Europe: Back to the future of a political project

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“You cannot Fall in Love with a Single Market. Europe needs a Soul.”

Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission (1985-1995)
“When the old world dies, and the new one isn‘t born yet, we live in the times of a monster.”

Antonio Gramsci
„loud minority“
silent majority
Principle of political equality means:

- Electoral equality
- Equal fiscal policy
- Equal access to social rights
• One market (1992)
• One currency (2002)
• One democracy (2032?)

• One Euro (2002)
• One IBAN/SEPA (2016)
• One European Social Security Number (ESSN) (2022?)
one market – one democracy

**strong economic driver**

industry / banks \[\rightarrow\] asymmetric admission

democracy: no political & economic driver
THE EUROPEAN BALCONY PROJECT
9th – 11th November 2018 on a balcony near you
European Trilogy

Parliament
with no right of legal initiative

Commission
which is no Government
... but has “Court Functions”: Guardian of the Treaties

Council
which is driven by national interest

Governance is ownership for everybody but responsibility for none!

No real opposition → no reversibility of politics
European Republic

European Senate
2 Senators per European Province & Metropolitan Area

European President

European House of Representatives
“One (wo)man, one vote”

European Citizens
Armin von Bogdandy (2017):

„Die technokratische EU- Rechtsgemeinschaft sollte zu einem politisierten europäischen Rechtsraum weiterentwickelt werden."

- **European legal community should become one legal space**
  - European Law of Associations?
  - European Foundation Law?
  - European Electoral Register (Rosanvallon: Le sacre du citoyen)?
  - European Citizenship?
Europa – ziehen wir (noch) an einem Strang?
Was Bevölkerung und Eliten wirklich über die EU denken – eine repräsentative Umfrage