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## EU expediency



It's become almost trite to note that ODS alternately invokes or spurns the EU, depending on which approach suits its purpose. It wants the EU reform treaty to be evaluated for its adherence to the Czech Constitution, for example, but it objects to a Constitutional Court ruling on sick pay by saying it's common EU practice to deny coverage for the first few days of illness. Suddenly, the actual wording of the Czech Constitution isn't so important to it anymore. What's more worrisome, though, is the thought that the Constitutional Court might adopt this same sort of EU expediency. The Court struck down the sick-pay provision and upheld the [squeeze-out](#) rules, despite differing EU practices, but there are signs that the Court will uphold the controversial health fees, in part because they're common in Europe. The result of this is that Czechs don't really know which laws are ultimately governing them.



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