

**Question for written answer E-003359/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Closure of Eurocentres in the Czech Republic and informing the public about the EU

On 17 August 2026, the Czech Government approved the repeal of the existing Strategy for Providing Information on European Affairs and the drafting of a new strategy. This is also set to include the closure of the network of regional Eurocentres in its current form.

For more than 20 years, Eurocentres have been maintaining contact with the public in the regions, cooperating with schools, libraries, universities and governments, and organising around 1 300 events per year. The Government is justifying the change on the grounds of modernising communication and making greater use of digital tools. However, it is not yet clear how their regional and educational activities will be replaced, even though steps have already been taken to end the current network.

Furthermore, in Liberec, Karlovy Vary and Jihlava, the Eurocentres are directly linked to EUROPE DIRECT centres, whose activities for the period between 2026 and 2030 are largely funded by the Commission.

1. Is the Commission monitoring the situation with regard to the Czech Government's decision to close the Eurocentre network and its possible effects on the availability of information on the EU for Czech citizens, especially in the regions, and how does it assess this decision?
2. Was the Commission or its Representation in the Czech Republic consulted by the Czech Government before this decision was adopted, and did the Czech Government inform the Commission of the specific system it intends to use to replace the Eurocentres' existing regional information and education activities?
3. What repercussions might the closure of the Eurocentres have for the operations and funding of the EUROPE DIRECT centres in Liberec, Karlovy Vary and Jihlava, and how does the Commission intend to ensure the continuity of their activities during the 2026-2030 financial period?

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