



TEPSA Recommendations to the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union

*On 23 May 2022, the TEPSA Recommendations to the incoming
Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU were presented to Jan Šnidauf.*

PRAGUE, 23/05/2022: On the occasion of TEPSA's Czech Pre-Presidency Conference, the TEPSA Recommendations to the upcoming Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union were formally presented to Jan Šnidauf, Director of the Foreign Policy Analyses and Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

The main message of the TEPSA Recommendations is that the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU will need to contribute to guiding the EU through the troubled waters of a 'Zeitenwende' that is on the horizon in so many vital policy areas, while at the same time not losing sight of the EU's institutional reform needs and the results of the Conference on the Future of Europe. Four areas are going to be extremely important, all of which are in response to the war in Ukraine. The development of an EU defence policy; reform of a common EU asylum policy; ensuring Europe's energy security; and how to step up support for Ukraine.

Further recommendations were discussed with researchers from the TEPSA Network. Kristi Raik (Estonian Foreign Policy Institute) calls for the EU to make a "quantum leap forward" as a security actor. Izabela Surwillo (Danish Institute of International Affairs) calls for the EU to speed up the implementation of the "Fit for 55" package to offset Russian fossil fuel imports. Mihai Sebe (European Institute of Romania) calls for the EU to help states of origin to develop better economies and societies that would provide local opportunities for potential migrants. Oleksiy Melnyk (Razumkov Centre), Stefan Meister (German Council on Foreign Relations), and Mariam Khotenashvili (TEPSA) call for the EU to invest in Ukraine's reconstruction, framed as a project for building a modern, democratic state – a future EU Member State.

Upon reading the Recommendations, Mr Šnidauf commented: **"The TEPSA Recommendations resonate very well with the planned agenda and priorities of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union [...] they are music to my ears"**.

You can read the TEPSA Recommendations [here](#).

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