

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy
<b>PIC number:</b>	949668122
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	RevivEU

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	5.1
<b>Event name:</b>	Citizens' consultation on Climate and Migration in Czechia
<b>Type:</b>	Public citizens' consultations
<b>In situ/online:</b>	in-situ
<b>Location:</b>	Regions of Czechia (specified by NUTS 2 division)
<b>Date(s):</b>	2.2. – 16.2.2023
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="http://reviveu.net/activities/research/citizens-attitudes-towards-migration-and-climate/">http://reviveu.net/activities/research/citizens-attitudes-towards-migration-and-climate/</a>
Participants	
Female:	160
Male:	164
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [Czechia]:	324
From country 2 [specify]:	
From country 3 [specify]:	
Total number of participants:	324
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The first phase of the public citizens' consultation in Czechia took place in early February 2023, on the topics of Migration and Climate, as well as general attitudes towards the European Union. The consultations were carried out in the whole territory of Czechia with residents from the main regions, defined by the NUTS 2 (12% in the Prague region, almost 13% in the Central Bohemia region, 11% in the Southwest, 10% in Northwest, almost 15% in Northeast, 16% in Southeast, almost 11% in middle</p>	

Moravia and almost 12% in the Moravia-Silesia region). The results of in-person consultations were supplemented by an online survey (of over 600 additional participants). The consultations were conducted in the form of interviews with an average length of 28 minutes, led by professional facilitators (sociologists), in line with the agreed format for all the citizens' consultations in the project. For the first part of the one-on-one interview (a format chosen for its efficiency and to create an environment where the participants would feel comfortable sharing their ideas and pose questions), participants were posed questions by the interviewer on the topics of migration and climate change – this part took in average 20 minutes of the interviews. In the second part the participants provided their own feedback and asked questions, lasting from 5 to 10 minutes. The questions varied, from inquiries about the process, the project and its purposes, to discussions about the topics themselves. All in all, the selection of questions and topics chosen for the consultations were met with great interest, including the EU knowledge quiz. The following feedback was mostly on the topics concerning the EU, migration and especially support of Ukraine with relatively low attention given the topics of climate, which also confirm previous findings of what are the most crucial topics for the Czech society.

Most of the Czech respondents feel European, and in case of a referendum on the exit from the EU, they would vote for staying. Only 19%, however, are in favour of accepting the common currency euro. In general, they have a good knowledge of EU-related facts, but we can say that the EU optimists are younger, richer, and more educated. Regarding the benefits of the EU, most stress the freedom to travel, work and study, though that must be countered by the fact that first, they have to have means to do so, as well as peace and security. All in all, only a minority supports more competencies for and integration of the EU.

On the attitudes towards migration, the Czechs are more accepting of migrants from closer and better-known cultures. Their attitudes towards migrants also correlate with EU optimism, optimism towards the general situation in society, as well as their material wealth. When talking about Ukrainian refugees in particular, most respondents support help towards Ukrainians, but caution that with fears of how that would affect the economy and quality of services in Czechia. Two-thirds of respondents see Russia as the culprit of the war but do not support NATO or EU membership for Ukraine in the next 5 years.

On the topic of climate change, the majority of people accept that it's a man-made problem and has to be dealt with. However, only a small part of the respondents feel like climate change already has a direct impact on their every-day lives and say that it should be dealt with by businesses and major non-EU polluters.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).