**Conference on the Future of the EU in Czechia: Success or failure? (Jarolím Antal)**

Summary

This paper discusses the Conference on the future of Europe in Czechia. It firstly starts with an overview of the context for the COFE, further it captures the attitude of the citizens towards the EU. Further, institutional approach towards COFE and priorities of the government are introduced. The COFE have been led by Office of the Government, with number of activities delivered by stakeholders. Although, the political elites stood back from the direct involvement. The final report from the COFE brings to Czech perspective interesting observations. In some areas the outcomes overlap with perceptions of Czech public (stronger foreign and security policy, more transparency in the decision), others deviate from expectations of Czech citizens (such as more powers to EU institutions, migration policy, social policy). The paper claims that COFE in Czechia is neither success nor failure. Its results are a number of activities and plenty of generated outputs. On the contrary it lacked political ownership and missing wide interest of the citizens.