

I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a Horizon Europe Project

I am planning to coordinate a project and I am looking for Project Partners

TOPICS OF INTEREST

- *Relations with EU's neighborhood countries*
- *Limitations and strengths of the EU's democracy promotion policies*
- *Transformation of political regimes in the Mediterranean and in the post-communist world*
- *The rise of authoritarianism at the transnational level*

PARTNER INFORMATION

The **Institute of International Relations in Prague (IIR)** is a leading Czech public research institution, which produces academic research and relevant policy analysis in the field of International Relations including European and area studies. The IIR is an active member of several international networks and consortia, including, for example, *The European Consortium for political research (ECPR)*, *European Policy Institutes Network (EPIN)*, *Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)*, *European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)*, think tank platform *Think Visegrad* and the *EU Non-Proliferation Consortium*. In the last two years (2019, 2020), the IIR core team (36 researchers, as of December 2020) produced 30 impacted journal articles listed in the *Web of Science (WoS)* and 9 monographs.¹ The outputs of researchers employed at the IIR in 2020 have 1407 citations in WoS in total and without auto-citations. At present, it acts as a partner in two ongoing **Horizon 2020 projects**, one of which is the *EU Integration and Differentiation for Effectiveness and Accountability, EUIDEA*, and the other is *Secure Intelligent Methods for Advanced RecoGnition of malware and stegomalware, SIMARGL*. At the national level, there are five ongoing projects funded by the Czech Science Foundation on topics ranging from EU-Russia energy relations to the EU migration crisis and the framing of refugees in Central and Eastern Europe, among others. There are several other projects on applied research, stimulating debates on the improvement of Czech foreign policy in international relations, sponsored by a variety of other national and international funds.

Description of the Legal Entity

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<input type="checkbox"/> Industry /SME	<input type="checkbox"/> NGO	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please specify</i>

Description of the (Research) Team

Our research team will be comprised of experts from the IIR's Center for the Study of Global Regions (CSGR) and the Center for European Politics (CEP). The two centers have recently hired new

¹ In order to see the publications, you can visit the individual profile of each researcher on [IIR website](#).

researchers specialized in the transformation of the political regimes in the EU's southern neighborhood countries such as Egypt, Tunisia, Israel, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon as well as the EU's official candidate, Turkey. On the other side, the Center for European Politics has enlarged with new researchers and now includes a team focusing on the politics of Western Balkans, Central Europe and the EU's Eastern Partnership countries. In a potential Horizon Europe proposal focusing on EU's neighborhood countries, the team is interested in drawing parallels between the regime transformations of the selected Eastern and Southern neighborhood countries of the EU as well as selected Balkan and Central European countries to identify the systemic limitations and strengths of the EU's democracy promotion policies targeting these countries.

Expertise of the Team Leader

Pelin Ayan Musil, PhD, is a senior researcher at the IIR and a member of the Center for the Study of Global Regions. She has published several articles in impacted journals and monographs with a conceptual and theoretical focus on the process of de-democratization, transformation of political parties and civil resistance movements. She has been the principal investigator of research projects on topics such as the [Public Portrayal of Turkey in Visegrad Countries](#) (funded by the International Visegrad Fund 2012), [Democratic Recessions in the Post-Communist and Muslim World](#) (Czech Science Foundation 2019-2021) and [Transformation of Islamist Parties](#) (Czech Science Foundation 2018-2019). She mainly specializes in the politics of Turkey and EU-Turkey relations.

Potential role in the project

- X Research Training
 Dissemination Other: ***Please specify***

Already experience as a Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Partner	X YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Expert Evaluator	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

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