

The fiscal what?



Miloš Zeman received 21.25% more votes than his second-round rival in the presidential election, but there is no denying that Karel Schwarzenberg's campaign headquarters did a fine job of measuring the mood of a large sector of society. One way it did this was by keeping a muzzle on Miroslav Kalousek. He was the invisible man for the final stretch of the campaign.

But Schwarzenberg's Mirek is now back (just as is Zeman's), and the question is whether this will enhance the Schwarzenberg aura or dissipate it. Is it possible to say that TOP 09 has measured the mood of society correctly by suddenly pushing the EU fiscal compact so hard? How many of Schwarzenberg's 2.24m voters have even the faintest idea what the fiscal compact is? And how many care? Remember, [STEM](#) found that only 30% of Czechs now consider EU membership a good thing, compared to 23% who say it isn't and 47% who have a *comme ci, comme ça* attitude toward it. Maybe TOP 09 should keep the Schwarzenberg campaign team active a bit longer.

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