

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081484] - [Democracy International e.V.] [DI]
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Project name and acronym:	[Parliament for the Future of Europe] — [PaFutEU]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[12]
Event name:	Get to know your candidates, get to know your constituents- event in Prague
Type:	[OTHER]
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>
Location:	[Prague], [Czechia]
Date(s):	[13 May 2024]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.democracy-international.org/pafuteu https://www.forum2000.cz/novinky/debata-s-kandidaty-a-kandidatkou-do-evropskeho-parlamentu https://www.facebook.com/events/955571169277951/?ref=newsfeed&locale=cs_CZ
Participants	
Female:	24
Male:	26
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Czechia]:	50
Total number of participants:	50
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>On 13 May 2024, the Forum 2000 Foundation in cooperation with DEMAS, an association of Czech NGOs focused on promoting democracy, human rights, civil society, rule of law and good governance abroad, organized a debate with candidates for the European Parliament in Prague's Václav Havel Library, which focused on the role of the EU in the World. The topic EU in the World, a topic of the Conference on the Future of Europe, was</p>	

also held by Czechia in the transnational event phase of the PaFutEU project. The aim of the local public discussion was to present the various candidates' views on the following themes: what role the EU should play in an increasingly geopolitically complicated world, how the EU can help strengthen democracy and respect for human rights worldwide, what the EU's current role is in the world, and what should improve.

During the debate, the candidates agreed on the importance of continued and deepening European integration. Increasing pressure from all sides of the world means that the EU has to become stronger from the inside out. This will only be possible if the EU acts as a single entity with a significant role on the world stage. Most candidates also agreed that the veto power slows down the decision-making process and prevents the EU from taking bold steps in foreign policy. The debate also touched on global challenges such as the environment and migration. Speakers warned of a coming migration crisis of several times greater proportions if the climate crisis is not properly managed. There were divergent views on the Green Deal, with some candidates arguing for the unsustainability of the current model and the potential economic downturn if the Green Deal or similar initiatives were not approved.

The discussion was joined by candidates for European Parliament:

- Jan Farský (Starostové a osobnosti pro Evropu/ Mayors and personalities for Europe)
- Pavel Havlíček (Koalice SPOLU/ SPOLU Coalition)
- Jaroslav Knot (ANO 2011)
- Marcel Kolaja (Česká pirátská strana/Czech Pirate Party)
- Johanna Nejedlová (Strana zelených/Greens Party)

The discussion moderator was Sabina Malcová (Executive Director, DEMAS).

At the beginning of the event, Forum 2000 welcomed the participants, presented the Parliament for Future of Europe project and the results of the citizens' panel discussion on the European Union in the world topic. The moderator of the discussion then asked questions on the panel's conclusions and recommendations and provided a space for participants to ask their own questions. The recommendations of the transnational citizens panel in Czechia on the topic EU in the World was presented in addition to the presentation of the PaFutEU's Catalogue of Ideas.

The debate was followed by informal networking with the presenting candidates and participants, accompanied by refreshments. In particular, the event delivered a great turnout of young people interested in discussing with the speakers.

Two additional participants took part from the United Kingdom took part.