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**EUROPEAN
VALUES**

Mission Statement

“Our vision is of a European society aware of the values and identity it is based on. We stand up for a European political community that draws from these values and is able to protect and promote them.

We endorse the values we consider to be the very foundation of the development of Western civilization. We insist on personal freedom and responsibility, human dignity, solidarity, active civil society, the market economy, democracy, and the rule of law.

Preservation of the European way of life based on these values is far from certain today. Europe may easily turn into a passive object of global developments, and thus lose any chance to determine its own destiny.

Our mission is to formulate and promote solutions to enhance Europe’s freedom, safety, strength and prosperity. Hence we conduct research and educational activities, address politicians, experts, and the wider public.”

About European Values Association

You are holding the Annual report of Association European Values, in which we would like to present our programs realized in 2008.

European Values is a non-governmental, pro-European organization that, through education and research activities, works for the development of civil society and a healthy market environment.

We stand for...

- **A more democratic and effective European community**
- **A liberal and competitive economy**
- **The preservation of the heritage and values of Western civilization**
- **The development of renewable resources and nuclear energy**
- **A stronger European defence**
- **A firm Trans-Atlantic partnership**

Our vision is Europe freer, stronger and safer.

From 2005, we continue in our role as a unique educational and research organization and think thank, which contributes to public and professional discussion about social, political and economic development in Europe.

In the Czech Republic we point out that, due to our membership – active and constructive – of the European Union we can for the first time in modern history participate in decision-making processes concerning the future of Europe, and ensure that we are no longer just a passive object of desire of large powers in our neighbourhood.

With our international program, European Values Network, from 2007, we also contribute to a Europe-wide debate on the challenges that Europe faces today. We believe that the public and politicians do not recognize that the benefits of post-war development on our continent can not be taken for granted, and that there are many global trends that threaten the freedom, security and prosperity of Europe as a whole. We analyze these social, political, security and economic trends, and we offer solutions to problems associated with them.

In addition to publishing our own books, publications, studies, recommendations, comments, and media contributions and commentary, we also organize seminars, conferences and training courses for professionals and the wider public. In our activities we arrange dialogue between politicians and journalists, businessmen and academics.

The well-known personalities among guests at our activities in previous years included, among others:

Alexandr Vondra, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs

André Glucksmann, French philosopher

Elmar Brok, MEP, former Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Franz Fischler, former European Commissioner

Gunnar Hökmark, MEP, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Jan Zahradil, Member of the European Parliament

Jana Hybášková, Member of the European Parliament

Jan Kohout, former Czech Ambassador to the EU

Jiří Dienstbier, former Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Affairs

Jiří Šedivý, former Chief of the General Staff of Army, Czech Republic

Josef Zieleniec, Member of the European Parliament

Karl Kovanda, Deputy Director General for External Relations of the European Commission

Klaus Hänsch, MEP, former President of the European Parliament

Libor Rouček, Member of the European Parliament

Lukáš Macek, Director of the European Programme in Dijon, Scineces-Po Paris

Marek Mora, Deputy Vice Prime Minister for European Affairs

Michael Žantovský, Czech Ambassador to Israel

Ondřej Liška, former Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs in the Czech Parliament

Sylvie Goulard, President of the European Movement in France

Tomáš Halík, President of Czech Christian Academy

Programmes of European Values

The main programmes of European Values are, at the national level besides our publishing and analytical activities, the Annual International Conference, summer workshops, and public debates and seminars. At the European level, we have the international program of the European Values Network.

In addition to partial analysis and comments, European Values published in 2008 two books:

- **Europe freer, safer, stronger: Policy Papers**

(June 2008, anthology of recommendations addressed to European politicians)

- **Elections to the European Parliament. What They Can Change?**

(December 2008, edited expert monographs, only in Czech language)

European Values Network 2008

European Values association initiated foundation of an international platform European Values Network already in 2006

The European Values Network (EVN) is a platform of young European scholars and professionals who are inspired by the values of liberty, personal responsibility, and an active civil society, and who want to propose solutions to enhance Europe's freedom, safety, strength, and prosperity.

EVN was found in 2006 by European Values o.s. in cooperation with partners from Germany, Poland and Hungary. Today EVN is the biggest and most important programme of EV, which is managed together with the EVN International Organizing Committee. Every year new participants join our annual programme and, within working groups, meet in Brussels and Prague, and have the opportunity to discuss their proposals with leading European politicians and experts. The output of EVN – the publication of policy papers – is then distributed widely between institutions and organizations in Europe.



European Values Network 2008 was held under the patronage of the President of the European Parliament, Mr. **Hans-Gert Pöttering** and with the support of MEP **Josef Zieleniec**. EVN 2008 was attended by forty-five young professionals from seventeen countries from all over Europe. The working groups were cooperating on the following

questions, on which the final publication offered answers:

1. Legitimate government in the EU: What system for the formation of the European Commission?
2. A new architecture for Europe: How to integrate the Eastern EU neighbours without full membership?
3. Illegal immigration: What effective measures to prevent it?

4. New security environment: What strategies for transatlantic partners?
5. Economy: How to ensure social consensus while making Europe competitive in the globalized world?

Among Guest Speakers of the EVN 2008 in Brussels were:

Josef Zieleniec

Czech MEP, former Foreign Affairs Minister

Alain Lamassoure

French MEP, former Minister for European Affairs

Charles Tannock

British MEP, UK Conservative Foreign Affairs Spokesman

Alojz Peterle

Slovenian MEP, former Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister

Jean-Louis De Brouwer

Director, Immigration, Borders and Asylum, European Commission

The policy-papers at the Final Conference in Prague were commented on by:

Jan Karlas

Head of research department, Institute of International Relations in Prague

Jiří Pehe

Director of the New York University in Prague

Lucie Sládková

Director of the International Organization for Migration, Mission in Prague

Mitchell A. Belfer

Chief of the Central European Journal of International & Security Studies

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Senior Researcher and Associate Professor at CERGE-EI

Tomáš Sedláček

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Annual International Conference 2008

“Europe of citizens – Europe of voters: the democratic deficit of the EU and the role of the European Parliament”

Our international conference is annually the most important internal event of European Values o.s., in which leading European and Czech experts and politicians come with reflections and proposals for solving the most serious challenges that Europe faces today.

Our annual conference in 2008 was held on the 20th and 21st November at Prague’s New Town Hall. The aim of this conference was to explore and discuss perspectives for overcoming the “democratic deficit” of the EU in the current context characterised by the incapacity of the EU to ensure sufficient support for its actions from citizens, to define what a “democratic deficit” actually is, and to find ways of minimizing it. The programme consisted of three experts and one political panel:

What constitutes the democratic deficit in the EU?

Andreas Føllesdal, Director of Research, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo

Běla Plechanovová, Head of Department of International Relations, Charles University in Prague

MODERATION: Luboš Palata, Editor, Lidové Noviny

European Parliament – the natural arena for overcoming the democratic deficit?

Sara Hagemann, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, Brussels

Rudolf Hrbek, Speaker of the Board, European Centre for Research on Federalism, Tübingen

Václav Lebeda, Program Director and Vice-Chairman, European Values association

MODERATION: Pavlína Kvapilová, Leading Editor, Czech Television

Limited politicisation in the EU – a feasible way forward?

John Palmer, Former Director and Founder, European Policy Centre, Brussels

Lukáš Macek, Director of the European Program in Dijon, Sciences-Po Paris

Jürgen Dieringer, Chair for Political Science, Andrásy-Universität, Budapest

MODERATION: Václav Lebeda, Program Director and Vice-President, European Values association

Political Panel: Elections to the European Parliament 2009 – how to attract voters on the way to a more politicised EU

Andrew Duff, Member of the European Parliament, ELDR – United Kingdom, President of the Union of European Federalists

Enrique Barón Crespo, Member of the European Parliament, EPS – Spain

Olivier Ubéda, Delegate for the European Affairs of the UMP – France

Josef Zieleniec, of the European Parliament, EPP-ED – Czech Republic

MODERATION: Jakub Železný, Moderator, Czech Television

Official opening speakers: **Helmut Elfenkämper**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Czech Republic, **Michel Pouchepadass**, First Counsellor, Embassy of the French Republic to the Czech Republic, **Michaela Kozlová**, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, **Radko Hokovský**, Chairman of the European Values association

This international conference was organised by the association European Values o.s., in cooperation with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Czech Republic, the Embassy of the French Republic to the Czech Republic, the MAIT-REA Foundation, and the New Town Hall, and was supported by the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic.

Summer Workshop 2008

“Political marketing for the European Parliament elections”

The expert workshop was organized by the Association of European Values, with the support of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, and the Embassy of the French Republic to the Czech Republic, on 11 – 14 September 2008 in the Holy Angels Residence in Telč, and was participated in by 23 young politicians, academics and politically active members of civil society.

Participants, through lectures and interactive methods, became familiar with the tools and strategies of political marketing. With the help of simulations they tried the role of politicians and learned to effectively defend their own opinions, and, during lectures and discussions, obtained detailed information regarding the structure, role, and functioning of the European Parliament.

The whole programme was launched by a public debate on “The importance of the European Parliament and elections in this institution.” The main speakers were **Cyril Svoboda**, Minister and Chairman of the Legislative Council of Government, and **Jaroslav Zvěřina**, MEP.



The main trainers were:

Anna Matušková: expert on American political marketing methods, Masaryk University

Otto Eibl: expert on the communication strategies of political parties in the pre-election contest, Masaryk University

Other lecturers were:

Miroslav Mareš: specialist in the systems of political parties, Masaryk University

Alexander Braun: executive director of the regional branch of consulting firm Penn, Schoen and Berland

Ján Odzgán: expert on media training

Christian Schnee: former director of political communications Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, and the current Professor of Marketing and Public Relations, University of Worcester

Public Discussion 2008

Since March 2005 we have organized public debates under the name “European Clubs”. These discussions and seminars create the room for meetings between the public, experts, and politicians to discuss the issues which we consider – in relation to the development of our society and the European continent – as important. The main partner of these public debates is Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Prospects for European rights, February 2008

Speakers:

David Macek, Vice-chairman of KDU-ČSL

Lukáš Macek, Director of the European program in Dijon, Sciences-Po Paris

Petr Sokol, Editor CEVRO review

Migration and illegal immigration into the EU, May 2008

Speakers:

Pavel Čížinský, expert from the Centre For Citizenship

Dušan Drbohlav, Associate Professor of Geography Faculty of Science, UK

Markéta Pokorná, Head of asylum and migration policy at MV ČR

Open Forum Prague (Citizens of Europe with the cooperation of European Values o.s.)
Values in Europe – Ideals and Realities

Prague, 19 – 21 September 2008

OpenFora are designed as weekend debates by the organization Citizens of Europe in order to be open for people of all generations. Each OpenForum follows a three-phased schedule – opening the audience discussion by addressing the local public, intensive participants' workshops, and a special closing event. In the OpenForum Prague, 22 participants from 10 European countries (Serbia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Greece, Ukraine, Belarus, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria and Portugal) sat around the same table to discuss if and how Europe can be seen as a community of values. The group was diverse with regard to geographic origin, personal background, profession and age.

Opening Discussion speakers:

Alexander Tomský, Publicist and publisher

Frank Burgdörfer, President of Citizens of Europe e. V.

Jan Váška, Lecturer at the Department of Western Europe, Charles University

MODERATION: Eva Palatová, adviser to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

Selection from our media:

E15, daily, 24. 11. 2008 – article on foreign perspectives on the Czech Presidency

E15, daily, 23. 11. 2008 – interview with John Palmer on the Czech Presidency

Czech Press Agency, 21. 11. 2008 – article on foreign perspectives on the Czech Presidency

Czech Radio, www.rozhlas.cz/komentare – commentary on Europe and the Czech Republic

Václav Lebeda

Czech Television (Studio ČT24), 11. 12. 2008 – commenting on the EU summit

Otázky Václava Moravce ČT (main political talk show), 7. 12. 2008 – commenting on the election congress of the ODS party

Lidové noviny (major daily), 25. 6. 2008 – commentary on the threat of multi-speed European integration

Ihned.cz – Blog by Václav Lebeda

Radko Hokovský

Hospodářské noviny (major Slovak daily), 11. 12. 2008 – contribution for the article on Sarkozy's performance

Hospodářské noviny (major Slovak daily), 11. 11. 2008 – contribution for the article on Mr. Klaus's policy

Hospodářské noviny (major Slovak daily), 12. 6. 2008 – contribution for the article on the Irish referendum on the Lisbon treaty

Mladá fronta DNES (major Czech daily), 18. 2. 2008 – commentary on the threat of Mr. Klaus for Czech Presidency

Falathová Alena

Hospodářské noviny (major Czech daily), 22. 10. 2008 – commentary on danger of political correctness in relation to Islamism

Deutschlandfunk, 13. 06. 2008 – Tschechien ringt mit der Zustimmung zum Lissabon-Vertrag

Our Partners



“I have had the pleasure of cooperating with European Values‘ team and I have been impressed by their enthusiasm and the quality of their work. Their contribution to the European debate is most valuable, particularly at a time when the EU has to find a way out of the global crisis and address the unprecedented challenges of this century.”

Alain LAMASSOURE

Member of the European Parliament and former Minister for European Affairs of the French government

“It is has been a delight to cooperate with European Values over the past year. They are one of the few think-tanks in Europe with a truly European perspective on major policy and political issues.”

Simon HIX

Professor of European and Comparative Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science

“The French Embassy appreciates and supports activities of the European Values association for their contribution to enrichment of the public debate about Europe not only in the Czech Republic, but also among young people on our continent.”

J. E. Charles FRIES

Ambassador of the French Republic to the Czech Republic

“I very much appreciate the work done by European Values association. Members of your association really strengthen Europe as a respected partner in world politics.”

J. E. Helmut ELFENKÄMPER

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Czech Republic



“Activities of the European Values association and its European Values Network contribute significantly to promotion and preservation of the values that our European community is, and should continue to be, built on.”

Elmar BROK

Member and former Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament



“European Values association has grown in four years of its existence from purely citizens’ initiative in a respected think-tank, which plays an indispensable role in the Czech debate about European integration. It provides space for debate and comes up with new agenda that is essential for the future of our position in the European Union, but also for the form of the European integration itself. At the European level, the European Values association through its European Values Network contributes significantly to the forming of European civic society and all-European awareness of societal challenges. Their work thus deservedly merits respect and support.”

Josef ZIELENIEC

Member of the European Parliament and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech government

“I have very much appreciated my participation in the conference activities of European Values. At a time when some discordant voices throw an uncertain light on the Czech Republic’s commitment to the values of a more integrated and more democratic European Union, organisations such as European Values are of all the greater importance for citizens both in the Czech Republic and throughout the EU.”

John PALMER

Co-founder and longstanding Political Director of the European Policy Centre in Brussels

“Together European Values association and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation have organized several seminars and conferences in 2008 highlighted by the seminar on political marketing for the European Parliament elections in September as well as a conference regarding elections and democracy in the EU in November. These are just some steps which contribute to the overall framing of Europe and its values in the Czech Republic. In the year of the Presidency the partnership between the European Values association and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation is an even more important one. For now I want to congratulate the European Values association for the successful mutual cooperation based on trust and friendship.”

Hubert GEHRING

Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Prague Office

“Any debate is good. When it is among nations from different corners of the world, it is better. The European Values Network does this.”

Tomáš SEDLÁČEK

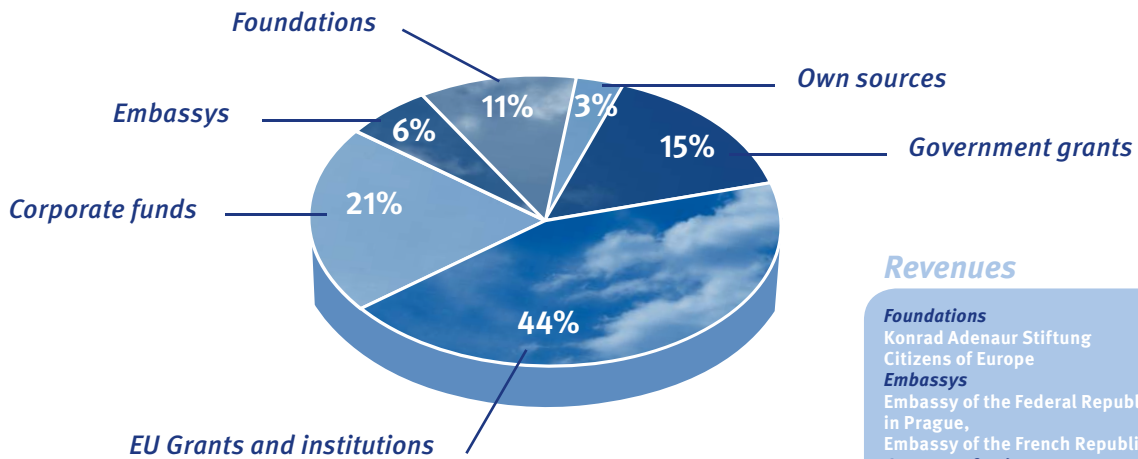
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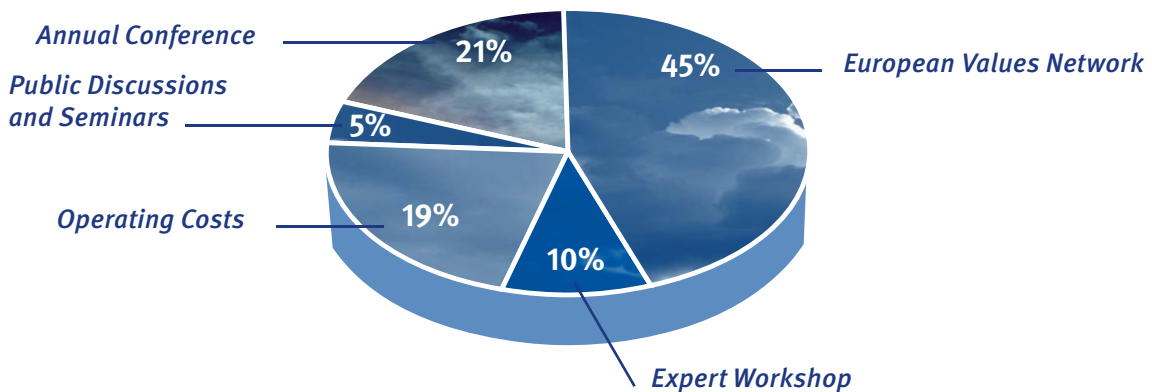
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