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## **EUROPE IN CRISIS**

**The rise of the Power of Central and Eastern European Countries?**

## **REPORT OF THE SESSION**

**PRAGUE (Czech Republic)**

**17 to 22 September 2023**

*From 17 to 22 September 2023, the Summer University of the Czech Republic was organised successfully once more in Prague in collaboration with CEVRO Institute. It was the opportunity to develop the topic “The Rise of Power in Central and Eastern European Countries”.*

*15 candidates took part in the programme, partly from Czech Republic selected by CEVRO and partly from many different countries, selected by CIFE and by the partner. They represented 12 different nationalities.*

*All the candidates who successfully completed the programme received a certificate of participation. Additionally, students who did some extra work after the session acquired ECTS credits.*

*At the end of the session, we also asked our students to fill out an evaluation questionnaire and comment upon our programme. Their observations, which is a great help for us and for the continuation of the programme, showed a great satisfaction on the part of a very large majority.*

*We hope that this session in Prague will be a very nice memory for everyone and we warmly thank our partner, CEVRO Institute, for this friendly collaboration.*



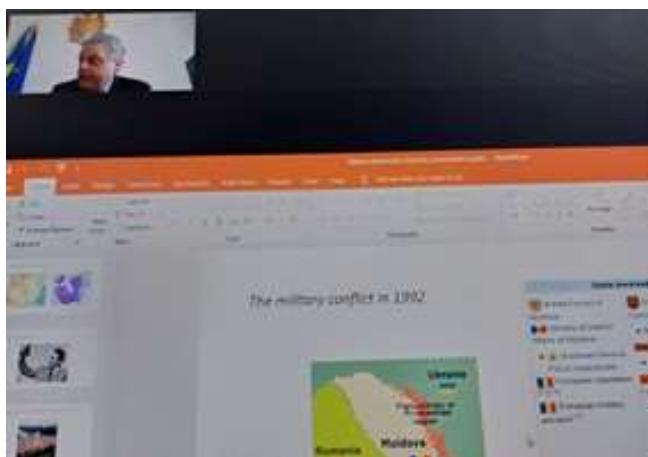
## PROGRAMME

**SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023: Arrival of the foreign participants – Accommodation – Free evening**

**MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2023:**

**10:30 OPENING SESSION: *Presentation of the partners:***  
**Jiří Š. CIESLAR**, Representative of CEVRO Institute  
**Marie France PERDIGON**, Director of the Summer University Programme of CIFE.

***Presentation of the students***



**11:00 OPENING SPEECH**

**Dr. Oleg SEREBRIAN**, Deputy Prime Minister in the Government of Republic of Moldova, Lecturer at the University of Chisinau.

12:00

**SHIFTING THE POLITICAL AXIS IN EUROPE: Innovation and Power of Central and Eastern**

**Tomáš PLUHAŘÍK**, Visionary Leader, Start-Up Captain, Cyber Security Expert



*13:00 Lunch together*



**14:30 IS THE EU'S CENTRE OF POWER MOVING EAST? PERSPECTIVES ON THE NEW GEOPOLITICS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

**Florent MARCIACQ (France)**, PhD, MSc, MA, Deputy Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (Vienna), Co-Director, Observatoire des Balkans (FJJ, Paris)

**16:30 Walking tour in the city**



*Free time for dinner*

**TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**10:00 HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

**Prof. Karel B. Müller (Czech Republic)**, Professor of political science with specialisation in the theory of civil society, democracy, political culture and identities, public sphere, public involvement, and Europeanisation



**11:30 EASTERN EUROPE, THE WESTERN BALKANS... THE NEW GEOGRAPHIES OF EU ENLARGEMENT FOLLOWING THE WAR IN UKRAINE**

**Florent MARCIACQ (France)**, PhD, MSc, MA, Deputy Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (Vienna), Co-Director, Observatoire des Balkans (FJJ, Paris)



*13:00 Lunch together*

**14:30 THE VISEGRAD GROUP AND ITS FUTURE**

**Cyril SVOBODA (Czech Republic)**, Director of the Diplomatic Academy in Prague, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic



*Free time*

**WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023:**

**10:00 THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF EUROPE: IF WE DON'T DO IT, SOMEBODY ELSE WILL**

**Michael ŽANTOVSKÝ (Czech Republic)**, Ambassador (ret.), Foreign Policy Advisor to the President



**11:30 EUROPE'S ENERGY AND GEOPOLITICAL CRISIS: THE ENERGY TRANSFORMATION OF THE EU IN RESPONSE TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE**

**Georges TZOGOPOULOS (Greece)**, Associate Researcher Begin Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies, Lecturer at the Democritus University of Thrace, Programme Director, EU-China Programmes at CIFE

*13:00 Lunch together*



**14:30 THE ROLE AND POSITION OF MIDDLE EAST IN RELATION TO CRISIS, ESPECIALLY THE RUSSIAN INVASION IN UKRAINE**

**Mehiedine EL-CHEHIMI (Lebano)**, PhD in International Law, Paris 2 University, Legal Expert EU Co, Consulting and Member of Strategic Intelligence Dept. World Economic Forum

**THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023:**

**10:00 THE EUROPEAN SECURITY STRATEGY IN CENTRAL EUROPE: NATO'S NEW SECURITY CONCEPT AND CENTRAL EUROPE**

**Georges TZOGOPOULOS (Greece),**  
Associate Researcher Begin Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies, Lecturer at the Democritus University of Thrace, Programme Director, EU-China Programmes at CIFE



**12:00 Closing session - Friendly drink - Distribution of diplomas**







**13:00 Lunch together for the students selected by CIFE**







**14:30 Oral exams for students wishing to acquire ECTS Credits**

**16:30 Visit of Prague Castle with a guided tour**




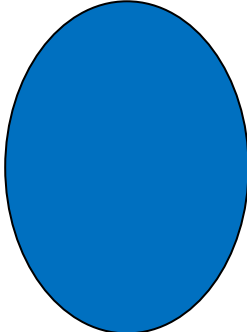


## PARTICIPANTS

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<p><b>KASHIF</b> Muhammad Zohaib <i>Pakistan</i></p>		<p>Employee at National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan, Enrolled in a weekend Programme of Master Science and Information Technology.</p>
<p><b>MIKA</b> Martin <i>Czech Republic</i></p>		<p>Student of Security Studies at CEVRO Institute.</p>
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<p><b>TUREAC</b> Virgil Alex <i>Romania</i></p>		<p>Administrator in a commercial firm, Graduate of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Sciences, University of Buchares(Romania)</p>
<p><b>VERDON</b> Elia <i>France</i></p>		<p>PhD in Public Law and Computer Science, University of Bordeaux</p>

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All participants were very positive about the programme. Large debates were proposed after each presentation to make the session interactive and allow the candidates to have answers to all of their questions.



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