

Project Group (Number and Name): 12 Future Sovereignty of the European Union

Comment

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Comment: Right now, Europe is at a decisive turning point. By showing their non European position in election, countries like Italy, Sweden, France, Poland and Hungary are challenging the European ideals. The main crisis points include the energy sector, being market leader in technology, building an own strong military, defending the European ideals like and last but not least combating climate change in a united, effective way.

But on the path to complete, successful sovereignty major obstacles arise. As seen prominently in the current political debate, the energy sector and European military defense need a short and long term solution.

Many European countries are heavily dependent on Russia for Gas, China for the productions of goods (e.g. semiconductor, micro chips).

A short term solution for these challenges is diversification of suppliers in all fields. On a long term perspective it is crucial for the EU to reduce it's dependency on fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy. Not only is this a necessary step regarding the EU's commitment to the Paris Climate Accords, but it will help with gaining true independence from other countries in the world and building an internal energy market in the European Union. This includes solar-, wind- and water energy as well as a European hydrogen- network.

As we are experiencing right now another important sector that leads to a strong sovereignty in our world is the military defense. The EU started as a peace project with the pledge to no more wars between EU member states. This pledge has its limits on a global scale. It is more than questionable that countries such as Russia and China commit themselves to the same values. Despots pursue a neoimperialism that threatens the existence of countries and cultures. The foundation of conflict resolution should always be based on a two-step with diplomacy being the first and most important of those.

Unfortunately in our world some people are immune against diplomatic resolutions. When this moment is reached a strong and deterrent military is necessary. Not on a national scale but on a European common level for example by implementing a European missile defense shield, a response team for urgent conflicts on European terrain and broadly, well equipped ground, air and naval forces. One may think that the NATO or to be more specific the United States of America is sufficient protection against the described threats but in the light of American election this becomes way to volatile. For an integral European sovereignty independence is also needed in this area.

and the United States of America for military defense. Even though the US is currently a close ally of the EU, having it's own military defense is crucial for European sovereignty.

The European Union is based on six fundamental values, which form the foundation of our society. Respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of Law and Respect for human rights, including the rights of minorities. Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union regulates these values. We should protect the rule of law principles and act against Antisemitism and Racism in case of violation for example through sanctions. Initiating more efficient processes are obligatory.

The question is, in wich Europe do you want to live.

Video Information

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