



WEEKLY ROUNDUP



EU AFTER COVID-19. MOVING ON.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted areas where the crisis revealed fundamental challenges. Democratic regimes appear to be one of the most vulnerable. Polling conducted in 10 Central and Eastern European countries by the GLOBSEC's Democracy and Resilience Programme led to a new publication that presents findings about how people in the region perceive their current governance system, institutions media and social media and whether these views influence or reflect their beliefs in conspiracies or misinformation in any way. The publication occurs at the right time and coincides with the EU's wider approach to strengthen the resilience of democracies, to address accountability for disinformation, harmful content and 'infodemics' spreading on social media as well as to prevent detrimental activities of external actors which will be set out in the [European Democracy Action Plan](#) and Digital Services Act. In the light of the Next Generation recovery plan, the issues of internal and external solidarity have stirred some debate among the EU Member States. The latest [EPIN report](#) features contributions from leading experts expressing their views on the two areas of the EU's involvement in the post-COVID recovery phase – focus on its internal issues and the EU's struggle to fulfil its geopolitical ambitions which would logically result in the EU's more active involvement in aiding the third parties heavily struck by the pandemic, with Kinga Brudzinska's take on the Polish perspective on these matters. Priorities of the CEE countries regarding [European integration and transatlantic relations](#)

were discussed in an event jointly organised by GLOBSEC and CEPA with State secretaries and ministers of the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia this week.

PUBLICATIONS

Voices of Central and Eastern Europe

GLOBSEC's new report provides a unique insight into satisfaction with democracy and current governance systems in 10 Central and Eastern European countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

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GLOBSEC Intelligence Briefing | **June Edition OUT NOW !**

GLOBSEC experts have identified the three 3 major areas we should focus our attention on going forward: *Economic consequences of the pandemic; Increased global trade tensions; Schengen Reopening as a potential instigator of a second wave of infections.* These subjects are examined



from the perspective of political and economic developments, security implications, EU and V4 priorities.

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FURTHER READS

Who Will Make Rules for the Internet

by Miroslava Sawiris

In the absence of overarching legislation that would govern digital space, tech giants implement community standards that may sometimes contradict the laws of countries in which they operate. Miroslava Sawiris, GLOBSEC's Research Fellow at the Democracy and Resilience Programme takes a closer look at the long awaited Digital Services Act.



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External solidarity is important but the devil is in the detail

by Kinga Brudzinska



In the European Policy Institutes Network (EPIN) report ‘Coronationalism’ vs a geopolitical Europe? EU external solidarity at the time of Covid-19” Kinga Brudzinska, Head of the Future of Europe Programme shares her take on Poland's perspective.

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#NATO2030 – Preparations for Future Challenges

by Katarína Klingová

Katarína Klingová, Senior Research Fellow at the Democracy & Resilience Programme of the GLOBSEC Policy Institute contemplates NATO's future direction.



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EU's New Call to Action Against Disinformation: A New Hope for the Whole-of-society Approach?

by Dominika Hajdu



EU Member States have been waiting for the Digital Services Act and European Democracy Action Plan, documents that will shape how the EU will deal with transparency and accountability for harmful content, misinformation and disinformation online. Dominka Hajdu discusses these actions.

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OUR MUST-WATCH WEBINARS

Democratic Vulnerabilities: How to Rebuild the Trust?



What are the current attitudes toward democracy in the CEE region? Are inclinations towards illiberalism felt within the societies? What should we do to tackle the insecurities and growing distrust in the system and what role is

misinformation playing in sowing the doubt?

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The European and Transatlantic Agenda. Central European Priorities in the Post Covid19 Environment


State secretaries and ministers of the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia discuss how the COVID-19 crisis has and will impacted member states' priorities in the form of European integration and transatlantic relations and what is the CEE's perspective.



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COOPERATIVE SECURITY INITIATIVE NOW NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

By asking questions and presenting opinions of experts from different areas, [Cooperative Security Initiative](#) launched by GLOBSEC and [FES ROCPE](#), strives to engage global citizens in shaping our common future.



Walter Kemp, CSI expert and Senior Fellow at the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, contemplates the most important lessons the COVID-19 crisis has taught us and how we should implement them in future international cooperation.

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GLOBSEC's *Roger Hilton*, *Zuzana Podracka* and their guests talk about Life, the Universe and Everything, from politics to entertainment.



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