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In Memoriam: Wilfried Martens



On 9 October, Wilfried Martens, President of the Centre for European Studies (CES) and long-standing President of the European People's Party (EPP), passed away at the age of 77.

President Martens was a strong believer and promoter of political foundations, which he considered instrumental in advancing European integration and cooperation. Inspired by the role national foundations had played in their respective countries, he took an active role in founding the first centre-right political foundation at European level, the CES.

President Martens was deeply committed and engaged in CES activities, not only as a strategic leader, but also as an inspirational speaker and author. His passion for the European project is evident in his autobiography *Europe: I Struggle, I Overcome* which offers the inside story on the intricacies of European politics, but above all its guiding ideas, values and principles.

'Thinking Europe' is the motto which the CES began its activities under when it was founded by Wilfried Martens five years ago. However, this was not just a motto for the CES but also the motto Wilfried Martens lived by throughout his esteemed political career. Due to his work, Europe is today a strong project with a vibrant future.

His leadership, insight and vision will be greatly missed not only by the CES, but also by all of those who became part of our project, our ever-growing network of like-minded foundations across Europe.

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Five years ago, when the CES was founded, we set out four main goals to guide our activities: to advance centre-right thought, to contribute to the formulation of EU and national policies, to serve as a framework for national political foundations and to stimulate public debate about the EU.

Committed to increase the outreach of our research to new target audiences, as well as strengthen existing partnerships with our stakeholders, we began 2013 with the re-launch of our website. The new thinkingeurope.eu was designed to be a state-of-the-art platform, with easy access to content and updates, and user-friendly feedback. During 6 to 7 June, the CES was proud to host the fourth annual Economic Ideas Forum (EIF), held in Helsinki under the patronage of Prime Minister Jyrki Katainen. The Forum welcomed four EU prime ministers, European Commissioners and national ministers, members of the European Parliament and renowned experts from the academic and business world. With a record number of international media presence and coverage, and following the success of previous forums held in Dublin, London and Madrid, the EIF is now recognised throughout Europe as a top conference on economic issues.

The economy continued to be high on our research agenda with the launch of an ambitious new collaborative publication, *From Reform to Growth: Managing the Economic Crisis in Europe*. The book analyses government responses to the current economic crisis, covering nineteen European countries, and based on this, offers recommendations to policymakers. The book was officially launched during the EIF, with subsequent launches and related events taking place in other EU capitals, including Brussels, Berlin and Tallinn.

Another topic that received a lot of attention this year was the worrying rise of populist parties and alliances

between them. *Exposing the Demagogues: Right-wing and National Populist Parties in Europe*, a CES study in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), signals that populist parties are growing in strength and may well play a more prominent role in the European Parliament.

2013 was also a sad year for the CES with the passing away of our founder and President, Wilfried Martens, at the age of 77. ‘Thinking Europe’ was the motto under which the CES started its activities five years ago and for Wilfried Martens, ‘Thinking Europe’ was his life’s motto. He was a strong believer and promoter of political foundations, which he considered instrumental in advancing European integration and cooperation. Following this terrible loss, the CES elected as its new president Mikuláš Dzurinda, former Prime Minister of Slovakia. President Dzurinda will build on the work of the late President Martens, committed to develop an even stronger and more prominent CES in the future.

Looking back at an eventful 2013, the CES continues to expand its network of like-minded organisations that now includes 29 members, as well as its strategic partnerships with organisations (International Republican Institute, Hudson Institute). Our online reach has quadrupled from last year, while our experts face daily requests from policy-makers and international media to provide opinions and expertise on the latest European developments.

However, we believe that now is the perfect time to be ‘Thinking Europe’ more than ever. The EU is still recovering from the economic crisis, while the next European elections are approaching fast. Citizens, voters and policy-makers alike need to be able to access quality research in order to take informed decisions and grasp the long-term consequences of their options and that is where we believe, the CES can continue to play a crucial role.

About us

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The Centre for European Studies (CES), established in 2007, is the political foundation and think tank of the European People's Party (EPP). The CES embodies a pan-European mindset, promoting Christian Democrat, conservative and like-minded political values.

It serves as a framework for national political foundations linked to member parties of the EPP.

It currently has 29 member foundations in 22 EU and non-EU countries.

The CES takes part in the preparation of EPP programmes and policy documents.

It organises seminars and training on EU policies and on the process of European integration.

The CES also contributes to formulating EU and national public policies.

It produces research studies and books, electronic newsletters, policy briefs, and the twice-yearly *European View* journal.

Its research activities are divided into six clusters: party structures and EU institutions, economic and social policies, EU foreign policy, environment and energy, values and religion, and new societal challenges.

Through its papers, conferences, authors' dinners and website, the CES offers a platform for discussion among experts, politicians, policymakers and the European public.

Executive Board

The Executive Board is composed of a maximum of eight members, including the President and the Secretary Treasurer, elected by the General Assembly of the CES.

Its role ranges from drafting the annual programme based on agreed research priorities, ensuring the legal representation and financial supervision of the activities of the CES, as well as steering the expansion of the CES network of member organisations.



• **Wilfried Martens | President of the CES from Sept 2007 – Oct 2013 †**

Wilfried Martens was the President of the CES for six years. He served as Prime Minister of Belgium for 12 years, he was a co-founder of the EPP in 1976 and was its president for 23 years. From 1994 to 1998, he was a Member of the European Parliament, chairing the EPP Group. Martens was also the President of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI) from October 2000 to November 2001.



• **Mikuláš Dzurinda | President of the CES**

Mikuláš Dzurinda was elected President of the CES in December 2013. He is the former Prime Minister of Slovakia, holding the position from 1998 to 2006, and has held various positions in government since first entering politics in 1990. Dzurinda is a founding member of the Slovak Democratic and Christian Union Democratic Party (SDKÚ-DS) and was Chairman of the party from 2000 to 2012. He was elected to the Slovak Parliament following elections in 2012 and is currently a member of the Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Relations.



• **Antonio López-Istúriz | Secretary Treasurer of the CES**

Antonio López-Istúriz is the Secretary Treasurer of the CES, EPP Secretary General and a Member of the European Parliament. From 1999 to 2002 he worked as personal adviser to former Prime Minister of Spain, José María Aznar. López-Istúriz has also been the Executive Secretary of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI) since 2002 and is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Partido Popular (PP).



• **Joseph Daul**

Joseph Daul has been the Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament since 2007 and became President of the EPP in November 2013. He was elected to the European Parliament in 1999 as a member of the French Union for a Popular Movement (UMP). Daul has been awarded the titles 'Officier du Mérite Agricole', 'Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite' and 'Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur' in France. He is also a recipient of the 'Grosses Verdienstkreuz' from Germany.



• **Olof Ehrenkrona**

Olof Ehrenkrona is an Ambassador and Senior Adviser for the Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, where he deals with issues related to globalisation. He is also a Policy Adviser at the Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation (JHS). In the early 1990s, during the collapse of the Soviet Union and the transformation of Eastern and Central Europe, he was Head of Policy Planning in the Swedish prime minister's office.



• **Werner Fasslabend | *Permanent Guest***

Werner Fasslabend is the Chairman of the CES Academic Council. Between 1987 and 2007 he was a member of the Austrian National Council, he was the Third President of the National Council (2000-2002) and served as the Federal Minister of Defence for ten years (1990 - 2000). Since 2004 he has been President of the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (PolAk) as well as of the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES).



• **Raymond H.J.M. Gradus**

Raymond H.J.M. Gradus is the Director of the CDA Research Institute and Professor of Public Administration and Economics at the VU University in Amsterdam. He is a Fellow at the Netspar institute (Network for Studies on Pensions, Ageing and Retirement) and Talma institute for care, work and welfare. Previously he served as Director of the Directorate for Financial and Economic Affairs of the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (2003-2007) and Director of the Directorate for Forecasting and Analysis of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (2002-2003).



• **György Granasztói**

György Granasztói is a Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister of Hungary, Victor Orbán. He has served as Hungarian Ambassador to the EU and NATO from 1990 to 1994 and as President of the Union of Hungarian Civic Cooperation from 2000 to 2002. He is a laureate of the Charles Simonyi Grant and in 2009 he received the French Légion d'Honneur. He holds a degree in History and French from ELTE University Budapest, where he is Professor of History since 1985.



• **Hans-Gert Pöttering**

Hans-Gert Pöttering is the Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) and the only Member of the European Parliament who has continuously served since the first European elections in 1979. From 1999 to 2007, he served as the Chairman of the EPP-ED Group, and from 2007 to 2009 as the President of the European Parliament. Among many European honours Hans-Gert Pöttering has received the Grand Cross with Star and Shoulder Ribbon of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and is Commander of the Légion d'Honneur.



• **Yannis G. Valinakis**

Yannis G. Valinakis served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and member of the Greek Parliament (2004-2009) and as a Jean Monnet Professor of European Affairs at the University of Athens. He is currently the President of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Athens, and the Dean of the Law School, Neapolis University. He is also a Senior Visiting Fellow at the European Institute of the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has published widely in international and European journals in five languages.

Academic Council

The Executive Board nominates esteemed academics and researchers as members of the Academic Council in order to increase the academic scope of the CES and oversee the scientific standards of its research, studies and activities.

This includes enhancing the standing and visibility of the CES in the academic sphere, contributing with expertise, advice and ideas to ensure the Centre is always pursuing cutting-edge research.

The Academic Council also proposes new and innovative projects and implements the highest standard of peer review.



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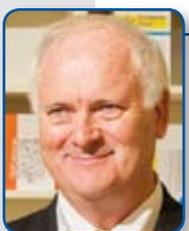
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Bruno Aguilera Barchet is a Professor of Comparative Legal History and Director of the Institute for International Law Studies at King Juan Carlos University of Madrid. He holds a Ph.D. in Law and was Dean of the Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences of the KJC University. He was a visiting fellow at Harvard Law School and he is currently a visiting Professor in the Law School of the University of Paris XII. He is the author of many articles and books, especially on the rule of law in the European legal tradition. His latest published works include a book on historical Islamic Law and an article on educating democracy.



• **Konstantina E. Botsiou**

Konstantina E. Botsiou is an Associate Professor of Modern History and International Politics and Vice Rector at the University of Peloponnese and holds a Ph.D. in modern history from the University of Tübingen, Germany. She has served as Deputy Director at the European Jean Monnet Centre of the Athens University. At the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy (KKID) she has held the positions of Director of Publications and Research (2001-2009), General Director (2009-2011) and Vice President since 2011.



• **John Bruton**

John Bruton was the Irish Prime Minister (Taoiseach) from 1994 to 1997. He served as EU Ambassador to the US from 2004 to 2009, and is a former Vice President of the EPP. Bruton held a number of senior ministries in the Irish government, including Minister for Finance and Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism. He graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and politics in 1968 before studying to become a barrister. He was called to the Bar of Ireland in 1972. He holds Honorary Degrees from Memorial University of Newfoundland, the National University of Ireland and the University of Missouri.



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• **Jos J.A.M. van Gennip**

Jos J.A.M. van Gennip is President of the Socires Foundation, Chairman at the Food First Coalition, member of the General Council at Inter Press Service (IPS) and General Rapporteur for the political platform of the EPP. Previously, he was a member of the Upper House of the Dutch Parliament and worked as Deputy Director General at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as Chairman of the Economic Committee of NATO.



• **Martti Häikiö**

Martti Häikiö is a full-time historian and Adjunct Professor at the University of Helsinki, Institute of Political and Social History since 1978. During the past ten years he has published six books about the various aspects of telecommunications that concentrate in the interplay of innovation, regulation and business especially during the third industrial revolution. At the moment he is working on the biography of P. E. Svinhufvud, first Head of State of independent Finland.



• **Mart Laar**

Mart Laar was the Prime Minister of Estonia from 1992 to 1994 and from 1999 to 2002. He is currently a member of the International Council of the Human Rights Foundation. Laar was the 2006 recipient of the Cato Institute's Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty. In 2007 he was elected Chairman of the Union of Pro Patria and Res Publica, serving as such until January 2012. In April 2011, Laar became Minister of Defence in the cabinet of Prime Minister Andrus Ansip and served until May 2012.



• **Paweł Śpiewak**

Paweł Śpiewak is a Polish sociologist, historian, author and former politician. He is a Professor of Sociology at Warsaw University and Director of the Jewish Historical Institute. In 2005, he was elected to the Sejm, the lower house of the Polish Parliament, but he did not seek re-election in 2007. He currently is a fellow of Collegium Invisible in Poland.



• **Žiga Turk**

Žiga Turk has a Ph.D. in technical sciences and is a Professor at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Previously, he has held ministerial positions in the Slovenian government and was the Minister for Growth from 2007 to 2008 and held the position of Minister for Education, Science, Culture and Sports until 2010. From 2012 to 2013, Turk was also Secretary General of the Reflection Group on the Future of Europe in Brussels.

Research Associates

By building a mutually supportive and cooperative network of researchers, the CES is continuously improving its capacity to provide a timely response to the demand for expert analysis in different fields.

The Research Associates are politically like-minded academics who can provide research papers, short analyses and blogs and who are also capable of offering pertinent advice regarding current affairs.



• **Filippo L. Calciano**

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The CES has been active on a wide range of political issues with a particular emphasis on European policy-oriented studies. Therefore, each year it offers Visiting Fellow positions of 6 to 12 months to dynamic, motivated and innovative individuals with academic credentials.



Henna Hopia

Henna Hopia is a Finnish policy analyst, party activist and former journalist covering the EU institutions and NATO. Her main area of expertise is foreign, security and defence policy. She started as a Visiting Fellow in 2012 and wrote a research paper about EU-NATO relations.

Salome Samadashvili



Former Head of Georgia's Mission to the EU and Parliamentarian, Ambassador Samadashvili has broad expertise in democratisation and political reforms of the countries in the Eurasian region, as well as the geopolitics of the region, the EU integration process and security studies.

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Internships

The CES offers internships of three to six months for university graduates and young researchers from Europe and worldwide. The internship programme is intended to provide the trainees with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of European affairs and to have close insights into the daily work of the European institutions in Brussels.

Are you interested in an internship with the CES? Apply now!
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In 2013 our interns were:

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As the political foundation and think tank of the EPP, the CES monitors, analyses and contributes to the debate relating to the policies of the EU and relevant for both the expert level and for the wider European public. The six main research themes cover a wide range of specific political issues and stemming from these themes, the CES produces research papers, books and policy briefs, as well as organises events and conferences.



The first research theme, **party structures and EU institutions**, aims to explain EU policies to voters and covers matters such as the arguments, methods and funding of populist parties.



Economic and social policies is the second theme and focuses on the main issues related to economic growth and welfare. The CES aims to enhance the understanding of the structural elements and actors of the European and global economy.



The CES gives special attention to investigating developments on a global level. The third theme, **EU foreign policy**, covers topics like the Arab revolutions, the European integration of the Western Balkans and Turkey's transformation and its implications for the EU.



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The sixth theme involves **new societal challenges**, concerning demographics, education policy, domestic security and, above all, the relationship between the Internet and modern society.

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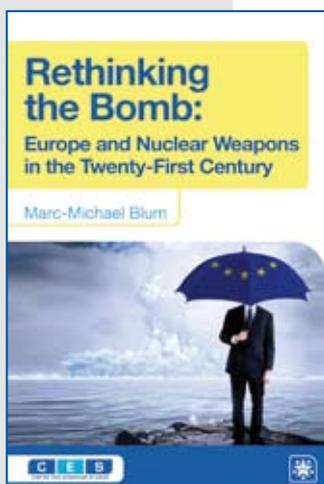
Research Papers



Members of the European Parliament Online: The Use of Social Media in Political Marketing

By Lucia Vesnic-Alujevic

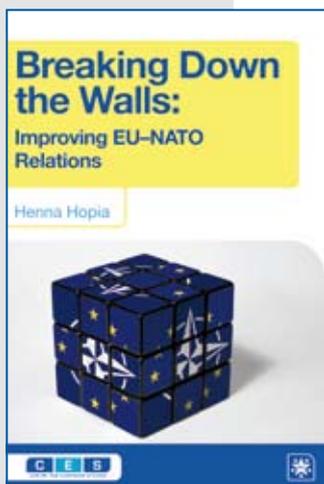
This paper describes the European Parliament elections and the fall in voter turn-out with a focus on the growing use of the Internet in politics today. The goal of this paper is to examine the connection between European politics, Members of the European Parliament and the use of social media, and to give suggestions on how the use of social media in political marketing could be further advanced.



Rethinking the Bomb: Europe and Nuclear Weapons in the Twenty-First Century

By Marc-Michael Blum

The question of what Europe's nuclear strategy should be is rarely discussed. This paper identifies possible scenarios where the deployment of nuclear weapons may be justified. It also examines the use of tactical nuclear weapons, traditional means of arms control and the implications of a nuclear Iran. The author establishes a compelling case for the immediate development of a coherent European nuclear strategy.



Breaking Down the Walls: Improving EU-NATO Relations

By Henna Hopia

This paper argues that Europe needs to use the strengths of both the EU and NATO to effectively respond to the ever more diverse threats that require collective efforts. All EU member states and the organisations themselves must now take responsibility and end the futile competition between the EU and NATO that is undermining European security.

Trust(ing) in Europe?

How increased social capital can contribute to economic development

By Elias Papaioannou

This paper surveys recent works in political economy showing that trust—and civic capital more generally—matter for various aspects of economic well-being and presents evidence from European countries showing that trust has deteriorated considerably in those European countries that have been affected the most by the ongoing economic downturn.

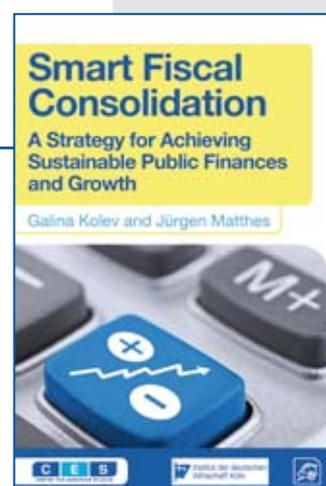


Smart Fiscal Consolidation:

A Strategy for Achieving Sustainable Public Finances and Growth

By Galina Kolev and Jürgen Matthes

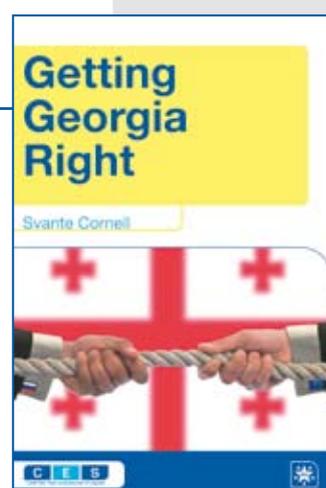
Due to high government debt levels and the dangers of self-defeating austerity, smart fiscal consolidation measures are needed to foster economic growth. This paper provides a thorough review of the relevant literature and evaluates the impact of individual consolidation and fiscal reform measures on consolidation success, on economic growth (in the long and short term), and on social fairness.



Getting Georgia Right

By Svante Cornell

This research paper analyses the achievements and shortcomings of the Rose Revolution era as well as the prospects for the country under the leadership of the Georgian Dream Coalition. Furthermore, it discusses the influence of Russia on Georgia's development on the path of European integration and democracy building.



European View

The *European View*, the policy journal of the CES, serves as the intellectual platform for politicians, opinion makers and academics to tackle contemporary themes of European politics, focusing on one specific topic in each issue.



Campaigning and Parties

European View (Volume 12, Number 1)

The Spring 2013 edition *Campaigning and Parties* analyses the European campaign environments and modern developments in campaigning. Furthermore, it researches the behaviour of parties and their approach to citizens. Contributions were made by politicians, party campaign leaders, and leading academics in the field of political party dynamics including **Sabine de Bethune, Antti Timonen, Florian Hartleb, Kostas Sasmatzoglou, Wojciech Gagatsek, Els Van Hoof** and **Markus Keschmann**.



Young Politics

European View (Volume 12, Number 2)

The Autumn 2013 edition, entitled *Young Politics*, takes a thorough look at the youth perspective. Their agenda includes education reform, entrepreneurship, employment, digital surveillance and intergenerational solidarity. This edition also refers to the participation of youth in the 2014 elections and the change of generation. This issue includes articles by **Juha-Pekka Nurvala** and **Kostantinos Kyranakis, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Eva Majewski, Philipp Mißfelder, Duarte Marques, Olga Stuzhinskaya** and **Bruno Aguilera Barchet**.

European Factbook

The *European Factbook* is a regular publication, providing a snapshot of the centre-right political family each year.



The 2013 edition includes the latest updates and information from both European and national level politics. Apart from the structure of the EPP and its role in the EU institutions, the *European Factbook* includes information about EPP member parties in EU and non-EU countries; EPP parliamentary groups in the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Committee of the Regions and NATO; EPP member associations; as well as information about the CES and its member foundations.

Policy Brief

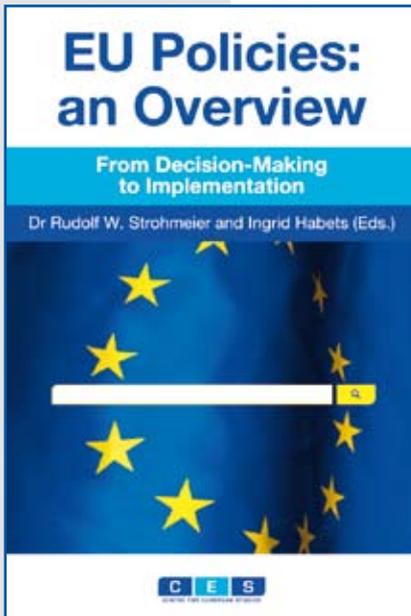


The Muslim Brotherhood after the Arab Spring: Tactics, Challenges and Future Scenarios

By Lorenzo Vidino

This policy brief analyses the situation of Muslim Brotherhood (MB)-inspired entities throughout the Arab world two years after the beginning of the Arab Spring. In keeping with the flexibility and political opportunism that has characterised the group since its early days, MB-inspired entities have adopted different positions according to the circumstances. The brief concludes by analysing potential concerns for Western policymakers and future scenarios.

Books



EU Policies: an Overview From Decision-Making to Implementation

by Dr. Rudolf W. Strohmeier and Ingrid Habets

The European Union affects our daily lives. National governments implement regulations and laws which have been made at the EU level. The EU removes barriers between member states, and we all profit from the freedom of movement of people and services in the EU. However, it is not always clear how these decisions are made, what policies are in place or the consequences these have for citizens and the EU as a whole. With much ongoing debate about reforming Europe, it is now more important than ever to know more about EU policies.

This book contains 16 chapters on various EU policies, from financial topics to justice issues and foreign policy. It gives a broad and in-depth overview of the EU's and member states' efforts to work together on issues that concern all of us, across the borders of the member states. It provides information on the state of play and offers a glimpse of where we are headed. The book is intended for anyone who would like to learn more about EU policies, but especially for policymakers who wish to gain deeper knowledge of specific areas of EU policy.

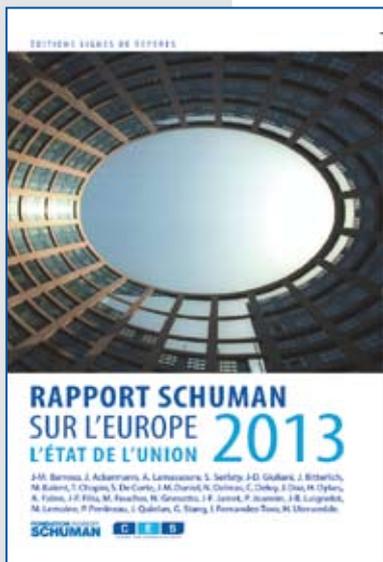


Europa: Nikt nie mówił, że będzie łatwo

by Wilfried Martens

Wilfried Martens' autobiography *Europe: I struggle, I overcome* has been translated into a number of languages, and in 2013, the CES added the Polish language to the list. Wilfried Martens has devoted his entire life to politics: as student leader, youth activist, President of the Flemish Christian Democrats, Prime Minister of Belgium, President of the EPP and European statesman. In his autobiography Martens offers the inside story on running a complex country like Belgium, fighting for European integration and unification, and transforming the European People's Party into a strong, united centre-right movement and leading European political family. Above all, this is a book about the intricacies of European politics and its guiding ideas, values and principles.

Collaborative Publications



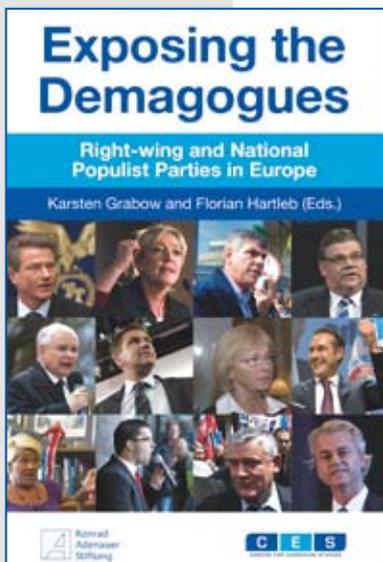
Schuman Report on Europe: State of the Union 2013

The Schuman report on the State of the Union, by the CES and the Robert Schuman Foundation (FRS), examines the challenges ahead for the EU with contributions from high-level scholars and politicians.

In the 2013 edition, Josef Ackermann, former CEO of Deutsche Bank, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Zurich Insurance Group, presents his views of a banking union, Lord Dykes, Foreign Affairs spokesperson for the UK Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords, provides readers with his assessment of UK's future in the EU while Alain Lamassoure, Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and Chairman of the Budget Committee, proposes the idea of a budgetary federation.

Providing a statistical overview and with graphical presentations, *State of the Union 2013* covers all the major issues Europe is currently facing and throws a light on the major trends in the European economy and in European and international politics.

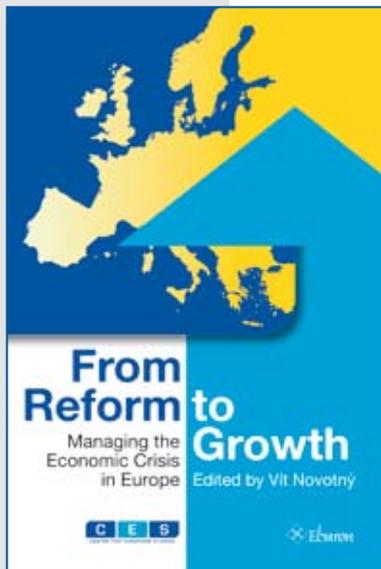
The publication is both a reference guide and a tool, offering essential information on European politics and economics.



Exposing the Demagogues: Right-wing and National Populist Parties in Europe

Across Europe, right-wing populists are becoming serious political players and are exercising significant political influence. This publication, by the CES and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), studies the reasons behind the advance of Europe's right-wing populist parties by providing an insight into right-wing populist parties in 12 EU countries.

The study also discusses response strategies for the member parties of the European People's Party against right-wing populists' altered mobilisation tactics and rhetoric and emphasises the implications for Europe.

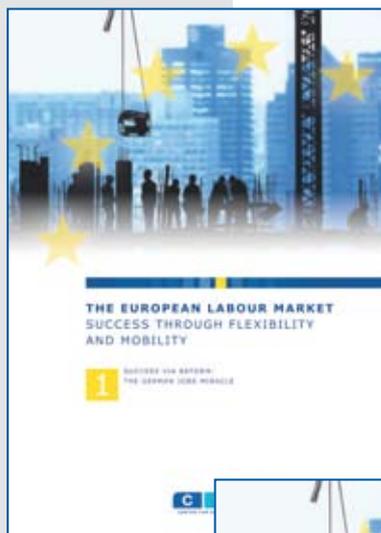


From Reform to Growth: Managing the Economic Crisis in Europe

In response to the economic and financial crisis that has immersed Europe over the past six years, the CES in collaboration with its member foundations, produced a publication analysing government responses to the economic and financial turmoil and, based on this, offers suggestions to policymakers at national, regional and EU level.

With the impact of the crisis effecting countries differently across the EU, *From Reform to Growth: Managing the Economic Crisis in Europe* outlines fiscal consolidation measures together with structural reforms such as creating flexible labour markets as the way to ease the EU out of the crisis.

The publication argues that the implementation of these measures will bring about lasting economic growth, contribute to job creation and set Europe on the path to prosperity.

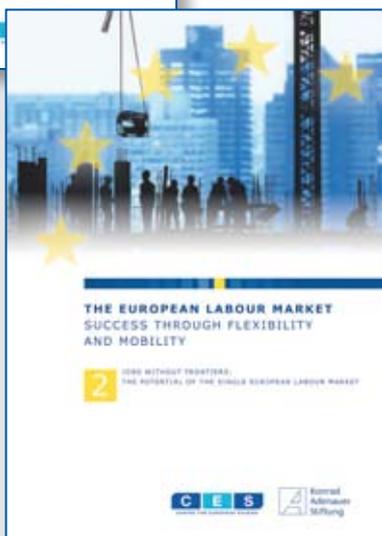


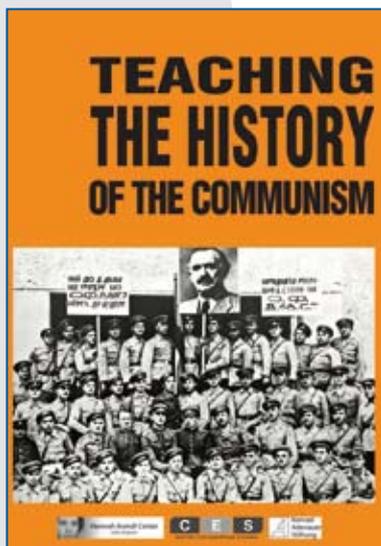
The European Labour Market: Success Through Flexibility and Mobility

In 2013, the CES and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) published two collaborative publications examining the European labour market. Over recent years, the German labour market has undergone an astounding transformation and is now a model been lauded throughout Europe.

The first study in the series, called *Success via Reform: the German Jobs Miracle* explores the reform options available for national employment markets using Germany as an example with a key focus on flexibility and mobility. The study analyses the German jobs miracle, describes the most important reforms and illustrates the tasks that German economic policy has to contend with today.

The second study in the series, called *Jobs without Frontiers: the Potential of the Single European Labour Market* focuses on mobility in the European labour market and its role in creating a foundation for an economically strong, wealthy and stable Europe. The study presents the current situation regarding employee mobility across the region with statistical analysis, and considers the factors that can support or hinder people's decision in whether to move country for employment.

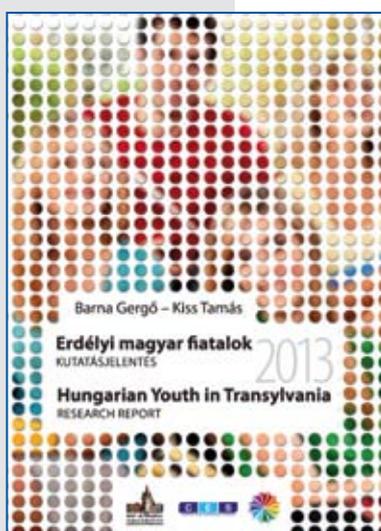




Teaching the History of Communism - Compendium for History Teachers

This joint publication by the CES, the Hannah Arendt Center and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) examines the level of knowledge young Bulgarians have about the communist regime and European democratic values. Furthermore, it contains best practice methods from across Europe for teaching the history of communism and its consequences in Bulgaria.

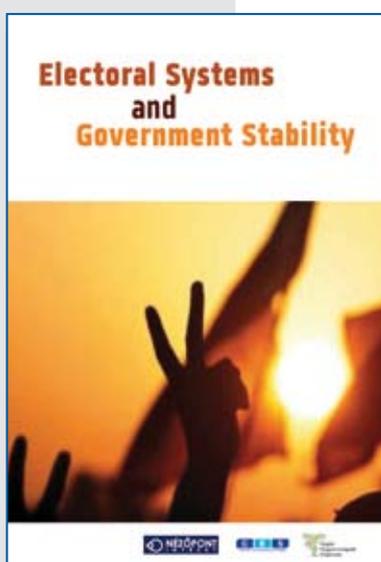
The publication includes a research report; with a survey asking young Bulgarians how much they know about their country's recent history and the history of dictatorship in Europe as a whole. The aim of the publication is to provide a source of inspiration for people working in educational institutions in order to improve the quality of teaching on the subject.



Hungarian Youth in Transylvania

The CES in cooperation with the Kós Károly Academy (KKA) and the National Minority Research Institute published a research report focusing on the Hungarian youth in Transylvania, Romania to explore the differences and similarities between the Hungarian and Romanian youth.

The research consists of a sociological survey on a sample of the Hungarian youth in the region and follows two previous surveys that were conducted in 2001 and 2008. The aim of the publication is to look into the changes that have occurred in the social position and attitudes to the Hungarian youth over the past 12 years.



Electoral Systems and Government Stability

Since the onset of the economic crisis, fundamental changes have occurred in EU member states economically and politically. In response to this change in political life and the necessity for governmental stability, the CES and the Foundation for A Civic Hungary published a study, analysing four electoral systems in order to identify conclusions regarding governmental stability.

The study examines the various electoral systems and concludes that it is impossible to objectively distinguish between a 'good' and a 'bad' electoral system.



Who is Who in Belarusian Politics

With this publication, the CES in cooperation with the Institute for Democratic Politics (DPI) aims to create an informal and informative guide to Belarusian politics, ensuring a better understanding of Belarus and specifics of Belarusian political life. The guide provides an informed interpretative insight, compiling all available information on the relevant political parties and actors in Belarusian politics.



Overcoming the Stigma of Failure: Perspectives of the European Youth

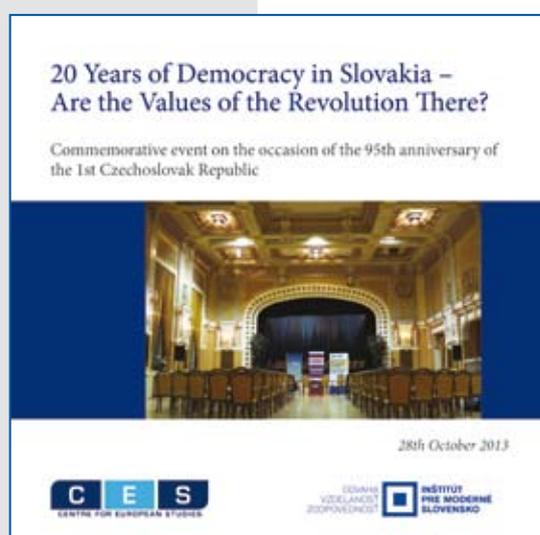
The CES and ThinkYoung published the results of a pan-European survey that looks at what young Europeans' perceptions towards failure are. The results of the survey show that 50% of young Europeans with entrepreneurial experience are convinced that failure will be perceived negatively by future business partners. At the same time more than 80% read failure as necessary for their personal development in the future. Thus the stigma of failure becomes a strong limitation to entrepreneurship in Europe. The research also suggests some concrete measures to tackle the problem as for instance harmonisation of bankruptcy law in the EU, and the creation of funds dedicated to help failed entrepreneurs. The study also proposes the creation of incubators, e.g. at schools, where youngsters will be free to experiment and to fail.



Good Governance Index 2012 of the Visegrad Countries

The Good Governance Index aims to be a comparative study of the Visegrad countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia) based on a common set of indicators, with the concept of 'good governance' serving as the anchor of the analysis.

This publication is the result of the cooperation between the CES and the Foundation for A Civic Hungary (PMA). It aspires to examine 'good governance' in four areas: stability, popular support, crisis management, and governance results. Theoretical concepts of good governance (accountability, coherence, openness, participation, effectiveness) are used as analytical methods throughout the study.



20 Years of Democracy in Slovakia – Are the Values of the Revolution There?

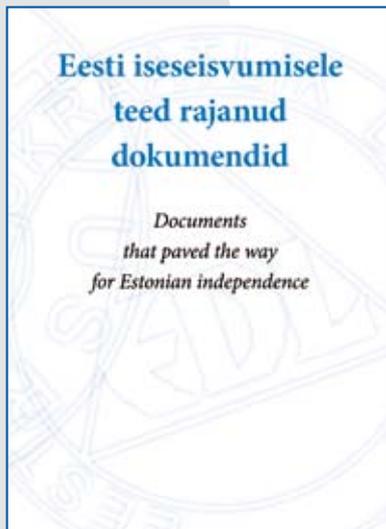
On 28 October 2013, the 95th anniversary of the foundation of the first Czechoslovak Republic and also the 20th anniversary of the independent Slovakia were marked. The CES in cooperation with the Institute for Modern Slovakia (IPMS) brought together the views of four distinguished ladies and their guests to celebrate and commemorate these anniversaries.

This publication presents the views of **Lucia Žitňanská**, Slovakian member of Parliament (MP) **Katarína Zavacká**, Historian, **Oľga Gyarfašová**, Sociologist and **Iveta Radičová**, former Prime Minister of Slovakia, who together with their guests shared their views on what those last 20 or 95 years meant in the life of Slovaks.



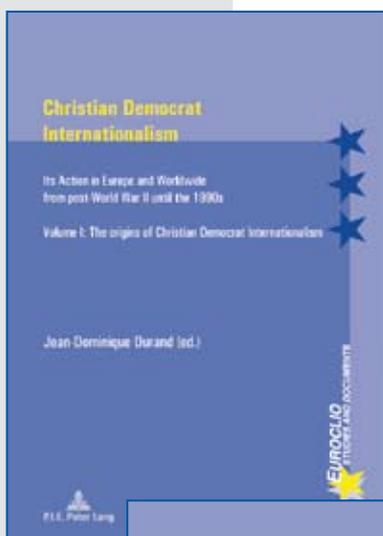
Shaping Slovakia – Future of Slovakia in the European Union

Six authors undertook the task to evaluate the current situation in Slovakia in regards to the economy, tax system, rule of law and justice, as well as in foreign and European policies. Additionally, the texts offer suggestions for centre-right parties to improve their policies in those areas. Furthermore, the publication serves as the starter for a debate at a national level on how the centre-right could help Slovakia to develop and what steps should be followed in order for the country to become a more useful member of the European family.



Share Your World: Documents that paved the way for Estonian independence

Despite the communist dictatorship and fear of repression, cells of political resistance were still active in occupied Estonia. They united independent-minded people and were minor alternatives to the existing monopoly of power. This collection of documents, produced by the CES and the Pro Patria Institute publish the underground memorandum sent to the UN in 1972; the Baltic Appeal signed in 1979 by 45 Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians, and in response to the previous, the first resolution of the European Parliament in support of the Baltic nations, passed in January of 1983.

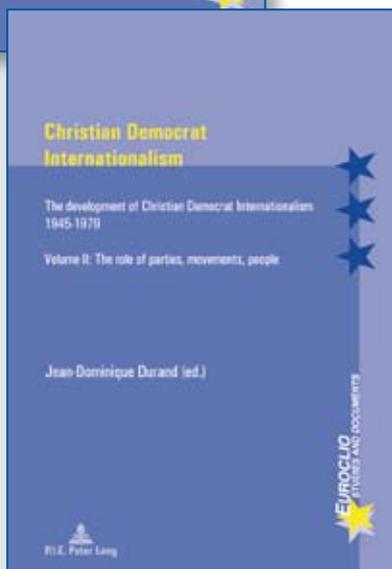


Christian Democrat Internationalism

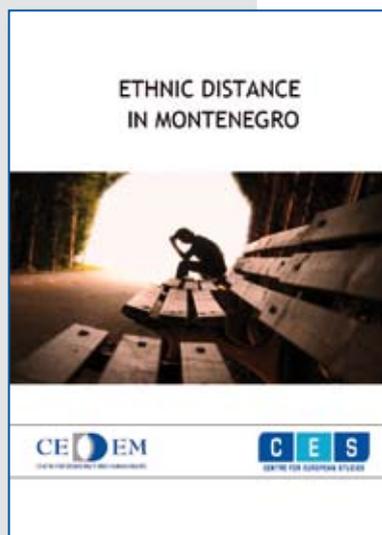
The CES and the Luigi Sturzo Institute (ILS) published the results of a series of research projects, workshops and conferences carried out over the past two years on Christian Democrat internationalism and its action in Europe and worldwide from post-Second World War to the 1990s.

The first volume, *The Origins of Christian Democrat Internationalism*, collects the speeches and presentations delivered by high-level researchers and protagonists on the history of Christian Democracy from all around the world during the workshop held in Rome on 28 September 2011, entitled ‘The experience of CDI in the XX century’.

Furthermore, events held from 1-2 December that discussed the sources, archives and chronology of the Christian Democrat movements, were also an input into the volume.



The second volume *The Development of Christian Democrat Internationalism (1945-1979): The Role of Parties, Movements, and People* covers the lectures given during an international conference held from 6 to 7 December, 2012. This publication focuses on the parties, movements, social actors and people that made the history of Christian Democrat internationalism.



• Ethnic Distance in Montenegro

The issue of inter-ethnic relations is a particularly sensitive issue in multinational environments. One of the tasks of empirical social science is to use scientific instruments to monitor the relations between ethnic communities. That was exactly the aim of this research, which was conducted by the Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM) in cooperation with the CES.

The research aims to determine the level of inter-ethnic distance in Montenegro, through proven, valid and verified measurement tools. The survey was conducted in November 2013.



• The (Post) Secular Turn: Religious, Moral and Socio-Political Values

The CES in cooperation with the office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) in Belgrade and the Centre for Religious Studies of the Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory conducted a research project on *The (Post) Secular Turn: Religious, Moral and Socio-Political Values* of the student population in Serbia.

The aim of this research is that its results should open discussions and encourage future research into whether the trends of desecularisation and alleged retraditionalisation in Serbia can be viewed in terms of post-secularity.

This research has shown the kind of impact religion has on the common system of values in Serbia. However, there is still open for discussion the following question: is Serbian society one of those in which religion serves or can serve as a type of moral compass, which does not conservatise or hinder, but rather encourages democratisation?

Events

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Besides the presentations of its research papers and policy briefs, the CES organised a series of events, both in Brussels and all over Europe, with the aim of bringing Europe closer to its citizens.

Some of these events are organised solely by the CES, while others are run in cooperation with its member foundations. These events address the current and most pressing issues in Europe and the world, as well as in the countries where the member foundations are based. The events range from conferences and seminars to research projects, publications and book presentations.

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CES Event

Economic Ideas Forum

The CES hosted its fourth Economic Ideas Forum (EIF), on 6 and 7 June, in Helsinki, Finland under the patronage of Prime Minister Jyrki Katainen. This annual conference brought together EU leaders, economic and finance ministers, EU commissioners together with high-level economic experts and enterprise representatives from companies around the world.

The EIF aims to present new ideas for improving the European economy and offer economic solutions for overcoming issues of global importance. This year's Forum tackled the hottest topics on the economic agenda: the role and continued relevance of the EU in the global economy, new sources of growth, how to deal with unemployment, banking and financial regulation and green economy and sustainability.



Antonio López-Istúriz, CES Secretary Treasurer and Secretary General of the EPP, welcomed the assembled participants. Prime Minister of Finland, **Jyrki Katainen**, delivered the keynote address and highlighted the numerous European achievements in tackling the crisis so far, pointing to the successful reforms implemented in Portugal, Spain and Ireland.



PANEL I · EU IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: NEW COMPETITORS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Speakers at the first panel included **Petri Sarvamaa**, MEP, Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee; **Barid Baran Bhattacharya**, Professor, Senior Advisor to the Government of Bangladesh upon assignment of the World Bank; **Pekka Sutela**, former Principal Adviser for Monetary Policy and Research at the Bank of Finland; and **Thomas Spiller**, Vice President of Global Public Policy for Europe, Middle East and Africa at The Walt Disney Company. The speakers discussed the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), within the framework of globalisation and the rising power of China and developing countries. The panel was moderated by **John Danilovich**, former Senior US Government Executive, Diplomat and Ambassador.



PANEL II · ENERGY SECURITY AND GREEN ECONOMY: FUELLING SUSTAINABILITY



The second panel was moderated by **Christian Kremer**, Deputy Secretary General of the EPP. The speakers were **Yves Leterme**, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD, former Prime Minister of Belgium; **Jari Koskinen**, Finnish Minister of Agriculture and Forestry; **Eija-Riitta Korhola**, MEP, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety; and **Peter Harris**, Director of Sustainability, EMEA at UPS. The panellists discussed the European energy market and its competitive position in the world. Also, they talked about the effectiveness of European energy policy tools such as the Emissions Trading Scheme.

PANEL III · A WORKING FUTURE: TARGETING EUROPE'S JOBLESS GENERATION

The third panel, moderated by **Stefaan de Corte**, CES Senior Research Officer, agreed that targeted policies are needed to tackle youth unemployment to avoid ending up with a 'jobless generation'. The speakers at this panel were **Carlos Moedas**, Secretary of State to the Portuguese Prime Minister; **Hendrik Bogaert**, State Secretary for Public Service and Administrative Reform of Belgium; **Christian Kremer**, EPP Deputy Secretary General and Head of the Policy and Strategy Department; **Raymond Gradus**, Director of the Research Institute of the Christian Democratic Appeal Party; and **Dimitris Tsigos**, President of the European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs. The panellists delved into the different strategies to free companies from all types of regulations in order to help them create jobs. Other solutions that were mentioned were encouraging entrepreneurship and linking educational systems more directly with labour market needs.





At the end of the day there was a gala dinner, with a welcome speech by **Taru Tujunen**, Toivo Chairwoman, and a keynote address by **Olof Ehrenkrona**, Ambassador at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Also the CES book *From Reform to Growth: Managing the Economic Crisis in Europe* was presented.





The second day began with an opening address by **Alexander Stubb**, Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade. According to Stubb, the EU has taken most of the steps that are necessary to overcome the economic crisis. We are moving away from the pessimistic mode of crisis management to the optimistic growth mode, he said.

PANEL IV · GOING FOR GROWTH: A NEW EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS

Introduced by the opening statement of **Olli Rehn**, Vice President of the European Commission in charge of Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Euro, the panellists **George Mavraganis**, Greek Deputy Minister of Finance; **Kimmo Sasi**, Chairman of the Finance Committee in the Finnish Parliament; and **Karim Lesina**, Vice President, International External Affairs EU, Central and Latin America & Trans-Atlantic Relations at AT&T, discussed the different economic approaches in the EU, pertaining to the countries represented. The panel emphasised that complementing fiscal consolidation with structural reforms is a winning recipe. The panel was moderated by **Anton LaGuardia**, EU correspondent and ‘Charlemagne’ columnist, *The Economist*.



PANEL V · BANKING SECTOR, FINANCE AND REGULATION: A STRONG PILLAR FOR THE REAL ECONOMY

A keynote speech was given by **Michel Barnier**, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services. The panel included **Erkki Liikanen**, Governor of the Bank of Finland; **Diogo Feio**, MEP, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs; and **Piia-Noora Kauppi**, Managing Director of the Federation of Finnish Financial Services. The moderator was **Matina Stevis**, journalist, *Dow Jones* and *Wall Street Journal*. The panel highlighted the importance of joint European solutions, including the further development of the single rulebook and the financial single market.



PANEL VI · THE FUTURE OF THE WELFARE STATE: FROM BIG STATE TO BIG SOCIETY

An introduction was given by **Elias Papaioannou**, Associate Professor of Economics, London Business School, who gave a presentation of the CES paper *Trust(ing) in Europe? How increased social capital can contribute to economic development*. The panellists **Olli-Pekka Heinonen**, State Secretary to the Prime Minister of Finland; **Elmar Brok**, MEP, President of the EUCDW; and **Olof Ehrenkrona**, Ambassador at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, debated strategies to reform the welfare state and the social security systems in the EU. The panel was moderated by **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research.





**PANEL VII · FUTURE STEPS IN THE STRENGTHENING OF THE EU:
KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND DEBATE**

The final panel brought together four prime ministers who have been fundamental in steering their diverse countries through the economic crisis and the institutional changes in the EU: **Enda Kenny**, Prime Minister of Ireland; **Antonis Samaras**, Prime Minister of Greece; **Valdis Dombrovskis**, Prime Minister of Latvia; and **Jyrki Katainen**, Prime Minister of Finland. The prime ministers agreed that countries are now on a more solid economic footing and that, thanks to cooperation between institutions and member states, Europe has been stabilised and can now look to generating solid growth for its citizens.



The EIF was accompanied by a communications campaign that successfully reached people all over the world with news about the EIF, both offline and online.

During the EIF, the CES webpage achieved an increase of 60% in the number of visitors to its website. On Facebook, the CES campaign connected with over 242,000 people and reached 2243 likes in the days surrounding the EIF. The CES also used Twitter to report live about the EIF and engage in live conversations. During the EIF, the EIF hashtag (#EIF13) was used more than 700 times. Also, highly ranked politicians and journalists tweeted about the EIF by retweeting the CES. On top of that, the CES live streamed the event, with a total of 1180 views, and its pictures on Flickr were viewed by approximately 2100 people.

The EIF 2013 also received a great deal of offline media coverage. A total of 57 articles were written by 37 different media outlets from all over the world. Among these media outlets were the *Financial Times* (UK), *The Wall Street Journal* (US), *ABC* (Spain), and *RTBF* (Belgium).



Transatlantic Think Tank Conference

On 17 and 18 July, the CES, together with the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the Hudson Institute, held the fourth Annual Transatlantic Think Tank Conference in Washington D.C. The event brought together high-level think tankers, experts, policymakers and other stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic to discuss important themes in transatlantic relations.



In opening the conference, **Lorne Craner**, IRI President; **Lucinda Creighton**, EPP Vice President; and **Kenneth Weinstein**, Hudson Institute President and CEO, highlighted the close political, economic and historical ties that bind Europe and the US together along with the common values and interests that both share.

PANEL I · STATE OF THE UNIONS



The first panel, chaired by **Jan Surotchak**, European Regional Director at the IRI, focused on the current political developments occurring in Europe and the US. Speakers included **Douglas Holtz-Eakin**, President, American Action Forum; **Elmar Brok**, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs; **Damon Wilson**, Executive Vice President, The Atlantic Council; and **Lucinda Creighton**, EPP Vice President. The panel discussed the political situation after the re-election of President Barack Obama and the important developments across EU member states and the EPP. This was followed by a Q&A session.

PANEL II · NAVIGATING THE NEW MIDDLE EAST

The second panel chaired by **Luis Gouveia Fernandes**, President of the Amaro da Costa Institute (IDL), discussed the security risks for southern Europe and the US stemming from the instability in the Middle East and the rise of political Islam in the region. Speakers included **Scott Mastic**, Director, Middle East and North Africa Division, IRI, **Michael Singh**, Managing Director, Washington Institute and **Werner Fasslabend**, President, Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (PolAk).

At a dinner held that evening, **Richard S. Williamson**, Vice Chairman, IRI gave a keynote address.





WORKSHOP I

STATE POWER, WARFARE AND INTELLIGENCE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

On the second day of the conference, three workshops took place focusing on a wide range of issues. The first workshop concentrated on the subject of drones and cyber warfare changing the face of conflict and power relations and whether we need new rules for these new wars. Chaired by [David Tell](#), Senior Fellow and Director, Public Affairs and Special Projects, Hudson Institute, panellists included [Max Boot](#), Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow in National Security Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; [Roland Freudenstein](#), CES Deputy Director and Head of Research; and [Harold Furchtgott-Roth](#), Director, Center for the Economics of the Internet, Hudson Institute.



WORKSHOP II

TTIP: A TRANSATLANTIC AGENDA FOR GROWTH AND JOBS



The highly significant Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) was discussed in the second workshop where speakers including **Raymond Gradus**, Director, CDA Research Institute; and **Maria Da Graça Carvalho**, MEP, member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy; and **Justin McCarthy**, former Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs and Assistant US Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs; and **Irwin Stelzer**, Director, Economic Policy Studies, Hudson Institute. The panel discussed the possible benefits that could be realised from any agreement and what the domestic obstacles are for both sides in seeing its completion. The panel was chaired by **Olof Ehrenkrona**, Ambassador at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.



WORKSHOP III DEMOCRACY SUPPORT

As the efforts to support emerging democracies face new challenges, the third workshop analysed what role authoritarian economic success stories play and how new technologies and social media are being used by anti-Western media and authoritarian regimes as tools for repression. The workshop was chaired by **Miriam Lexmann**, Director, Brussels office, IRI and panellists included **Eva Gustavsson**, Managing Director, Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation; **Thomas E. Garrett**, Vice President for Programs at IRI; and **Patrick Merloe**, Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs, NDI.



Later, a keynote speech was delivered by **Kurt Volker**, Executive Director, The McCain Institute for International Leadership, Arizona State University. **Antonio López-Istúriz**, CES Secretary Treasurer and Secretary General of the EPP, gave further analysis and comments to Volker's speech.

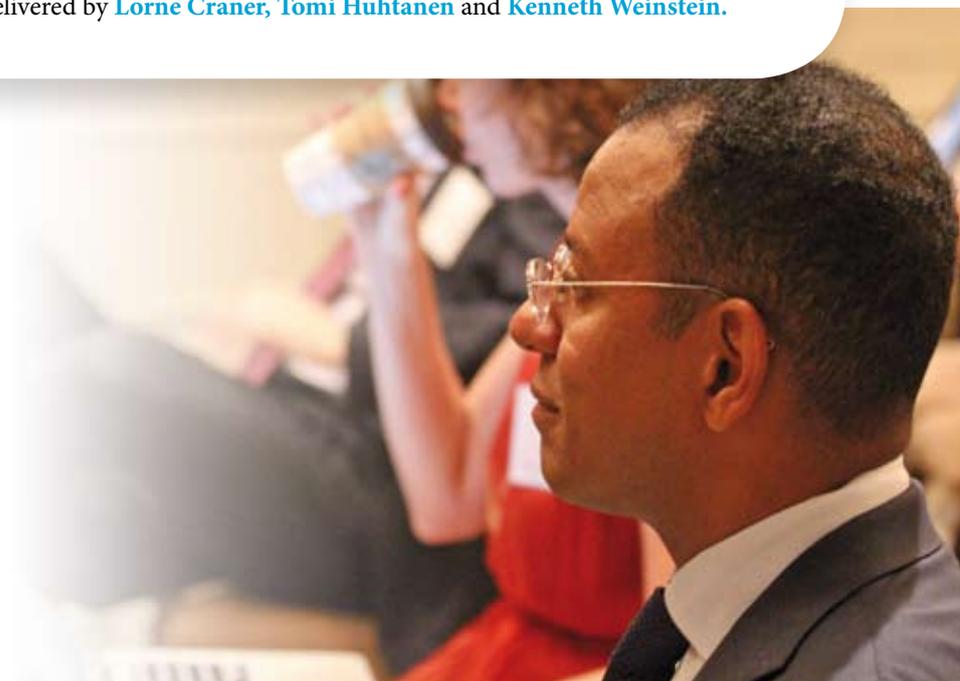


AFTERNOON SESSION

RUSSIA: THE RISE OF A DECLINING SUPERPOWER

The final panel session chaired by **Tomi Huhtanen**, CES Director, looked at Russia's increasingly active role in foreign affairs matters and what influence the current regime is having on the immediate area and beyond. Taking part in the discussion were **Tunne Kelam**, MEP, and member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and **David J. Kramer**, President of the Freedom House.

The concluding remarks were delivered by **Lorne Craner**, **Tomi Huhtanen** and **Kenneth Weinstein**.



Populism and the European Parliament elections: How should the centre-right respond?

On 4 November the CES in cooperation with Counterpoint and the Open Society European Policy Institute organised a discussion on the potential impact of populism rhetoric on the 2014 European Parliament elections. The event was hosted in the European Parliament by **Manfred Weber**, MEP and Vice Chair of the EPP Group.



The event was organised following the publication of a report by Counterpoint entitled *Conflicted Politicians: The populist radical right in the European Parliament*. The event was opened by **Dr. Heather Grabbe**, Director Open Society European Policy Institute; and followed by a panel discussion including **Marley Morris**, researcher and author of the report, Counterpoint; **Doru Frantescu**, Policy Director, Votewatch; **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research; and **Roberta Metsola**, MEP.





The panellists discussed the differences between the various populist parties in the European Parliament and their subsequent inability to work together in a cohesive manner. With European Parliament elections taking place in May 2014, the panellists also addressed the various ways the centre-right can challenge and confront populist party's rhetoric; with panellists emphasising the importance in communicating to citizens that populists are problem seekers, not problem solvers.

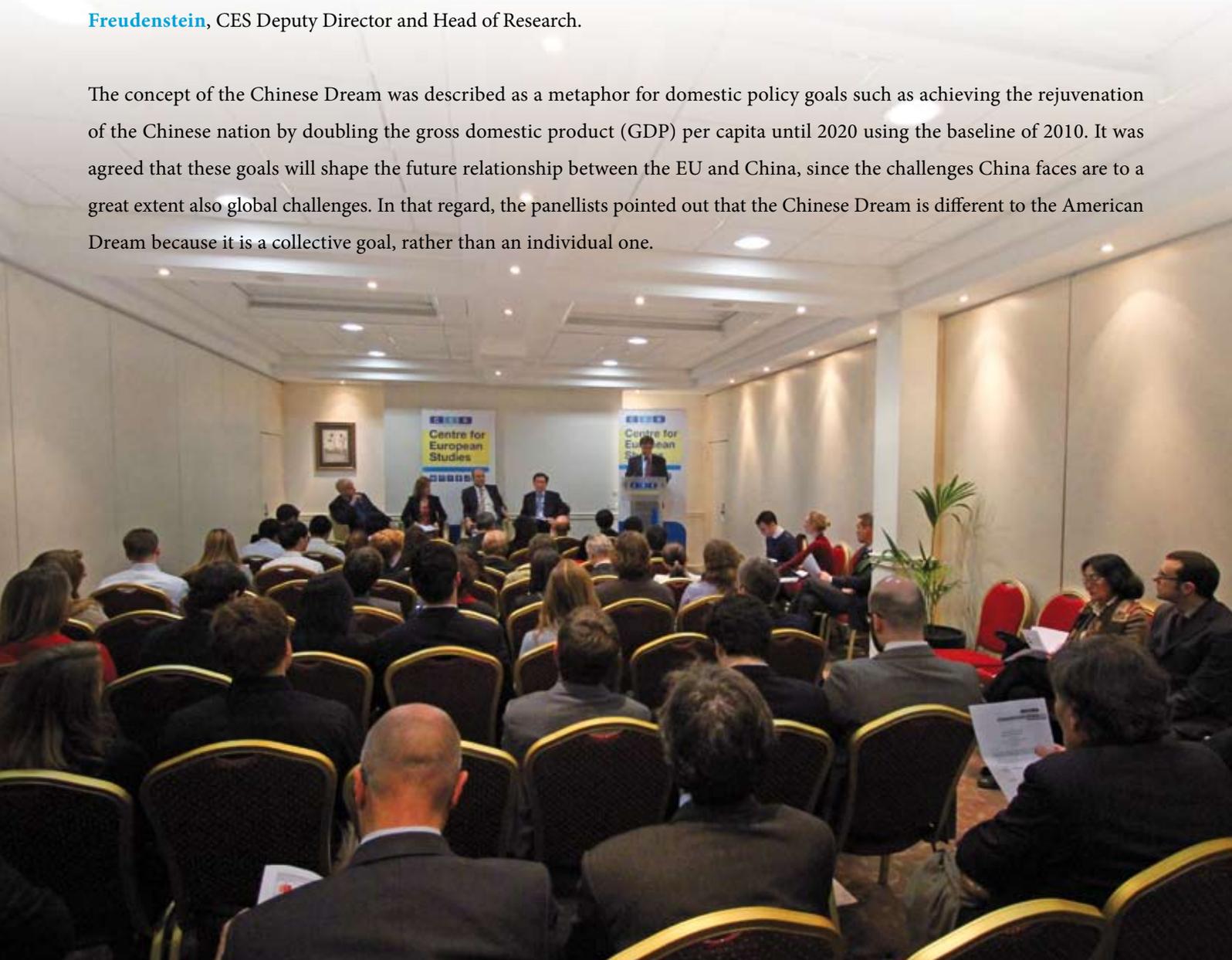


The Concept of the Chinese Dream – A Challenge for EU-China Relations?

On 4 December, the CES held a public discussion on the concept of the Chinese Dream to discuss and analyse the results of the Third Plenary Session of the 18th Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, the impact of the concept of the Chinese Dream on EU-China relations and the rising tensions in the East China Sea.

The panel consisted of **Zhang Lirong**, Minister and Deputy Head of the Mission of the People's Republic of China to the EU; **Thomas Awe**, Head of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) Office in Beijing; and **Shada Islam**, Policy Director at the Friends of Europe think-tank. The event was opened by **Tommi Huhtanen**, CES Director, and was moderated by **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research.

The concept of the Chinese Dream was described as a metaphor for domestic policy goals such as achieving the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation by doubling the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita until 2020 using the baseline of 2010. It was agreed that these goals will shape the future relationship between the EU and China, since the challenges China faces are to a great extent also global challenges. In that regard, the panellists pointed out that the Chinese Dream is different to the American Dream because it is a collective goal, rather than an individual one.



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CES Event

Moroccan Delegation Visit

On 26 September, the CES welcomed a delegation of parliamentarians, academics and party representatives from Morocco to Brussels.



Tomi Huhtanen, CES Director, gave a presentation about the Centre's work and the Centre's link with the EPP while **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research, presented the origins and principles of the EPP family. **Viviane Scholliers**, advisor on migration to Joëlle Milquet, Belgian Minister of Home Affairs and Equal Opportunities also addressed the delegation explaining Belgium's and more broadly Europe's policies and experiences on migration and integration issues.



Author's Dinner with Tomáš Sedláček

On 12 December, the CES organised an author's dinner with the author **Tomáš Sedláček**, Czech economist, university lecturer and best-selling author of the book *Economics of Good and Evil: The Quest for Economic Meaning from Gilgamesh to Wall Street*.

In his talk, Sedláček criticised the current way of measuring economic success by the GDP claiming that by only looking at figures, economies are glorifying economic growth. According to Sedláček, economies need to get away from this obsession with GDP growth because the GDP only measures output; and making it our goal does not make sense. Furthermore, Sedláček argued that the economic crisis, which has been brought about by excessive consumption, cannot be solved by more consumption as this would only result in growth fuelled by deficit.

Sedláček also underlined the importance of European integration. He pointed out that the crisis has brought European countries closer together, that the euro is still strong, that there have been no devaluations, no tariff barriers put up, and no trade wars. In conclusion, Sedláček stated that if Europe survives this latest test of European cohesion, then nothing will split the EU apart.



CES Event

From Reform to Growth

In May the CES, in collaboration with its member foundations, published the book *From Reform to Growth: Managing the Economic Crisis in Europe* [see page 30]. This book describes government responses to the current economic crisis. The book gave the title to the CES annual Economic Ideas Forum [EIF; see page 38-45] and to a CES ideas campaign in the run-up to the European elections in 2014, in which the book's ideas were discussed at events across Europe.



The highlight was a CES conference 'From Reform to Growth' on 12 November in Brussels. In his keynote speech, **Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for Regional Policy, pointed out the importance of learning from best practice approaches in Europe and recommended a policy mix of fiscal consolidation and sustainable growth measures for European countries. The following panel discussion with **Álvaro Santos Pereira**, former Portuguese Minister for Economy and Labour; **Gunnar Hökmark**, MEP; and **Sidonia Jędrzejewska**, MEP was moderated by **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research. The panelists outlined the challenges in implementing required reforms in Portugal, Sweden and Poland, such as creating flexible labour markets and improving administrative structures. In his concluding remarks, **Antonio López-Istúriz**, CES Secretary Treasurer and Secretary General of the EPP, stated that economic reforms not only saved the euro but also the European project.





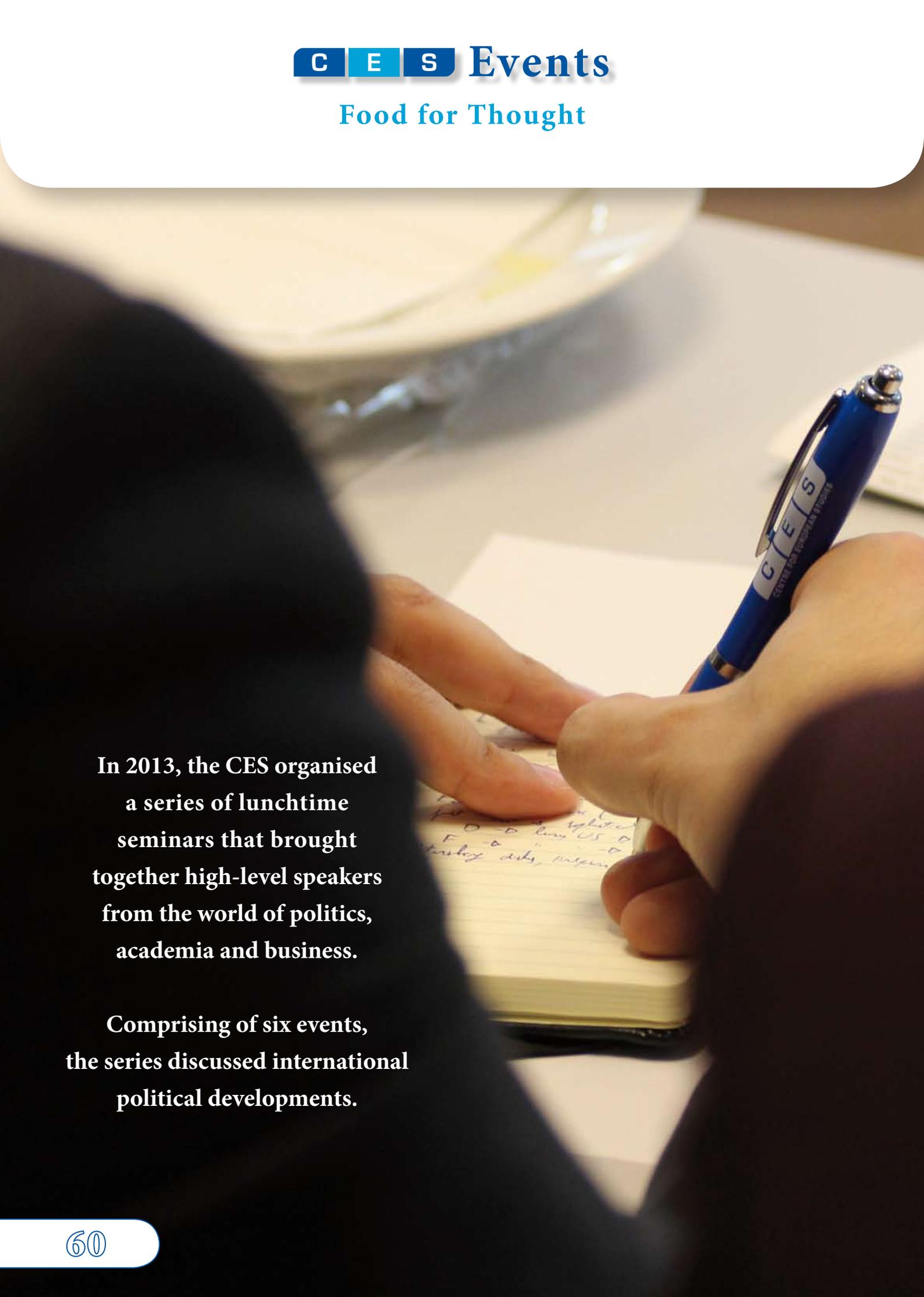
Four other events were dedicated to the analysis and policy proposals from the volume. An evening ‘policy cocktail’ panel at the Tatra Forum in Bratislava on 20 February [see page 111] debated the experiences with the economic crisis in Germany, Greece and Slovakia.

A seminar and book launch organised with Pro Patria in Tallinn on 15 November was devoted to the Estonian and Finnish stories of overcoming the crisis and to the influence of wider European trends, such as population ageing.



A conference in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) in Berlin on 5 December, entitled ‘From Reform to Growth: Best Practices in Managing the Economic Crisis’ addressed the wider European need to restart growth while balancing public budgets and conducting reforms, and it looked more closely at the Greek, Italian, Latvian and Irish experiences in managing the crisis.

Finally, the EPP Working Group on Economic and Social Policy on 4 December discussed the concepts of reform in the diverse circumstances in countries across the EU.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands writing in a notebook. The person is holding a blue pen with the 'CES' logo on it. The notebook has some handwritten notes, including 'D - D', 'E -', and 'Turkey duty, import'. The background is blurred, showing a white plate and a glass of water on a table.

In 2013, the CES organised a series of lunchtime seminars that brought together high-level speakers from the world of politics, academia and business.

Comprising of six events, the series discussed international political developments.

Food for Thought

LEADING FROM BEHIND:

U.S. FOREIGN & DEFENCE POLICY

TEN YEARS AFTER KAGAN'S OF PARADISE AND POWER

Ten years ago, Robert Kagan, an American foreign policy commentator, published the book *Of Paradise and Power* declaring that Europe and the US have very different approaches in foreign and defence policies.

With this in mind, on 22 April, the CES organised an event to analyse the changes that have occurred since Kagan's book was published and to examine the current approach being adopted by US and European leaders.



Kenneth Weinstein, CEO and President of Hudson Institute, addressed the event.

Weinstein stated that the US and EU have reversed their roles in international affairs in the past ten years. He stressed that political parties should communicate foreign policy matters more often to the public, so public support can increase for such issues.



Food for Thought

THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AFTER THE ARAB SPRING

Two years since the beginning of the Arab Spring, groups inspired by the Muslim Brotherhood have sprung up throughout the Arab world. In light of this, the CES organised an event on 29 May, to analyse the Muslim Brotherhood and its influence and goals in the region. A CES policy brief entitled, *The Muslim Brotherhood after the Arab Spring: Tactics, Challenges and Future Scenarios*, was also launched which provided the backdrop to the event.

The event was addressed by the author of the policy brief, **Dr. Lorenzo Vidino**, an academic and security expert who specialises in Islamism and political violence in Europe and North America; **Tomi Huhtanen**, CES Director; and **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research.

In his contribution, Dr. Vidino explained the different positions of Muslim Brotherhood-inspired entities across the region depending on their political situation. He asserted that while an Islamic state is at the core of the Brotherhood's ideology; in power, the Muslim Brotherhood aims to make slow progress towards an Islamic state through gradualism.

As the West cautiously watches the Muslim Brotherhood, he stressed that the West must not be too quick to promote or discourage the movement. Furthermore, Dr. Vidino and Freudenstein argued that the West needs to 'sceptically engage' with the Muslim Brotherhood due to their power and fundamental role in the Middle East.



Food for Thought

THE TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP: HOW MANY STEPS TO BRIDGE THE ATLANTIC?

On 4 July, the CES organised an event in anticipation of the negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) in order to examine the benefits and possible drawbacks to such an agreement.

Delivering the keynote speech was **Peter Chase**, Vice President, Europe, US Chamber of Commerce with contributions from **Tomi Huhtanen**, CES Director and **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research.



In his speech, Chase argued that the TTIP negotiations are a further step in strengthening the transatlantic alliance as it would be the first full treaty between the EU and the US. Chase argued that an agreement can be achieved and that it should be a priority for both sides to increase the links between the two economies to help provide growth for small and big businesses and increase transatlantic investment flows.



Food for Thought

IRAN: THE DAWNING OF A NEW ERA

On 10 July, the CES and the European Foundation for Democracy hosted an event following the election of Hassan Rouhani after the first round of presidential elections. Heralded as a victory for reformists in the country, the election of Rouhani has raised expectations that Iran's tense relations with the West could enter a new era and the event sought to examine what could lie in store for Iran and the world with the leadership of Rouhani.



The speakers at the event were **Dr. Emanuele Ottolenghi**, Senior Fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies in Washington DC and **Lena Kolarska-Bobínska**, MEP.

In providing their in-depth analysis of the situation, Dr. Ottolenghi and Kolarska-Bobínska outlined Iran's current political and economic situation including an overview of the impact economic sanctions and international isolation is having on the country and its people.

Further discussions focused on whether Rouhani will bring the country out of international isolation and onto a more moderate path.



Food for Thought

WHAT NEXT?

- THE FUTURE OF THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

On 1 December, the CES organised a lunch event to discuss the outcomes of the third Eastern Partnership Summit that was held in Vilnius between 28 to 29 November. The goal of the event was to examine what the future holds for the Eastern Partnership following Ukraine's decision not to sign the Association Agreement.



The panel consisted of **Salome Samadashvili**, CES Visiting Fellow and former Georgian Ambassador to the EU, **Gunnar Wiegand**, Director for the Eastern Partnership at the European External Action Service (EEAS) and **Tunne Kelam**, MEP. The discussion was moderated by **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research.



Food for Thought

UKRAINE – BACK TO THE PAST OR FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH EUROPE?

On 18 December, the CES hosted a lunch discussion which focused on the developments in Ukraine following President Yanukovych's decision to not sign the Association Agreement with the EU. The panel was moderated by Salome Samadashvili, Visiting Fellow at the CES and former Georgian Ambassador to the EU, and included Laima Liucija Andrikienė, MEP; Sidonia Elżbieta Jędrzejewska, MEP; and Bianca Bäuml, Outreach and Knowledge Manager at European Endowment for Democracy.

The panellists argued that the determinedness and resilience of the Ukrainian protesters is a sign of the birth of a true Ukrainian national identity and an important step on the path towards establishing true democracy. The panellists agreed on the importance of engaging and supporting Ukrainian civil society.

Concerning the partnership offer, it was concluded that the EU will need Ukraine in the long-term future to be able to compete and adapt to future global challenges, and that offering the prospect of EU membership would thus be mutually beneficial.





Events with Member Foundations

In 2013, the CES continued to expand its network of like-minded organisations which now includes 29 member foundations from 22 European countries. The CES organised in cooperation with most of its member foundations, a large number of successful events across Europe.

GOVERNING SIZE AND DECENTRALISATION

On 9 October, the CES in cooperation with the Research Institute of the Christian Democratic Appeal Party (CDA-WI) organised a seminar on the theme of governing size and decentralisation in the Netherlands.



The Dutch government's plans for the formation of 'superprovinces' and 'megamunicipalities' has caused much debate in the Netherlands. The main focus of the seminar was finding ways to ensure that these forms of decentralisation do not turn into an undesirable form of centralisation and a possible disconnect between municipalities and their citizens.

The opening by **Theo Bovens**, President of the CDA Research Institute, was followed by a lecture by **Dr. Maarten Allers**, Professor of Economics of Sub-National Government at the University of Groningen and co-lectures by **Kees-Jan de Vet**, Chairman of the Dutch Association for Municipalities and **Dr. Edo de Haan**, Councillor of the municipality of Zoetermeer. Afterwards, a panel moderated by Bovens and including the previous speakers answered questions from the audience.



CIVIL SOCIETY: REVIVAL OF THE VOLUNTARY NON-GOVERNMENTAL CORPORATIONS

On 4 December, the CES in cooperation with the Research Institute of the Christian Democratic Appeal Party (CDA-WI) organised in The Hague a presentation of the research paper, *Civil Society: Revival of the voluntary non-governmental corporations*.



Speaking at the event, **Willem van Leeuwen**, Senior-Fellow at the CDA-WI and author of the publication, explained the reasoning behind the publication and gave a brief summary of the papers content. Afterwards, the paper was presented to **Sybrand Buma**, CDA party leader, who underlined the importance of civil corporations in the Netherlands.



Also speaking at the event was **Professor Dr. Raymond Gradus**, Director of the CDA-WI, and **Professor Dr. Paul Frissen**, Dean of the Dutch School for Public Administration and Professor in Public Administration at the University of Tilburg.

QUALITY AS A MEDICINE FOR CUTTING HEALTHCARE COSTS

On 16 April, the CES in cooperation with the Research Institute of the Christian Democratic Appeal Party (CDA-WI), organised a discussion on healthcare practices focusing on the importance of quality management and reformation of long-term care in controlling healthcare costs in the Dutch health system.

Speakers included **Ab Klink**, former Dutch Minister for Health, Welfare and Sport, and **Pieter Hasekamp**, Director of the Association of Dutch Health Insurers.



In his contribution, Klink presented an overview of health reforms implemented in the Netherlands and analysed the effectiveness of the 2006 healthcare reform. He argued that to further improve the healthcare system in the Netherlands, a renewed focus on quality instead of efficiency is needed. Pieter Hasekamp discussed the importance of reforming long-term care, highlighting the expensive costs of such care in the Netherlands compared to other European countries.



SEPARATE, YET TOGETHER

On 17 April, the CES in cooperation with the Anton Tunega Foundation (NAT) and the European Academy for Democracy (EAD) hosted a conference to discuss and analyse Czech-Slovak state relations. Providing insights were **Ján Figel**, Chairman of the Slovak Christian Democratic Movement; **Pavel Bělobrádek**, Chairman of the Czech Christian Democratic Union; **Petr Pithart**, former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and **Jan Surotchak**, Regional Director of the International Republican Institute (IRI).

During the discussion, speakers acknowledged the role the peaceful dissolution of the Czechoslovak federation in 1993 had, in greatly aiding the development of the relationship between the two nations and in the resulting excellent cooperation that is evident today.

The conference discussed the benefits been members of the EU offers in providing a good institutional framework to build on Slovak-Czech cooperation and ways to overcome the re-emergence of nationalist passions in the EU as a result of the economic crisis.



EUROPEAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AS A MODEL FOR LATIN AMERICA

From 25 to 29 November, the CES with the support of the Foundation for Social Research and Analysis (FAES), organised its annual Latin American programme welcoming a group of 30 young Latin American political leaders to Brussels to learn about the European institutions.

During the week-long programme, participants had the opportunity to share their experiences and propose ways to enhance cooperation between their organisations with the CES and the EPP. High-level speakers included **Antonio López Istúriz**, CES Secretary Treasurer and Secretary General of the EPP; **José Ignacio Salafranca**, MEP; **Pablo Zalba Bidegain**, MEP; and **Pablo Arias Echeverría**, MEP; as well as extensive lectures delivered by staff members of the CES and the EPP on topics including social media and political communication, the European elections and youth participation in politics.



CONSTRUCTIVE UNILATERALISM: INVIGORATING TWO-STATE DYNAMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

On 19 February, the CES together with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS) organised a conference in which representatives of the think-tank Blue White Future presented their concept of constructive unilateralism and engaged with EU representatives on the role the international community can play in securing peace in the Middle East. The conference was held in the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU in Brussels. The panel was moderated by **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research.



Dr. Angelika Schlunck, Director of the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU, opened the conference, and **H.E. Dr. Andreas Reinicke**, the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, delivered the keynote address.



Panellists included **Ami Ayalon**, co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of Blue White Future; **Gilead Sher**, Co-Chairman of Blue White Future; and **Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering**, MEP and Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS).



THE EUROPEAN AGENDA UNDER THE LITHUANIAN EU-PRESIDENCY

On 18 June, the CES in cooperation with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS) and the Institute for Democratic Politics (DPI), held a conference to analyse the priorities of the Lithuanian EU-Presidency.

The conference featured an opening address by **Christian Forstner**, HSS Brussels Director. The first contribution was by **Markus Ferber**, MEP, who stated that Lithuania intends to improve the EU's economic situation by focusing on the credible strengthening of financial markets. In a speech given by Lithuanian Ambassador **H.E. Raimundas Karoblis**, the Ambassador stated that Lithuania's agenda will focus on credibility, growth, and an open Europe. The following panel discussion, moderated by former European Commission Deputy Director General **Karel Kovanda**, included Ambassador Karoblis; **Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė**, MEP; and **Arnoldas Pranckevičius**, Advisor to the President of the European Parliament. The panel focused on Lithuanian challenges, the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), and the importance of member states working together.



THE EUROPEAN AGENDA UNDER THE GREEK EU-PRESIDENCY

On 16 December, the CES, the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS) and the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy (KKID) organised an event about the European agenda of the Greek EU-Presidency.

The event began with welcome speeches by **Tomi Huhtanen**, CES Director, and **Professor Pantelis Sklias**, Head of the Academic Council of the KKID. Both highlighted the unprecedented challenges that Greece has faced during the financial crisis over the past six years. Also, the central question of the discussion was addressed, namely what direction the EU will take during the Greek EU-Presidency.

The following two keynote speeches by **Markus Ferber**, MEP, and **Andreas Papastavrou**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Greece, elaborated further on the recent economic recovery in Greece. Additionally, they highlighted the three key priorities of the Greek EU-Presidency. Later, a panel discussion focused on two specific issues; the differences of the next Greek EU-Presidency to former presidencies as well as the challenges and opportunities arising for Greece from that. Papastavrou joined this panel together with **Georgios Koumoutsakos**, MEP, and **Konstantinos Karagkounis**, MP in the Greek Parliament. **Karel Kovanda**, former European Commission Deputy Director General, moderated the discussion.



FOR ENERGY SECURITY IN ITALY AND EUROPE

On 26 March, the CES in cooperation with the De Gasperi Foundation (FDG) held a conference entitled 'For energy security in Italy and Europe'. At the conference, the study *Energy Security in the EU: Achieving Sustainability and Security*, conducted by the CES and the FDG was also presented.

In opening the conference, **Franco Frattini**, President of the FDG, and **Emanuela Farris**, former EPP Political Advisor, pointed to energy security issues as an important aspect of the European integration process.

The panel discussion was moderated by **Maurizio Melis**, journalist, *Radio24*. Panellists included **Corrado Clini**, Italian Minister for the Environment; **Paolo Gallo**, General Director at Acea SpA; **Professor Fabio Orecchini**, Head of Energy and Environment Research at CIRPS, Sapienza University, Rome; **Roberto Prioreschi**, Director at Bain & Company, Italy and **Dario Speranza**, Political and Institutional Scenarios and Analysis Vice President, Eni SpA.

The conference heard that some strategic actions were needed to reduce Italy's energy dependence and foster its energy efficiency and savings, while renewable energy sources and the development of non-conventional energy technologies including solar energy were also discussed. Finally, the possibility of creating a common EU energy policy was addressed.



HYDROCARBONS AND SUSTAINABILITY IN CYPRUS AND IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

The CES in cooperation with the Institute for Eurodemocracy Glafcos Clerides (EGC) organised part of an expert conference entitled 'Hydrocarbons and Sustainability in Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean Region' from 24 to 25 September.

The speakers at the conference included **Harris Georgiades**, Cypriot Minister of Finance; **Yiorgos Lakkotrypīs**, Cypriot Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism; **Yiannis Maniatis**, Greek Minister of Environment, Energy, and Climate change; and **Michael Leigh**, GMF Senior Advisor.

The workshop brought together more than 60 experts from Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Turkey, the EU, and the US. Representatives from major energy corporations, law firms, universities, think-tanks, environmental NGOs, and political leaders discussed three main areas; the role of hydrocarbons in sustainable economic development, how to ensure environmental protection in the Eastern Mediterranean region, and how to reduce the security risks to offshore energy installations.



Speakers drew attention to the comparative advantages Cyprus holds in this area and how these can be mobilised to generate growth and jobs. It was pointed out that the Cypriot economy needs to be reoriented from excessive dependence on banking to promising sectors such as education, high-end tourism, business and shipping services, and pharmaceuticals. In addition, it was noted that Cyprus needs to develop a new competitive model for its economy in areas like these before hydrocarbon revenues begin to flow, probably in the early 2020s.



VALUES AND POLITICS – HUMANIST PERSPECTIVE OF CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

The CES in cooperation with the Miquel Coll I Alentorn Institute of Humanistic Studies (INEHCA) and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) organised from 8 to 9 November, a conference on values and politics from a humanist perspective.



The opening speeches were delivered by **Francesc Gambús**, INEHCA Director; **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research; **Thomas Stehling**, Director of the Spain and Portugal Office of KAS; and **Ramon Espadaler**, President of the UDC National Council.



A number of panels consisting of high-level speakers discussed a range of issues including Christian humanism and communitarian personalism, the social commitment of Christians, the social market economy as a way out of the present situation, public policies and private initiatives, and on poverty and political action.

The event concluded with speeches by **Llibert Cuatrecasas**, INEHCA President and **Josep Antoni Duran I Lleida**, UDC President.

COMMEMORATION DAY OF THE VELVET REVOLUTION – THE DAY OF FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

Commemorating the anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the CES in cooperation with the Institute for Modern Slovakia (IPMS) organised a public event on 17 November to honour the anniversary of this historic date.

The event aims to remind Slovakian society of the values that were brought by the fall of the communist regime in former Czechoslovakia such as freedom, democracy, justice and rule of law. Taking place in the Slovak National Theatre, over 600 people were in attendance with a large media presence.

Among the speakers were **Béla Bugár**, Chairman, Most-Hid; **Ján Figel**, Chairman of KDH, together with **Pavol Frešo**, Chairman of SDKU-DS. Guest speakers included **Karel Schwarzenberg**, Chairman, TOP 09 party, and **Lucinda Creighton**, EPP Vice President.



CENTRAL EUROPEAN FORUM 2013: GIVE CITIZENS A MEANING

The CES, in cooperation with the Institute for Modern Slovakia (IPMS) participated in the organisation of the fifth Central European Forum from 15 to 17 November, initiated by the Bratislava based civic association Projekt Fórum.

The Central European Forum 2013 is recognised as a forum noted for bringing high-level speakers together for a dialogue between East and West in a public debate atmosphere. An opening speech was delivered by **Tomi Huhtanen**, CES Director, on the topic of ‘Why is Europe still alive?’

In a panel debate, participants included **Lucinda Creighton**, EPP Vice President; **Ivan Krastev**, Philosopher; **Ilija Trojanov**, German writer; and **Justin Wedes**, founder of the General Assembly, New York. Moderator for the panel was **Martin Butora**, Slovak analyst and writer.



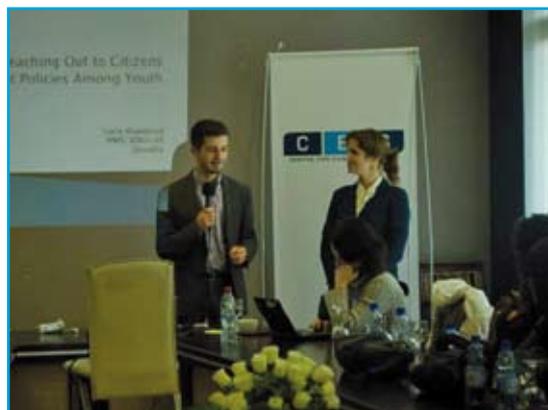
REACHING OUT TO CITIZENS – CENTRE-RIGHT POLITICS AMONG THE YOUTH

The CES in cooperation with the Institute for Modern Slovakia (IPMS) organised this project to increase awareness about centre-right political principles and policies among politically active youth and inform them about the EPP and its goals and principles.

The project took place from 7 to 9 December in three municipalities of Kosovo* - Prishtina, Pec and Gnjilan. The speakers were **Lucia Klapáčová**, Chairwoman of SDKU-DS Foreign Affairs Section, who talked about the EPP and centre-right policies in Kosovo; **Eliška Sláviková**, expert on the Balkans, who gave an analysis of the political programs of Kosovo's parliamentary parties. **Michal Novota** and **Ján Odzgaň** from the Czech Restartup organised simulation games, which focused on improving skills of youth by using social networks



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POPULAR YOUTH POLITICAL ACADEMY

From 16 to 17 November, the CES together with the Amaro da Costa Institute (IDL) hosted Lisbon's 'Popular Youth Political Academy'. The event was opened by **Luís Gouveia Fernandes**, President of the IDL; **Francisco Rodrigues dos Santos**, President of Lisbon's Popular Youth Organisation; and **Telmo Correia**, member of the Portuguese Parliament.



Among the speakers was **Ingrid Habets**, CES Research Officer, who presented the topic of 'Youth Engagement in Politics'. In her presentation, several ideas on how to engage young people in politics were discussed including lowering the voting age, online voting, increased political education and mandatory voting.



Other speakers at the event were **Pedro Mota Soares**, Portuguese Minister for Employment, Solidarity and Welfare; **Manuel Forjaz**, Entrepreneur and Professor at NOVA School for Business and Economics; **Ricardo Costa**, Director of Expresso; **Nuno Crato**, Portuguese Minister for Education; and **Eduardo Vera-Cruz**, Director of Lisbon's Law College; **Jaime Nogueira Pinto**, Political Scientist; **Adolfo Mesquita Nunes**, Portuguese Tourism Secretary of State; **Henrique Raposo**, author and columnist for Expresso; and **Nuno Vieira Matias**, President of the Navy Academy.



MONTHLY LUNCH LECTURES

The CES in cooperation with the Amaro da Costa Institute (IDL) organised a series of monthly lunch lectures with high-level guest speakers addressing present-day topics dominating the Portuguese political agenda and in relation to the EU.



Among the speakers at this year's series of lectures were **Dr. Florian Hartleb**, CES Research Associate and Lecturer at the University of Bonn and the University for Politics, Munich. Dr. Hartleb's presentation was titled 'The opportunities for populism in extreme right and left in Europe', and focused on problems inside Europe, emphasising the rise of nationalist parties through populism. Dr. Hartleb made clear that Eurocepticism is on the rise with a tendency to renationalize Europe. In the end of his speech, Dr. Hartleb said that it is unlikely that any right-wing party, populist or extremist, will be a competitive force at European level.

Other speakers included **Nuno Garoupa**, Professor of Economics and Law, University of Illinois; **Pedro Lomba**, Portuguese Secretary of State for Regional Development and Professor of Constitutional Law at Lisbon University; **Ricardo Arroja**, Economist and columnist in economic affairs; **Pires de Lima**, CEO of Unicer, economist and Chairman of the National Council of the Party; **Pedro Sampaio Nunes**, Engineer specialised in the energy sector and Executive Director, Eureka; **Adolfo Mesquita Nunes**, Portuguese Secretary of State for Tourism and Executive Committee member, People's Party (CDS-PP); **Professor João César das Neves**, University Professor and President of the Scientific Council for Economic Sciences and Companies, Catholic Portuguese University; **Paulo Nuncio**, Financial lawyer and columnist; and **Miguel Poiares Maduro**, Portuguese Minister for Regional Development.



ACADEMY OF ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Between 18 and 20 October, the CES in cooperation with the Jože Pucnik Institute (IJP), organised the fourth edition of the Academy of Active Citizenship and Entrepreneurship. Held in Piran, the academy was opened by **Jernej Buzeti**, President of the Network of Ideas and was presented under the theme of ‘The Responsible Way to Success.’



The academy hosted more than 100 promising students and young professionals who joined renowned domestic speakers at round table discussions, lectures and business workshops. Among the speakers who addressed the audience were **Boris Pahor**, Slovenian writer; **Dr. Klemen Jaklič**, lecturer at Harvard University; **Vlasta Nussdorfer**, Ombudsman of Slovenia; and **Dr. Miro Cerar**, lecturer at the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana.

Discussions centred on the topic of ethical values of today’s society and the challenges we need to face as individuals in a globalised world. The business workshops were led by the CEOs of numerous companies including Bisol, Seaway, Infonet media, Rastoder, Fonda, Spem and POP TV. After the event, the best participants were offered the opportunity to partake in remunerated internships with these companies.



BUSINESS DEBATE WITH DR. BOŠTJAN JAZBEC, GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF SLOVENIA

In 2013, the CES in cooperation with the Jože Pučnik Institute (IJP) organised a series of four business debates inviting experienced business professionals to share their expertise in their respective field and to discuss political issues connected to their work.

The last debate of the Business Debate Series was held on 25 September and was attended by 120 leading Slovenian businessmen, politicians, academics, students and young professionals. The debate also attracted all major Slovenian news outlets and several international journalists.

The speaker was **Dr. Boštjan Jazbec**, Governor of the Bank of Slovenia, who spoke about the current situation and future of the Slovenian banking system.

In his address, Dr. Jazbec explained the Bank of Slovenia's efforts are focused on keeping the country's banking system stable, after ordering a controlled liquidation of two small banks earlier in the month. Together with the European Commission and the European Central Bank, Dr. Jazbec stated the Bank is finetuning banking stress tests and it is also working on the government's reform plans. Dr. Jazbec also spoke about the role of the young in society and shared many tips on career planning with young participants.



THINK FREELY - A CENTRE THAT MOTIVATES YOUNG PEOPLE FOR FREE THINKING AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS

As part of the series of events entitled 'Europe Beyond the Economic Crisis', the CES and the Jože Pučnik Institute (IJP), hosted a three-day seminar from 17 to 19 May, aimed to empower and encourage 40 young participants of various backgrounds for political participation and leadership.

On the first day the participants had an opportunity to hear from two eminent Slovenian politicians, **Borut Pahor**, President of the Republic of Slovenia and **Janez Janša**, former Prime Minister of Slovenia and current leader of the opposition.

The second day was dedicated to improving certain political skills with two workshops and a lecture. Presentations were delivered by **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research and **Bernard Brščič**, President of the IJP.



Further lectures were given by **Robert Wolfe**, Lecturer, Amsterdam School of Creative Leadership; **Lea Pisani**, a Slovenian expert on fashion and public behaviour; and **Michal Novota** and **Jan Odzgan**, PR and campaign advisors with Restartup. The evening was dedicated to a public debate on the topic of youth unemployment.

On the final day, participants heard from **Tina Maze**, Olympic athlete; and **Dr. Aleksander Zadel**, Professor of Psychology, who discussed personal motivation, confidence and responsibility. The last event of the seminar was a roundtable on media and politics with journalists **Borut Hočever** and **Bojan Požar**.

COMMUNICATION SCHOOL

The CES, in cooperation with the Institute for Popular Studies (ISP) and the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS) organised the 2013 Communication School series in Bucharest, Romania. Consisting of three sessions, the first three-day event took place in June, with the next two taking place in mid-October and November. The overall aim of the series was to train people working in politics on how to communicate their messages in an effective way through the use of correct diction, discourse analysis and via television.



During the session, simulations of a television show were held giving all attendees the chance to express themselves on current issues and the opportunity to experience how broadcast journalism works along with the pressure of a studio environment.

Speakers at the Communication School series included **Raluca Tache**, TV anchor; **Ioana Teodorescu**, ISP Communications Director; **Catalin Dumitru**, Political Strategist; **Ioana Lung**, CES Communication and Marketing Officer; and **Oana Dobre**, journalist.



WOMEN SUMMER SCHOOL – FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS

Between 23 and 25 August, the CES in partnership with the Women Division of the Democratic Liberal Party (PDL), the Institute for Popular Studies (ISP) and the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS) organised the Female Entrepreneurs PDL Women Summer School in Zlatna, Romania.

The event was attended by **Cristina Traila**, Interim President of PDL Women; **Andrea Paul**, Vice President of PDL; **Sulfina Barbu**, Vice President of PDL; **Mircea Hava**, Mayor of Alba Iulia and Vice President of PDL; **Ion Dumitrel**, President of Alba County Council; **Silviu Ponoran**, Mayor of Zlatna; and **Rodica Andronescu**, Executive Secretary of PDL Women.

During the three days of seminars, the participants discussed the importance of female entrepreneurship and ways to further progress it in Romania. Participants called for measures targeted at fiscal relaxation and expressed the need to implement centre-right economic measures in order to revitalise the Romanian economy.



JOB CREATION SUMMIT

Between 3 and 5 October, the CES and the Institute for Popular Studies (ISP) organised a seminar on the subject of youth employment, in cooperation with the Youth of the EPP (YEPP), the Youth Organisation of the Romanian Democratic Liberal Party (OTPDL) and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), Romania.

On the first day, the event held a panel debate on the Romanian approach towards youth employment. Panellists included **Andrea Paul**, Vice President of PDL and **Anca Boagiu**, Vice President of EPP. The discussion was moderated by **Konstantinos Kyranakis**, President of YEPP and **Sorin Moldovan**, President of TDL Romania.

The second day of the event started with small working groups discussing youth employment, with the results shared in a round table debate afterwards. **Stefaan De Corte**, CES Senior Research Officer, presented recent employment data in Europe and addressed issues including cross-border labour mobility, unpaid traineeships and temporary employment. Further participants in the round table were **Sven Irmer**, Director of the KAS office in Romania; **Marian-Jean Marinescu**, MEP and Vice President EPP Group; and **Siegfried Muresan**, Political Adviser, EPP.

Later, the participants met with **Michel Barnier**, EU Commissioner for Internal Market and Services, which was followed by a keynote speech by **Petru Luhan**, MEP, on the European perspective on youth employment.



EXPOSING THE DEMAGOGUES: RIGHT-WING AND NATIONAL POPULIST PARTIES IN EUROPE

On 26 September, the CES, in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), launched a new publication entitled *Exposing the Demagogues: Right-wing and National Populist Parties in Europe*. The publication was edited by **Dr. Florian Hartleb**, CES Research Associate, and lecturer at the University of Bonn and the University for Politics, Munich and by **Dr. Karsten Grabow**, Coordinator for Policy Analysis and Research, Department of Politics and Consulting, KAS.

The opening by **Tomi Huhtanen**, CES Director, was followed by a keynote speech by **Eduard Kukan**, MEP. Addressing the audience, Kukan elaborated on his view of populism from professional and personal experiences. In a panel debate moderated by **Roland Freudenstein**, CES Deputy Director and Head of Research, and featuring Dr. Grabow and Dr. Hartleb as panellists, the reasoning for the publication was explained. Both panellists highlighted the rise of populism parties across Europe pointing to recent electoral results and the impact they have had as the main reasons in publishing the book. Furthermore, it was emphasised that right-wing populist parties have made a shift from an anti-immigration focus to an anti-European message turning their focus to EU bureaucracy and the EU procedures of decision making leading up to the 2014 European elections.





THE EDUCATION OF COMMUNISM AND EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC VALUES TO YOUNG BULGARIANS

On 19 September and 17 October, the CES in partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) and the Hannah Arendt Center in Sofia, hosted two events to examine the issue of communist past, history and education in Bulgaria. Two studies — *Teaching the History of Communism - Compendium for History Teachers* which was launched at the first event and *A Reader of Censored Literature from 1944-1989 for High School Students from the 12th grade* — provided the backdrop for the event.



At the first conference, participants included **Vasil Kadrinov**, Sociologist and Coordinator of the research team, Hannah Arendt Center; **Lyubomir Pozharliev**, Sociologist; **Angel Nikolov**, Historian; **Valentina Marinova**, Psychologist; **Dr. Raluca Grosescu**, Political Scientist, who all contributed to a lively debate and signed a declaration calling on the Bulgarian Ministry of the Education and Science to improve the study programs on the teaching of Bulgaria's 20th century history. The event and the publication received considerable media attention.

On 17 October, a second conference took place addressing the culture of memory about the communist regime and education in European democratic values of the young people in Bulgaria today. The conference hosted scientists, historians, sociologist, writers and former political prisoners and concentrated on the responsibilities for preserving the memory of dictatorship in Bulgaria. At the event, best practices from other Central and Eastern European countries were presented.





STRENGTHENING DIALOGUES, UNITED IN EUROPE – COMING TO TERMS WITH CONFLICTS OF THE PAST

From 22 to 24 February, the CES in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) in Skopje, organised the seminar ‘Strengthening Dialogues, United in Europe – Coming to Terms with the Conflicts of the Past’ hosting three panel discussions and two workshops.

The opening address was delivered by **Anja Czymmeck**, Head of the KAS Office in Skopje. Among the panellists and speakers were young professionals from the NGO sector, media sector, universities and representatives from political parties from the region. All the panellists gave their views on the importance of dialogue between Kosovo*, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and countries surrounding it, and on the reconciliation process highlighting examples from their countries experiences.



During the two-day event, contributors constantly stressed the importance of countries sharing their experience, values and difficulties in dealing with such issues. Therefore, this seminar served as a good basis to learn from each other and engage in an open dialogue between countries in the region; in order to develop good and strong relations between neighbouring countries. This will also support the process of building modern and highly developed democratic and multi-ethnic societies in these countries, aiding the functioning of political systems and the lives of citizens.

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GLOBSEC 2013 - GLOBAL SECURITY FORUM

In 2013, the CES in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), participated in the organisation of the Global Security Forum (GLOBSEC), the leading foreign policy and security forum in Central Europe. The event gathered together 1140 attendees from 62 countries who heard from 110 high-level speakers during the event.

Held in Bratislava, Slovakia, GLOBSEC 2013 addressed a range of foreign policy and security issues in the conference and the 150 sideline events and closed-door discussions that took place during the Forum. During the panel debates, issues discussed included Europe's changing approach to the changing status quo caused by the rise of Asia; NATO's need to find a new purpose after the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF); the EU's institutional make-up against the backdrop of burning economic challenges; and the current challenges to homeland security as well as non-proliferation threats worldwide.





The keynote speech was delivered by **Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski**, former national security advisor to US President Jimmy Carter. Some other speakers who contributed to the event included **Robert Fico**, Prime Minister of Slovakia; **Milo Đukanović**, Prime Minister of Montenegro; **Mikuláš Dzurinda**, former Prime Minister of Slovakia; **Štefan Füle**, EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood; **Toomas Hendrik Ilves**, President of Estonia; and various ministers and high-level representatives from EU member states.



VISIONS AND WISHES FOR EUROPE – FOCUS BALKAN

The CES, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) and the CIVIC Institute for International Education organised the annual ‘Visions and Wishes for Europe – Focus Balkan’ seminar from 31 May to 2 June.

The aim of the seminar is to clearly show the institutional design of the EU with its specific decision-making processes and the different interests and positions in the ambitious project of EU enlargement. Within the context of the simulation, complex and multi-layered planning, negotiation and decision-making processes were imitated.

Anja Czymmeck, Head of the KAS Office in Skopje, opened the seminar and spoke about the role and tasks of KAS in the region and in the country. **Dr. Vasko Naumovski**, former Deputy Prime Minister of European Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, addressed the participants emphasising the importance of the EU enlargement process in the Balkan region. **Panos Tasiopoulos**, CES Project Manager, gave an introductory presentation of the work of the CES and on the EU, explaining the historical steps and the founding processes of the EU. The trainers **Holger Michael Arndt** and **Alexander Burka** from the CIVIC Institute for International Education explained a training-simulation game that was available to the participants.



EU CAMP 2013

The CES, in cooperation with the Kós Károly Academy (KKA) and the Hungarian Youth Conference of Romania (MIERT), organised the EU Camp 2013 for young people between the ages of 16 to 30.

Held from 3 to 8 July, the EU Camp attracted over 300 people who participated in five workshops revolving around five themes which were concentrated around the subject of regional policy making. The topics included Transylvania 2020; the reform of the education system in Romania; the Minority Rights Bill; enlargement of the Schengen area; and youth unemployment. The workshops offered participants team building exercises, team competition games and recreational activities.

Among the speakers were representatives of the Democratic Alliance of the Hungarians in Romania (DAHR), YEPP, the National Authority for Sports and Youth, the County Directorate for Sports and Youth, as well as the Youth Committee with the County Council of Harghita with lectures on range of topics provided by experts from the Sapientia University, Transylvania.



POLITICAL COMMUNICATION TRAININGS – DEVELOPING TRANSYLVANIA

The CES in cooperation with the Kós Károly Academy (KKA) and the Democratic Alliance of the Hungarians in Romania (DAHR) organised a series of political communication trainings called — ‘Developing Transylvania’. Beginning with three regional training sessions that were held over two days from April to June, with a final session for the Transylvania region held from 15 to 17 November focusing on the upcoming European elections.

The purpose of the trainings was to give professionals working with DAHR, who are involved in communications on either a local or national level, some up-to-date knowledge on how to maintain qualitative relations with the media.

The trainings were given by members of the scientific council of the KKA, as well as by communication experts, university lecturers and politicians. During several of the trainings, **Béla Markó**, President of the KKA; **Péter Kovács**, Director of the KKA, and **Hunor Kelemen**, President of the DAHR, were present to give speeches about campaigning and communication strategies.





EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES FOR EDUCATION IN GREECE AND FINLAND

The CES, the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy (KKID) and the Toivo Think Tank organised a series of workshops under the title 'Exchange of Best Practices for Education in Greece and Finland'. The first joint project between the CES, Toivo Think Tank and the KKID involved workshops in two countries, one in Helsinki and Espoo on 17 to 19 June and one in Athens on 1 to 4 December.

The Greek delegation including **Antonis Klapsis** from the KKID; **Dr. Fenia Adamidi** from the Greek Ministry of Education; and **Manos Papazoglou** from the University of Peloponnese, visited Helsinki and Espoo. They got acquainted with the Finnish education system and the history of Helsinki University, Toivo Think Tank and the 'startup sauna' of Aalto University. They also met with **Raija Vahasalo**, Finnish MP and Chairwoman of the Education Committee; **Sanna Lauslahti**, Finnish MP; and **Kari Raivio**, Chancellor of Helsinki University.

The Finnish delegation from Toivo Think Tank included **Martti Häikiö**, Adjunct Professor at the University of Helsinki, Chairman of the Scientific Council of Toivo Think Tank, and Member of the CES Academic Council; **Kari Raivio**, Professor and former Rector of the University of Helsinki; **Tytti Varmavuo-Häikiö**, Lecturer at the Helsinki University of Applied Sciences and **Markku Pyykkölä**, Director of Toivo Think Tank.

The Finnish delegation acquainted themselves with the Greek educational system by visiting historical sites and the first Experimental High School of Athens. They also visited the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, where they had a meeting with the Vice Rector and a tour at the University's facilities.

The project was finished with the organisation of a workshop on 'Equity of opportunities in the educational systems of Greece and Finland'. The workshop was attended by approximately 40 people including university professors, teachers, MPs, members of youth organisations, researchers, experts on educational issues and journalists.



CHALLENGES TO THE E-SOCIETY BY THE EXAMPLE OF ESTONIA

The CES in cooperation with the Pro Patria Institute and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) organised a three-day conference on 'Challenges to the E-Society by the Example of Estonia' in the framework of the YEPP Summer School 2013. The conference was held in Tallinn between 18 and 21 July, and covered the topic of e-governance in Estonia, a country that is a European front-runner in the field.



The conference included visits to the Estonian Parliament and to Nortal headquarters, one of the biggest Estonian IT companies. The conference featured presentations and panel discussions regarding cyber security and the creation of the European digital single market, from **Jaak Aviksoo**, Estonian Minister of Education and Research; **Tunne Kelam**, MEP; **Marko Mihkelson**, the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee; and many entrepreneurs and public figures that relate to the digital agenda in Estonia and in Europe. In addition, the Estonian Demo Center featured a presentation about all the public e-services in Estonia. The conference also featured a transatlantic roundtable, discussing the National Security Agency and the Free Trade Agreement negotiations between the EU and the US.



DAY OF EUROPE – EUROPE OF THE CITIZENS

On 7 May, to celebrate the upcoming Day of Europe, the CES in partnership with the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (PolAk), the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, the Young European Federalists (JEF) and the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES) organised a panel debate on the topic — 'Europe of the Citizens'.



The participants were welcomed by **Werner Fasslabend**, President of PolAk, and **Hans Winkler**, Director of the Diplomatic Academy. The panel included citizens from all social groups and provided them the opportunity to share their expectations and ideas about Europe in a discussion with **Michael Spindelegger**, Vice Chancellor, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of the Austrian People's Party.

Some of the topics that came up during the discussion included European integration, the knowledge society, trade opportunities within the EU and citizen rights.



17th EUROPEAN FORUM ON 'THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON DEFENSE: NEW PROSPECTS FOR CSDP'

On 8 November, the CES in cooperation with the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (PolAk), organised the 17th annual European Forum on the prospects of future European defence policies.

The event, in which experts expressed their views and expectations for the European Defence Summit on 18 and 19 December, was moderated by **Werner Fasslabend**, President of PolAk.

The event was attended by high-level political representatives, academics and military experts allowing for a fruitful and lively debate on defence issues. **Gerald Klug**, Austrian Minister of Defence, and **Dr. Beatrix Karl**, the Austrian Minister of Justice, both delivered keynote speeches, expressing their opinion on the role of member states at the Defence Summit.

Further contributions were received from **Franco Frattini**, former Vice President of the European Commission and former Foreign Minister of Italy; **Wolfgang Wosolobe**, LTGen and Director General of the EU Military and **Michael Gahler**, MEP.



EUROPEAN SUMMER ACADEMY FOR LEADING SENIORS 2013

From 7 to 9 July, the CES in partnership with the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (PolAk), the European Senior Citizens Union (ESCU) and the EPP organised a three-day conference 'European Summer Academy for Leading Seniors 2013'. Representatives of senior citizens organisations from all over Europe, as well as scientists, political and economic experts participated in the discussions with a focus on the European Parliament elections in May 2014.

Over 60 participants were present from more than 18 different countries. The first day started with opening speeches by **Bernhard Worms**, President, ESCU; **Marilies Flemming**, Vice President, ESCU and **Heinz Becker**, MEP and Secretary General of Austrian Senior Citizens Association (ASCA).

During the three-day event, speakers included **Andreas Prenner**, Head of the Political and Economic Department, Austrian Federation of Industries; **Leif Hallberg**, Vice President, ESCU; **Andreas Khol**, member of the ASCA and **Christian Kremer**, Deputy Secretary General, EPP.



VALUES ON OUR PLATE

On 4 March, the CES and Toivo Think Tank held a seminar on Finnish agricultural policy. During the event, issues discussed included the reform of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), food quality, consumer trends and the state of the agriculture in Finland today.

With a large audience present, the event was opened by **Jari Koskinen**, Finnish Minister for Agriculture, who also participated in a panel debate later. Other speakers included **Risto Artjoki**, Finnish Secretary of State; **Petri Sarvamaa**, MEP; and **Markus Eerola**, Board member of the Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK).



QUO VADIS DENMARK? FLEXICURITY REVISITED

From 12 to 14 September, the CES and the Toivo Think Tank organised a seminar on the Danish labour market and EU policy in Copenhagen. The participants were first introduced to the political landscape by **Martin Dahl**, Secretary General of the Conservative People's Party (DKF) and **Henrik Sølje Weiglin**, Campaign Manager. The group was also taken on a guided tour around the Danish Parliament where they met **Josefine Kofoed Christiansen**, DKF politician.

The following day included meetings and discussions with **Martin Kaae**, political journalist for the *Jyllands-Posten*; **Jan-Erik Enestam**, Secretary General of the Nordic Council; and **Veera Weisdorf**, Press Councillor with the Finnish Embassy. In the afternoon, **Martin Ågerup**, Director of the Centre for Political Studies (CEPSO) and **Stefaan de Corte**, CES Senior Research Officer, gave an in-depth analysis of flexicurity of the labour market policy and its reform.



EUROPE ON TOUR

The CES in cooperation with the Toivo Think Tank, organised a week-long tour of debates in various market squares in Finland. From 28 October to 1 November, a mobile café truck travelled to central market squares in Helsinki, Turku, Tampere, Vantaa, Espoo and Kouvolaa.

The debates allowed the public to discuss issues relating to the EU with experts. Participants in the various debates included **Sirja Pietikäinen**, MEP, and **Eija-Riitta Korhola**, MEP, who delivered short briefings on the state of the EU. Speeches were given by **Markku Pyykkölä**, Toivo Director; **Maria-Elena Cowell**, Toivo partner; **Alexander Stubb**, Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade; **Veli-Pekka Talvela**, Director of the Finnish Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry; **Dr. Erkka Railo**, Researcher at the University of Turku; and **Arto Aniluoto**, Secretary General at the European Movement in Finland.

Following this event, the Toivo Think Tank held a separate closed event on European affairs and the outlook for the upcoming European elections next year. Speakers included **Veli-Pekka Talvela**; **Dr. Ilkka Haavisto**, Finnish Business and Policy Forum EVA; **Lasse Pipinen**, Director of Communications at the National Coalition Party; and **Sara Pini**, CES Project Officer.



ELECTIONS AND ELECTORAL LEGISLATION

On 29 April, the CES in cooperation with TOPAZ held a seminar to outline the differences in various types of electoral systems across Europe. At the event, participants also discussed elections as a socio-political topic, evaluated current legislation and new legislative proposals and their effects.

Vít Novotný, CES Senior Research Officer, spoke about elections from a European perspective with the upcoming European Parliament elections in May 2014.

Jaroslav Poláček, Campaign Manager at TOP 09, also presented an insight into elections and election campaigns from the TOP 09's election experiences. **Marek Vocel**, Campaign Manager, TOP 09, in his address highlighted the differences between individual campaign types and experiences with brand new election and campaign formats. **David Surý**, Sociologist, gave an analysis on general election turnout, public opinion and in particular the perception of political campaigning in the eyes of the youth.

Afterwards, an engaging and lively interaction took place between the speakers and the audience allowing for greater understanding of various electoral systems.



Events with Partners

In 2013, the CES continued to build strategic partnerships with organisations throughout Europe.

The KADOC-KU Leuven, the Anglo-Serbian Society in Belgrade, the German Marshall Fund of the United States and ThinkYoung were added this year to the list of CES Partners.

From 23 to 26 May, the CES in partnership with the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE) organised a four-day seminar on the topic of 'Serbia in Contemporary Europe'. The event focused on specific issues concerning security, regional cooperation, migration and foreign policy. Furthermore, the event provided the opportunity to encourage cross-party communication building towards a more stable political atmosphere and culture of consensual political dialogue. There were 43 participants from 14 political parties, including ethnic minorities' political parties.

Some of the speakers who presented at the seminar were **HE Piotr Świtalski**, Director of Policy Planning, Council of Europe; **Zoran Vujić**, former Assistant Minister in Charge for Cooperating with NATO and Defence Issues, Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; **Tanja Mišćević**, Professor, Faculty of Political Sciences, former State Secretary at the Serbian Ministry of Defence; **Henna Hopia**, CES Visiting Fellow; **István Gyarmati**, President, Centre for Democracy Public Foundation (DEMKK); and **Srđan Majstorović**, Deputy Director, Government of the Republic of Serbia European Integration Office.





IN SEARCH FOR A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC IDENTITY

On 14 and 15 November, the Documentation and Research Centre for Religion, Culture and Society of the Catholic University of Leuven (KADOC-KU Leuven) in cooperation with the CES, the Istituto Luigi Sturzo (ILS) and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) organised a workshop to discuss the development of Christian Democracy and in order to discover if a European Christian Democratic identity can be found.

After a welcoming speech from **Jan De Maeyer**, Director KADOC-KU Leuven, the first session began on the theme of Christian Democracy in the Cold War context where contributions came from a range of experts including **Rosario Forlenza**, New York University; **Steven White**, Mount St. Mary's University (US); and **Marialuisa-Lucia Sergio**, ILS. The session was moderated by **Steven Van Hecke**, KU Leuven.

In the next workshop, Christian Democracy and the European Policy Areas was addressed by **Paulo Tedeschi**, University of Milan and **Bernhard Altermatt**, University of Fribourg, Germany. It was moderated by **Jürgen Nielsen-Sikora**, researcher with KAS. Concluding the first day of the event was **Werner Fasslabend**, President of the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (PoA), who spoke about the importance of Christian Democratic values in Europe.

On the second day, the third and final workshop focused on national parties and gave a comprehensive history of Christian Democratic parties development in Europe after the Second World War. Chaired by **Godfried Kwanten**, KADOC-KU Leuven, and **Paolo Acanfora**, ILS, the two sessions included speakers from across Europe discussing national Christian Democratic parties from Spain, the Netherlands, France and Austria.



TATRA SUMMIT – SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

The CES, in cooperation with the Centre for European Affairs (CEA), organised from 19 to 20 February, the Tatra Summit in Bratislava, Slovakia. Opening speeches were held by **Peter Kažimír**, Slovak Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; **Peter Javorčík**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia; and **Róbert Vass**, Secretary General of the Slovak Atlantic Commission (SAC), and CEA founding member. The event attracted many high-level speakers from across Europe.



A discussion was held at the summit on a range of relevant issues including the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) and the reforms required to pull Europe out of the financial crisis. In advance of the publication of the CES book *From Reform to Growth: Managing the Economic Crisis in Europe*, its findings were discussed during an evening ‘policy cocktail’.

The speakers at the event included **Katarína Králiková**, diplomat with the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CES Research Associate; **Vít Novotný**, CES Senior Research Officer; **Pantelis Sklias**, Professor of International Political Economy at the University of Peloponnese; **Martin Valentovič**, Economic Analyst at M.E.S.A; and **Lothar Funk**, Professor of Economics and International Economic Relations at the University of Applied Sciences, Germany.



THE FATE OF DEMOCRACY: GLOBAL CHALLENGE, LOCAL (NON) RESPONSES

On 16 November, the CES organised an international conference in cooperation with the Anglo-Serbian Society in Belgrade, and the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE) entitled ‘The Fate of Democracy: Global Challenges, Local (Non) Responses.’ The conference examined the role of democratic leadership and political capacity building in the context of eroding trust in the effectiveness of political and economic institutions. Given that this phenomenon is a common feature of all democratic modern societies, the conference programme included high-level speakers from different thematic fields and countries across the EU. Among the participants were representatives of public administration, parliaments, political parties, local governments, media, civil society and the academia.



The panellists debated democracy both globally and within European countries, outlining the challenges which arise from political and institutional crises and the changing roles of key institutions and public actors. The event provided a special focus on Western Balkan countries and presentations examined specific approaches and instruments which need to be adopted, in order to handle dilemmas resulting from the increased fragility of democracy and institutions in the region.

In addition, a collection of essays from a number of important contributors were provided at the conference which also addressed many of the issues discussed at the conference.



FAIL2SUCCEED: OVERCOMING THE STIGMA OF FAILURE

On 18 December, the CES in cooperation with ThinkYoung, hosted a conference entitled 'Fail2Succeed: Overcoming the Stigma of Failure' at the European Parliament to discuss young entrepreneurship and ways to overcome the fear of entrepreneurial failure.

Alessandro Niccolò Tirapani, Head of Research at ThinkYoung, presented the preliminary results of the research conducted for the Fail2Succeed campaign which is an initiative aimed at reducing the negative stigma surrounding entrepreneurial failure within Europe, both socially and financially. The details of the campaign were introduced by **Andrea Gerosa**, Chief Thinker and founder of ThinkYoung, and **Tomi Huhtanen**, CES Director. They highlighted that the campaign is producing a pan-European survey which is the first of its kind to find out what young Europeans' perceptions towards failure are. This research has gone hand in hand with an audio-visual documentary, following the lives of young Europeans who have started a business, failed and restarted, learning from their previous mistakes.

The following panel discussions featured contributions from **Pablo Zalba Bidegain**, MEP; **Sidonia Elżbieta Jędrzejewska**, MEP; **Kostantinos Kyranakis**, President of YEPP; **Siegfried Muresan**, Political Adviser on Economic and Social Policy, EPP; **Simone Baldassarri**, DG Enterprise and Industry; **Mihaela Carpus-Carcea**, Legislative Officer, DG Justice; and **Michael Meissner**, Vice President Corporate Affairs Europe, Amway. They tackled a broad range of issues, such as young Europeans' perceptions towards failure, ways of youth entrepreneurship to reduce unemployment, as well as ideas for harmonising bankruptcy legislation in the EU.





CHÂTEAU BÉLA CENTRAL EUROPEAN STRATEGIC FORUM

From 29 November to 1 December, the CES in cooperation with the Slovak Atlantic Commission (SAC) organised the annual 'Château Béla Central European Strategic Forum', where Central Europe's top academics and government representatives gathered for this brainstorming session on the role of the region in European and transatlantic affairs.



The first discussion centred on the upcoming Central European Policy Initiative and demoesEuropa report analysing Central Europe's next decade in the EU while the second discussion looked at the role Central Europe can play in NATO and the Common Security and Defence Policy.

Later, discussions focused on the future of the EU and dealt with the current wave of extremism and populism that has been sweeping European politics in recent times with, **Vít Novotný**, CES Senior Research Officer, addressing the event on how to tackle populism by increasing the transparency of decisions at the European Parliament and European Council.

Among the many high-level speakers were **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice President of the European Commission for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration; **Róbert Vass**, Secretary General, SAC; **H.E. Miroslav Lajčák**, Slovak Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs; **Vazil Hudák**, Slovak State Secretary, Ministry of Finance; **Karla Wursterová**, Executive Director of the International Visegrad Fund; and **Andreas Treichl**, Chairman and CEO, Erste Group Bank AG.





CONGRESS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

On 9 November, the CES together with the Platform for Sustainable Growth (PCS) organised a congress to discuss the topic of sustainable growth with their *Sustainable Growth Report* serving as a backdrop to the event. The report identifies the main challenges Portugal faced over the past two years and suggests appropriate policies and specific measures to foster sustainable growth in the country.

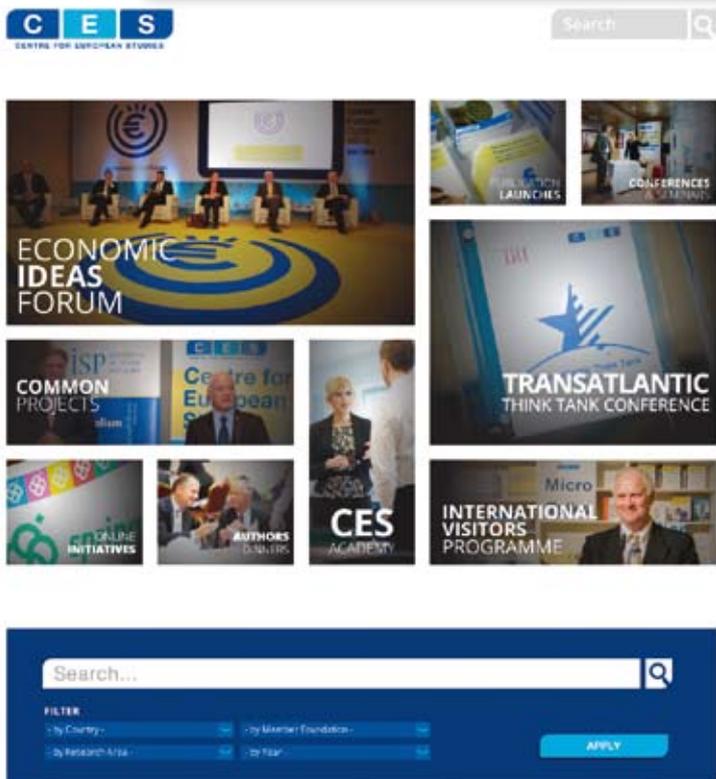
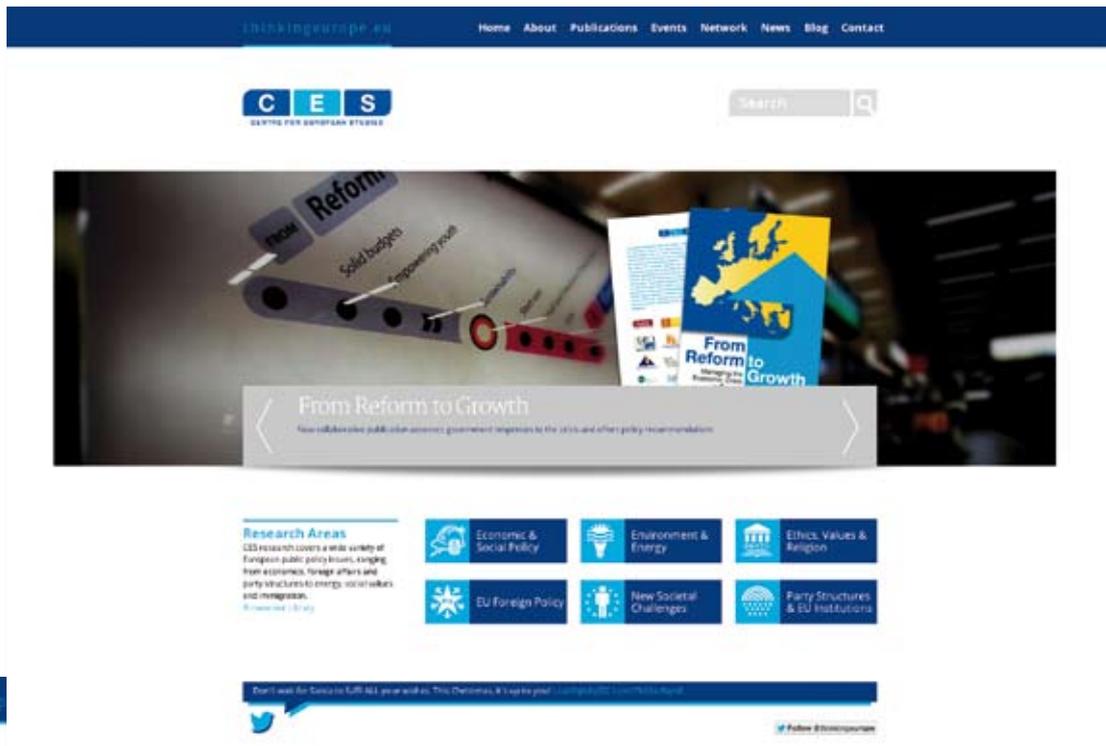
The event invited prominent speakers from the world of politics, academia and business including **Carlos Costa**, Governor of the Bank of Portugal; **Jorge Moreira da Silva**, Portuguese Minister of Environment; and **António Vitorino**, former EU Commissioner.

The one-day event was divided into several thematic roundtable discussions featuring topics such as equality, cohesion and jobs, investment, innovation and industrial policy.

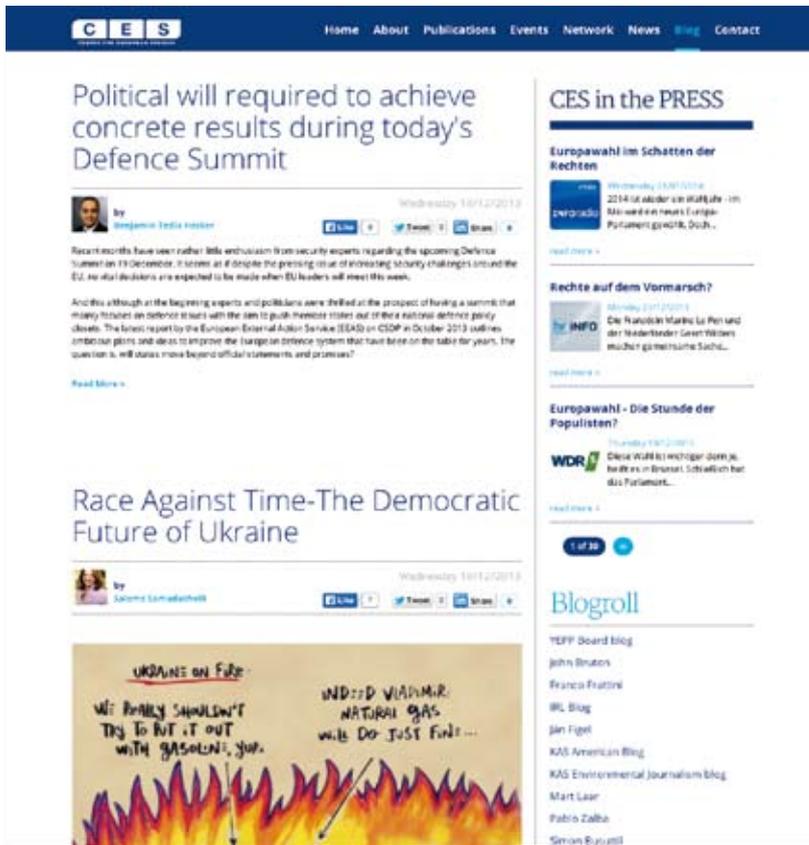
Approximately 370 people attended the event and the audience included a full spectrum of representatives from government, public organisations, the private sector, NGOs, think tanks and political parties.



Outreach



In 2013, the CES built a new content-based website that displays all the work the CES is producing. The website is a state-of-the-art platform that allows the audience to easily access our past and upcoming events, publications, featured stories and social tools.



The website now offers the possibility for users to share their thoughts to help increase open debate and interactivity through a new dynamic CES blog.

CES OUTREACH

C E S on Facebook and Twitter



With content updated daily, the CES Facebook fan page has tripled its fan base and the reach of its posts.

The CES is also highly popular on Twitter, with one of the most significant followings among European-level think tanks and political foundations. The CES also partakes in live tweeting from our events in order to immediately share to the CES followers the most interesting points from a discussion.



THE IRISH TIMES

Bank rescue fund deal unlikely this year, says Kenny

Issue to be negotiated 'towards end of year and into next year', says Taoiseach



Taoiseach Enda Kenny with moderator Jyrki Katainen of Finland at the Economic Forum. Photo: Andrew Donohoe. Derek Scally, Suzanne Lynch / Gal

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López-Istúriz se reúne con los primeros ministros de Finlandia y Grecia



López-Istúriz se reúne con los primeros ministros de Finlandia y Grecia. El presidente del Partido Popular Mariano Rajoy se reúne con los primeros ministros de Finlandia, Jyrki Katainen, y de Grecia, Antonis Karamanlis, en un momento de la cumbre de líderes de la zona del euro en Bruselas. El primer ministro de Finlandia, Jyrki Katainen, y el primer ministro de Grecia, Antonis Karamanlis, se reúnen con el primer ministro de España, Mariano Rajoy, en un momento de la cumbre de líderes de la zona del euro en Bruselas.

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Του Γιάννη Τσιού



Jyrki Katainen (vas.) osallistuu Economic Forum -seminariin yhdessä Euroopan kansantalouden (EPP) päättäjien Anttonen Lopez-Istúriz ja CES:n johtaja Tapani Miettusen kanssa. (Centre/Markku Oja)

Jyrki Katainen: "Keskittykäämme siihen, mikä meitä yhdistää"

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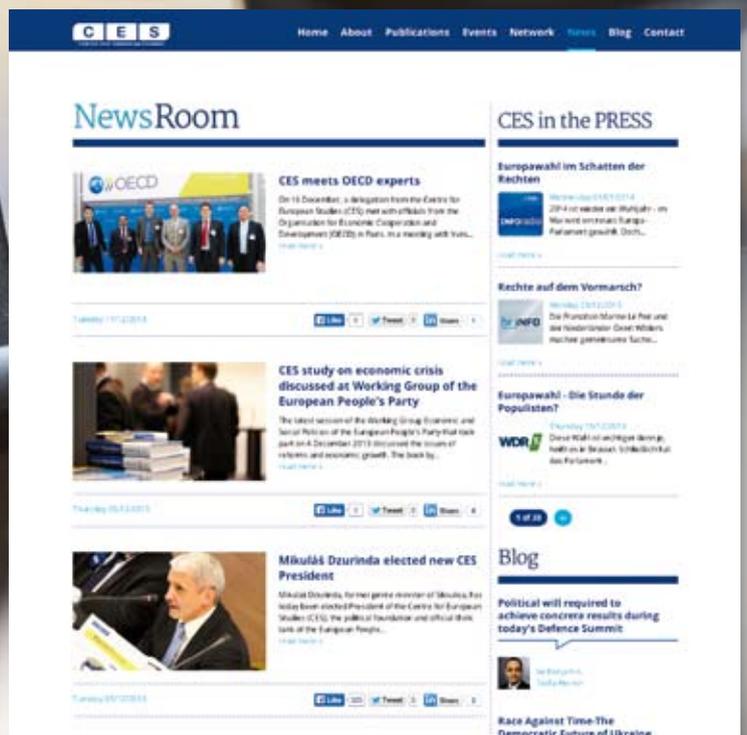


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