

Can the EU fix globalization?

A debate in the framework of the Citizen consultations on Europe

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Almost three years after Brexit, and despite gloomy forecasts, the EU has not fallen apart. However, Eurosceptic parties have made progress in national elections in France and Germany, and they are now forming part of government coalitions in other historical members of the EU, such as Italy.

From East to West and North to South across the continent, numerous voices are calling for a bold and new direction for Europe, advancing proposals to make Europe more prosperous, inclusive and sustainable.

A few months before the electoral campaign for the EU Parliament is launched, and at a time when negotiations on the next multi-annual financial framework should soon come to a close, providing the EU-27 with a seven-year budget, it is time to step up the momentum for enriching a clear and strong vision of the future and a real EU project for the coming decade.

How does the EU stand in terms of reasserting its common values or “collective preferences”, both internally and externally? How do we prioritise social, economic and environmental objectives? Which governance process to foster these preferences, both in Europe and in international negotiations? What common future are EU Member States leaning towards and how can we ensure that such a plan for the future is ambitious and bold enough so that it lives up to the challenges of our time, in the context of the Agenda 2030 adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015?

High-level policymakers and experts from various parts of Europe and partner countries will contribute innovative thoughts and participate in discussions with the public.

The conference will be organized in two parts, with the goal being to define the Europe we want. The first session will reflect on the state of the EU’s landmark collective preferences and the way it can save its democratic and social contract. The second session will address the EU’s capacity to build on these preferences in a global context and to help rethink globalization.

The conference will be held in English with a translation for the French speaking audience.

A summary of key ideas will be shared as a contribution in the framework of the Citizen Consultations on Europe.

Programme

5.00-5.10pm Welcoming remarks

- **Enrico Letta**, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) and former Prime Minister of Italy
- **Simon Maxwell**, Member of IDDRI's Advisory Council (Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations), Chair of the European Think Tanks Group

5.10-5.20pm Introductory speech

- **Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne**, Secretary of State to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs

5.20-6.40pm Plenary one: Can the EU save its "social contract"?

There are numerous issues that divide the EU, not least the economic and social effects of globalization, which are seized on by populist parties as damaging. How can the EU react and strengthen itself in this context? How can the EU protect people (to use the words of President Macron)? How can it get closer to its citizens? How can it redevelop the competitiveness and socio-environmental added value of its economy?

Panel:

- **László Andor**, former European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- **Ettore Recchi**, Full Professor of Sociology at Sciences Po
- **Teresa Ribera**, Minister for the Ecological Transition of Spain
- **Daria Tataj**, Chairwoman of Advisors to Carlos Moedas, EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation

6.40-8.00pm Plenary two: Can the EU help rethink globalization?

The ambition of the EU for its development and its international relations should be consistent with the 2030 Agenda adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015. Such a vision is only consistent with a world where multilateral cooperation can continue to prevail. However, important global players seem to prefer a scenario of national withdrawal. How could the EU help rethink globalization?

Panel:

- **Mario Cimoli**, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- **Miguel Angel Moratinos**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, former EU Special Representative for the Middle East
- **Alessia Mosca**, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula
- **Karoline Postel Vinay**, Research Professor at Sciences Po CERI

8.00-8.10pm Takeaways and closure

- **Simon Maxwell**, Member of IDDRI's Advisory Council (Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations), Chair of the European Think Tanks Group