Event Aims

- To promote and increase the cooperation within our organisation's network of political foundations and think-tanks;
- To bring national priority subjects to Brussels and discuss them at an EU level;
- To harmonise and find a common ground for discussion;
- To advocate centre-right political content.



Session 01 – Panel 01

EU-MENA Relations in Times of Crisis – How to Ensure Strategic Cooperation with our Southern Partners?

Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS Europe – Germany), Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (POLAK – Austria)



Organised with our partners at KAS and POLAK, Panel 1 explored the situation in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), over a decade on from the Arab Spring. Authoritarian regimes have since re-asserted themselves in the region, and current geopolitical developments give the region new significance in terms of economic, energy and migration issues. The discussion dealt with the current state of EU-MENA relations and sought to provide an outlook for the future, considering how the EU could ensure cooperation on current geopolitical issues to support European interests, and ensure MENA is not left behind in future political cooperation.

Speakers Ajla Hotic, Senior Policy Adviser, EPP
Wolfgang Puszta, Senior Advisor, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy
Isabelle Werenzels, PhD, Senior Fellow Africa and Middle East, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Moderator Christina Bache Ph.D., Associate Researcher at the Center for Migration, Diversity, and Justice, Brussels School of Governance

Session 01 – Panel 02

As the Energy Crisis Bites, is a Food Crisis Next?

Anton Korošec Institute (INAK – Slovenia)

Panel 2, held alongside INAK, discussed the potential threat of a European food crisis. Before Russia's invasion of Ukraine even began, Europeans were feeling the sting of rising prices. Since the war began, rising energy costs made the situation particularly concerning for fertiliser production, and drought across the continent further darkened the outlook. Panelists aimed to provide answers on these issues and the future of the EU agricultural sector, in addition to providing options for the EU to help avert a food crisis.

Speakers Emma Brown, Director of Public Affairs, CropLife Europe
Herbert Dorfmann, MEP, EPP Group, Italy

Moderator Franc Bogovič, MEP, EPP Group, Slovenia

Session 01 – Panel 03

Technology Transfer – an Untapped Potential for the CEE Region

TOPAZ (Czechia)

Panel 3, in cooperation with TOPAZ, discussed technology and knowledge transfer in Central Europe, a key topic since the 1990s. In the aftermath of COVID-19, panelists provided insight on how to unlock the region's untapped potential and drive economic and technological development, leaning on the experiences of other EU member states.

Speakers Alena Mastantuono, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Delegate of the Czech Chamber of Commerce to EUROCHAMBRES
Otomar Sláma, Board Chairman, Charles University Innovations Prague

Moderator Lucie Tungul, Head of Research, TOPAZ

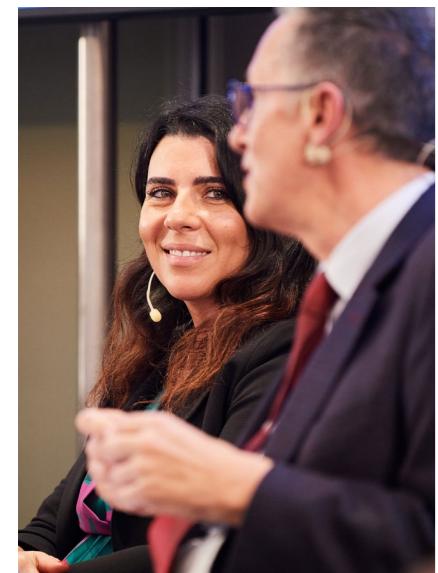
Session 02 - Panel 04

From Ukraine to the Mediterranean: EU Migration Policy in Times of Crisis

Luigi Sturzo Institute (ILS – Italy)

Panel 4 and our partners at ILS explored the ramifications of the war in Ukraine in terms of migration policy. Namely, whether widespread EU support for Ukrainians fleeing the conflict will translate into effective reforms of asylum and migration policy. Interests remain divergent within the Union on the matter of migration and asylum, and discussants provided insight on how the EU might deal with renewed migratory flows in the Mediterranean, and the lessons to be taken from the past year.

Speakers	Gianluca Brusco, Justice and Home Affairs Coordinator, Italian Permanent Representation to the EU Laurence Hart, Director, Coordination Office for the Mediterranean, International Organization for Migration Loredana Teodorescu, Head of EU and International Affairs, ILS, President, Women in International Security, Italy
Moderator	Steven Van Hecke, Associate Professor, KU Leuven



Session 02 - Panel 05

The Future of European Liberal Democracy – What Role for the EPP?

Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute
for Democracy (KKID-Greece)

Panel 5 in cooperation with KKID dealt with the concerning rise of far-right politics and national populism, and the consequences these trends might have on liberal democracy. Discussants delved into how the European centre-right could develop and put into practice new social and economic policies, improve its communication with European citizens, and give a new incentive to the European project.

Speakers	Thanasis Bakolas, Secretary General, EPP Kostis Hatzidakis, Minister for Labour and Social Affairs of Greece Miriam Lexmann, MEP, EPP Group, Slovakia
Moderator	Panagiotis Kakolyris, Head of International Affairs, KKID

Session 02 - Panel 06

Can Europe Emerge Stronger from the Energy Crisis?

Foundation Tunega, Púčik, Tesár
(NTPT – Slovakia)

We organised Panel 6 with NTPT, tackling the energy crisis which has loomed over the continent since the war in Ukraine began. Speakers engaged with developing situations in the energy market, EU policy in the domain, the role of nuclear and renewables, and, importantly, the effect this will have on the 2024 European elections for the centre-right.

Speakers	Ján Figel', President, Foundation Tunega, Púčik, Tesár Pauline Lucas, Policy Director, Euroheat & Power Ivan Štefanec, MEP, EPP Group, Slovakia
Moderator	Marek Degro, Political Advisor, European Parliament



Session 03 - Panel 07

The EU's Role in Revitalising the Global Trade System

Hanns Seidel Stiftung (HSS – Germany)

Panel 7 and our partners at HSS saw a discussion on the state of global trade and the continued relevance of the World Trade Organization. The conversation examined where the EU would set its future trade policy priorities, and how the WTO can aim to remain relevant in a fragmented world in which international dependencies are perceived as a burden.

Keynote	Markus Ferber, MEP, EPP Group, Germany, Coordinator of the EPP Group in the ECON Committee, EP, Chair, HSS
Speakers	Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, MEP, EPP Group, Greece, Vice-Chair of Committee on International Trade, EP Sofia Bournou, Senior Adviser, BusinessEurope

Moderator	Tomi Huhtanen, Executive Director, Martens Centre
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Session 03 - Panel 08

East Mediterranean – Shallow Waters or Deep Currents?

The Glafkos Clerides Institute (GCI – Cyprus)

Alongside GCI, Panel 8 tackled the geopolitical situation in the East Mediterranean. Increased geopolitical games and bargaining by regional and global powers have made fragility a daily norm in the region. Panelists explored whether new developments could work towards securing peace, or at least medium to long-term stability, or even a reconfiguration of the conflict.

Speakers	Ino Afentouli, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations Agis Digkas, Vice President, Renewable Energy Sources Operator & Guarantees of Origin, Greece, Adjunct Lecturer of Geopolitics, NKUA
Moderator	Michalis Sophocleus, Director, GCI

Moderator	Marina Savvidou, TV journalist, Mega TV, Senior Adviser, European Parliament
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Session 03 - Panel 09

NATO and the Defence of Europe: Between a Northeastern Shift and Southern Challenges

De Gasperi Foundation (FDG – Italy)

Panel 9 and FDG examined the seismic shift in European defence policy that constitutes the accession of Sweden and Finland to NATO. Discussants sought to determine whether over-focusing on threats to the North and East of the Alliance might risk distracting from issues to the South and planning accordingly. Failure to do so would risk increasing the political instability and insecurity that have triggered great waves of refugees and migrants across the narrow sea in the past.

Speakers	Paolo Alli, Former President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Member of the Executive Board, FDG
Moderator	Mattia Caniglia, Associate Director of the Digital Forensic Research Laboratory, Atlantic Council

Speakers	Nicola De Santis, Head Engagements Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO
Moderator	Mattia Caniglia, Associate Director of the Digital Forensic Research Laboratory, Atlantic Council



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Central to our efforts of developing centre-right thought in Europe is our coordinated outreach strategy. We make use of traditional and emerging media and produce a variety of audiovisual and written content in order to increase the visibility of our activities and our researchers, promote our content to a wider audience, and continue to be parts of the discussion on the European Union in Brussels and beyond.

All of our Outreach content can be found at
www.martenscentre.eu/news/



Our Formats



We function as a pan-European platform both for our member foundations and for think tanks and experts from all over Europe that share our values and those of our political family.

Working closely with our national partners allows us to bring the European debate closer to those to whom it matters most: the European public. Some of the formats we used to achieve this in 2022 were:

→ “I say Europe, you say...?”

A series of entertaining and informative interviews with centre-right politicians aiming to present their perspectives and ideas on the European common project and its future. This interview series has been published since January 2017 and aims to reveal the everyday and down-to-earth side of the EU and national policymakers.

Bridge the Channel



→ Bridge the Channel

Starring Angelos Chryssogelos, Bridge the Channel is the spiritual successor to our Brexiometer series. It keeps our viewers informed about the latest political developments in the Anglosphere and their impact on political decisions made in the EU.



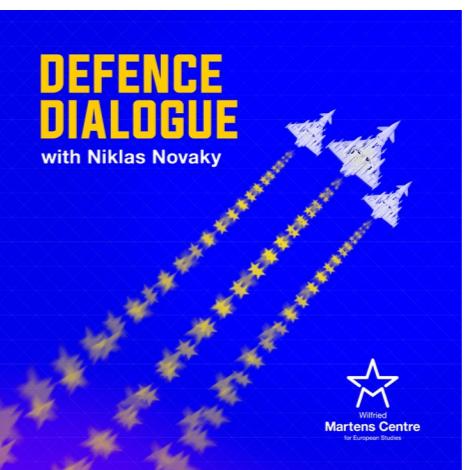
→ Thinking Talks

Our principal video interview format aimed at discussing a variety of issues with important guests across the EU sphere and beyond. Interviews have for instance featured the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, Andrius Kubilius MEP, and Russian Opposition Leader and Martens Centre Research Associate Vladimir Milov.



→ Vital Questions

Our short written interview format, where we bring together key actors of certain spheres, such as members of our Honorary Board or experts in a policy field, to answer specific questions and offer their unique insights on the matters at hand.



→ Defence Dialogues

A podcast series hosted by Niklas Novák. It engages key policymakers and opinion leaders working on European security and defence policy in a conversation on contemporary issues and challenges in the area. The podcast series aims to discuss these issues and challenges in this vital, but complex policy area in a way that is accessible to everyone interested in them.



→ Europe Out Loud

A podcast series by Federico Ottavio Reho on salient issues facing Europe. Federico discusses a plethora of topics, in a tour de force through European history, culture and civilisation. He redefines political correctness with the help of razor-sharp arguments and beautifully drawn historical parallels. In September 2018, the podcast won a Digital Communication Award as the Best Digital Channel of the year.



→ #15YearsMC

To celebrate the Martens Centre's 15th anniversary, we shared one highlight for every year of our rich history in the last 15 weeks of 2022. Every Friday, we took our audience through a trip of our many key milestones, including the first European View, the first EIF, and many more!



→ Migration Update

The Migration Update is a monthly compilation of relevant news stories created by the Martens Centre's migration expert, Vít Novotný. It is sent to our subscribers and relevant contacts in this policy field, and exists to provide a factual base for migration debates within the European centre-right..



→ Her and EU

The Martens Centre's newest podcast series, focusing on gender equality in Europe. Starring Loredana Teodorescu, Martens Centre Research Associate, the podcast has featured Frances Fitzgerald MEP, among many others.

→ Interviews with EPP Leaders at the Congress

During the two-day EPP Congress, we conducted dozens of short interviews with national MPs, MEPs, EU Commissioners and national leaders, asking questions linked to the issues driving the Congress. The interviews were made available almost immediately on our YouTube channel, allowing delegates and guests to watch and listen to them while attending the Congress.

→ Brussels Bytes

A podcast series hosted by Dimitar Lilkov. It tackles novel issues of digital policy, online privacy, and FinTech, featuring a balance of academics, policymakers and private sector actors, reflecting the multi-layered nature of digital policy.



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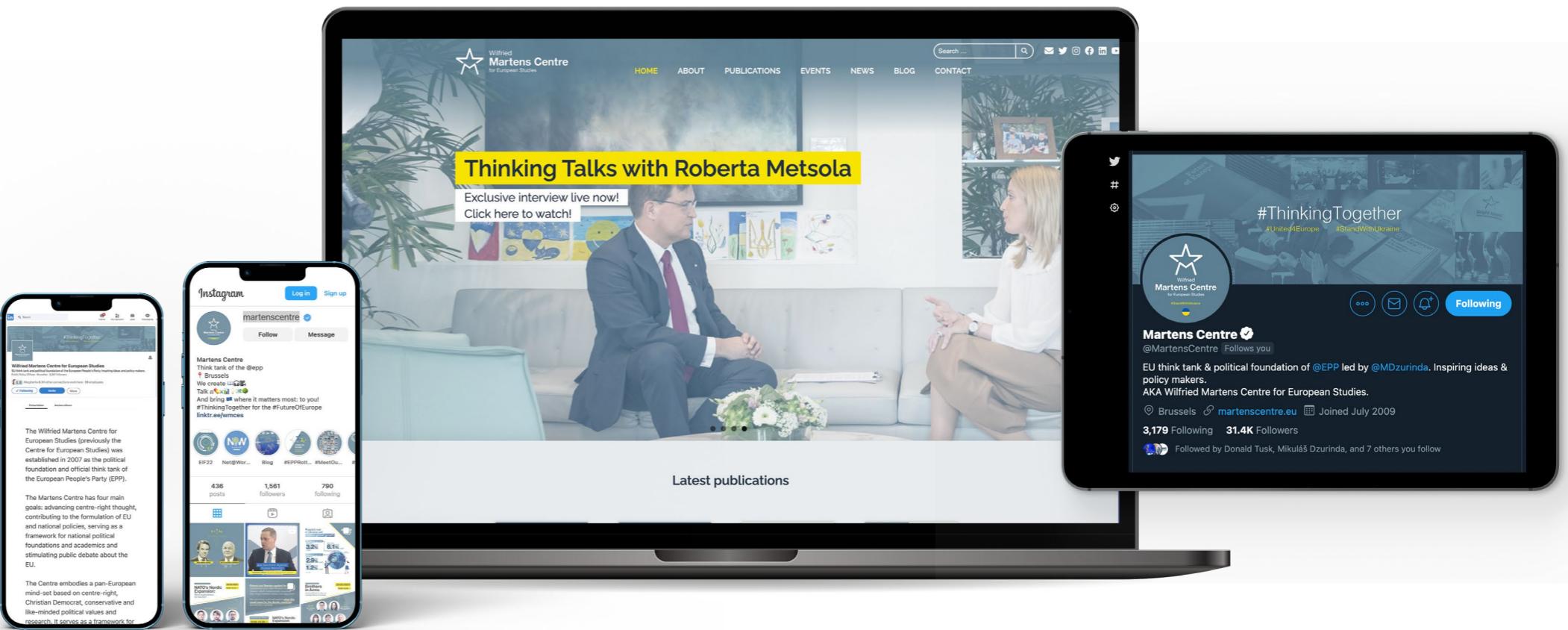
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6.	China	5,216
7.	Netherlands	3,528
8.	Italy	3,382
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10.	Russia	2,079

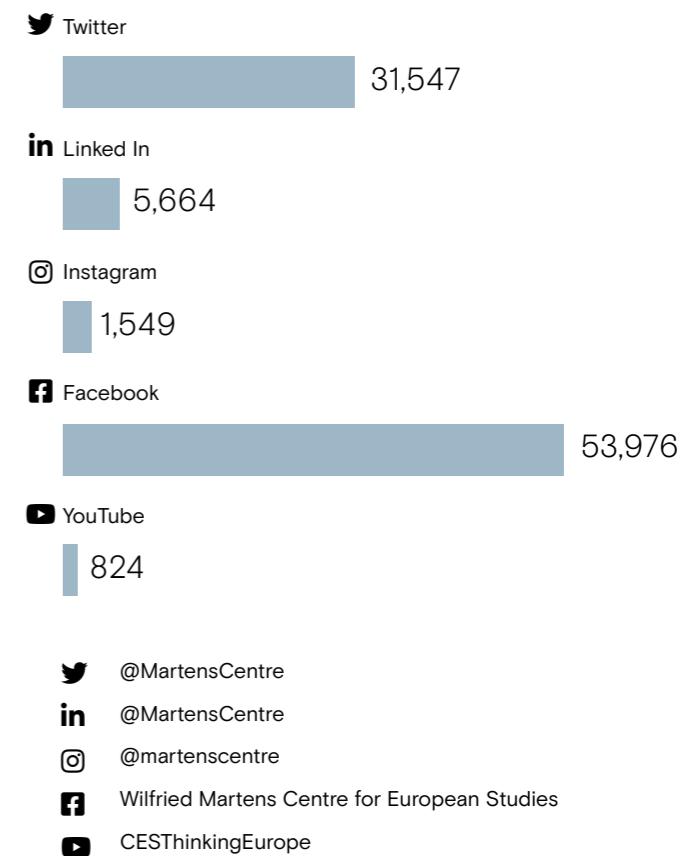
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As always, we have spent the year constantly monitoring the Martens Centre website to ensure the website remains visually modern and technically advanced in order to improve the experience for our visitors. We added additional functionalities to reduce loading times on mobile and flipbook options for those who prefer to read our research with the feeling of reading a book.



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The EU's Balance of Power Is Shifting East

Russia's war has opened up a vast strategic chasm within the European Union.

By Eoin Drea, a senior researcher at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies.

Polish President Andrzej Duda speaks at a press conference in Berlin as German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron listen, on Feb. 8. THIBAULT CAMUS/POOL/AFP via Getty Images

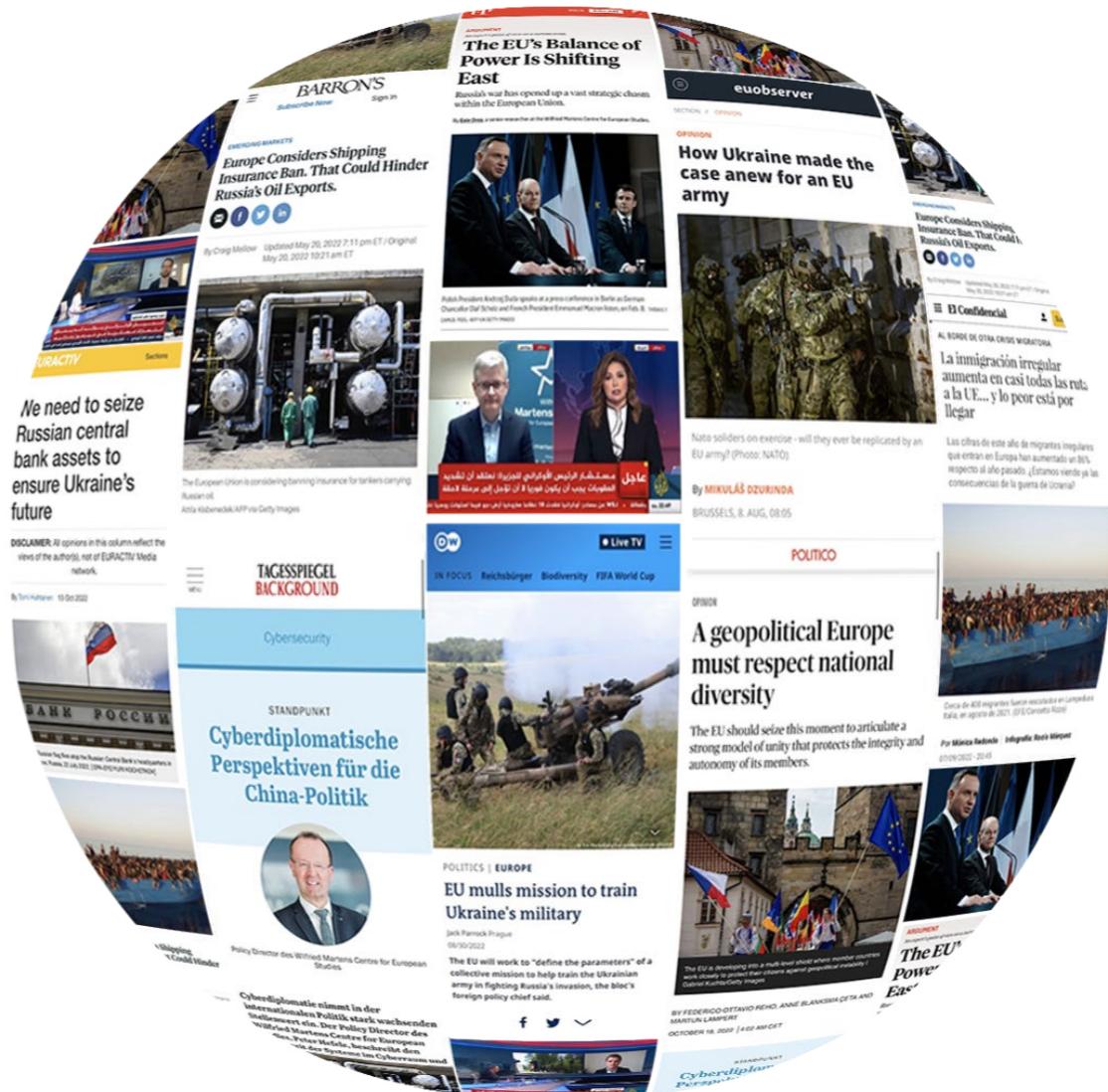
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For Foreign Policy, Eoin Drea described the shifting dynamics of power in the EU since the war in Ukraine.

Martens Centre experts have been regularly invited to contribute to various media outlets reporting on topics relating to our work. Our researchers have also been extensively quoted by media discussing their areas of expertise. This demonstrates the Centre's relevance in public discussion at the very highest level, and is a testament to our strong presence in the European media landscape.

As part of our commitment to help inform the public debate as much as possible, we've also developed media partnerships to expand our reach and bring together new members of our audience with our established contacts. This also allows us to promote our wide offer of products, from policy papers to podcasts, to the relevant audiences across the EU.

In 2022, several Martens Centre experts were invited to be interviewed and comment on current events.



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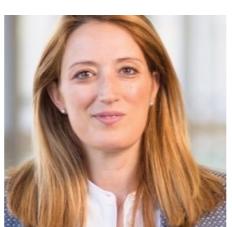
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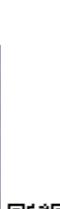
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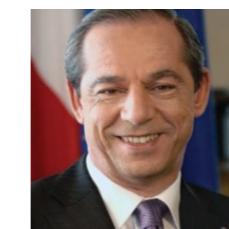
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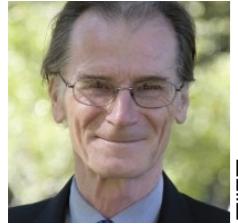
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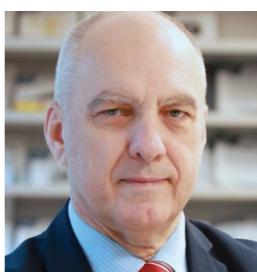
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