


## STAN and the euro



What happens when a member of an unpopular government promotes an unpopular policy?

Do two negatives make a positive? STAN is hoping they do. If 22% of Czechs agree with adopting the euro and 73% are against it, as determined last year by [CVVM](#), there are electoral votes to be gained either by convincing more people overall of the attractiveness of the euro or by luring away voters from other parties who already favor getting rid of the crown. Petr Fiala hasn't shown the best political savvy since becoming PM ([ODS hasn't gained any ground in the polls](#) in the past two years), but [on the euro](#) he seems to understand better than [STAN Chair Vít Rakušan](#) what is at stake. The problem with the euro as a political topic is that the positive aspects of it - eliminating currency-exchange and hedging costs, for example - are set in stone, while the potential negatives are not. Even a minor eurozone banking crisis between now and elections could cause the euro to blow up in Rakušan's face.

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