



TOURISM, GERMAN PRESIDENCY AND NEW ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY INFOSPHERE

Europe reopening its external borders on 1 July has been the talk of the past few days. EU Member States hope this move will help pump cash into the sectors hardest hit by COVID-19 – hospitality and tourism.



How will this endeavor pan out? Will people be not afraid to travel? What changes will the industry have to endure? Could the unknown, once the main driver of excitement, adventure and exploration of new countries, prove to be a setback this time?

Apart from the EU's efforts to reinvigorate tourism, the EU's agenda is still centred around other hot topics – boost of its economy following the EU Recovery Plan, the Multiannual Financial Framework, European strategic autonomy in the fields of defence and economy. Next week, [**French Minister of State for European Affairs Amélie de Montchalin and Slovak State Secretary for European Affairs Martin Klus**](#) will reflect on these topics, sharing French and Slovak perspectives and priorities, respectively, in an online event

jointly organized by GLOBSEC and Austro–French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe. The lack of operational transparency among digital platforms, uncontrollable spread of malign content has prompted GLOBSEC’s Democracy and Resilience Programme to launch a new initiative [Alliance for Healthy Infosphere](#). Together with experts from other think tanks, civil societies and private sector, the initiative will address the issues of the digital space on a European level, providing research–based recommendations for the ongoing discussion about the digital services policy. On 1 July Germany assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. In the light of the corona pandemic Germany will have to undertake a Sisyphean task to get the EU back on track. [Alena Kudzko](#), Director of the GLOBSEC Policy Institute reflects on how Slovakia could become an important player in building of a new Europe, while at the same time strengthening its economic and political ties with one of its key partners, Germany.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Under the umbrella of #Hub4Europe GLOBSEC organises another online discussion with the Slovak State Secretary for European Affairs **Martin Klus**. This time he will be joined by **Amélie de Montchalin**, French Minister of State for European Affairs to discuss the future course of the EU in the post–COVID–19 world.

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ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY INFOSPHERE

NEW INITIATIVE



Hate speech, disinformation, harmful narratives plague our digital space. This phenomena have detrimental impact on democracies worldwide as they undermine trust in public institutions and contribute to growing polarisation of societies.

Together with partners in the Czech Republic and Hungary, GLOBSEC's Democracy and Resilience Programme has kick-started a new initiative which aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on European digital services policy formulation by providing quality research-based insights and recommendations. The Digital Services Act is to strengthen the single market for digital services and foster innovation and competitiveness of the European digital environment. In its feedback sent to the Commission, the Alliance reflects on the impact of the Digital Services Act.

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Slovakia: A Constructive Approach is Best During the German Presidency

by Alena Kudzko

Germany assumes the Presidency of the Council of the EU at the extraordinary times. What are the Member States' expectations towards the German Council Presidency? **Alena Kudzko**, Director of the GLOBSEC Policy Institute reflects on Slovakia's position and priorities.



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Sophia Russack and Minna Alander (eds.)

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The V4 European and Transatlantic Priorities in the Post COVID-19 Environment

Key Takeaways by Alisa Muzergues, Kinga Brudzińska



The Conference on the Future of Europe, the transatlantic relations, and the geopolitics in the post-COVID-19 world were the key topics of the debate with Czech, Slovak and Polish Ministers and State Secretaries for European Affairs in an event jointly organised by GLOBSEC and the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA).

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The Internet of Things: Applications for Business

by Anushka Kaushik

In the report developed by the [Economist Intelligence Unit \(EIU\)](#) Anushka Kaushik, Associate Fellow in the Cyber Resilience Programme at the GLOBSEC Policy Institute, presents and analyses security and privacy risks associated with IoT, offering recommendations on how to address the challenges facing the adoption of intelligent actions within IoT.



THE INTERNET OF THINGS: APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS

Exploring the transformative potential of IoT



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Instagram is a Strategic Communication Channel

by Richard Kuchta



Communication between governments and citizens has changed over the years. The digital era has provided state actors with new channels to spread their messages. **Richard Kuchta** of GLOBSEC's Democracy and Resilience Programme contends that Instagram can play a significant role in strategic communication for governments in times of a public health crisis.

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The Dynamics of Central Bank Digital Currency

by Juraj Somora

Digital money as we know it is a misnomer. Most e-money in use are liabilities. On the other hand, CBDC represents a change in nature of digital money. A new legal tender that could exist alongside physical cash. **Juraj Smora** reflects on CBDC and its impact on global financial system.



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EUROPE'S STRONGEST LINK

Shaken out from their inexcusable lethargy and nationalist instincts, the EU Member States appear to be committed to a course defined by unity. Could Europe become the strong pillar that its

neighbourhood and the post-COVID-19 global order so desperately need?

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The Post-COVID-19 Challenges to the European Union

In an exclusive chat with Alexander Stubb, the Slovak Minister of Foreign and European Affairs **Ivan Korčok** reflects on the post-COVID-19 challenges to the European Union as seen from Slovak perspective.



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Slovensko a globálne výzvy | Slovakia and Global Challenges



In cooperation with SME Daily we've created a new format [Slovakia and Global Challenges/Slovensko a globálne výzvy](#). Daniel Milo, Senior Advisor at the Democracy and Resilience Programme at GLOBSEC discussed disinformation and hybrid threats with the State Secretary for European Affairs **Martin Klus**. Available in Slovak only.

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