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The EU at a dead-lock!? **– needed: new perspectives for European integration –**

With great efforts and after overcoming many obstacles, the Constitutional Treaty had been elaborated as an design to give new momentum to the EU improving its governance within the widening community. This endeavour, even with its compromising character, was seemingly too ambitious. Its “philosophy” is not getting the needed support of the EU-citizenship as shown from “non “and “Nee!“ decisions in France and the Netherlands. It has become obvious that even within the single member-states, in the political classes as well as in the general public, there are great differences and controversies concerning the perception what the EU should be.

What are the lessons to be drawn ? Does the upcoming discussion, partly very emotional and controversial, endanger the cohesion within the EU, already weakened by the enlargement process, or does this crisis constitute a chance for reconsidering our hitherto practise of “Brussels-business” in a “pause of thought” to restructure the EU and make its governance more effective?

We all know that the challenges the Europeans no longer can meet on traditional national level even are getting stronger:

1. The ever increasing competition from globalised markets not least stemming from the new emerging scientific and economic powers in the Asian-Pacific basin are forcing the European economies to create within the enlarged EU an economic space being able to be competitive in global markets – a goal which so rightly has been identified and set in the Lisbon Agenda.

When setting this agenda it has been clear from the very beginning what strategy was needed to meet this challenge: restructuring and re-vitalising the European economies by further de-regulation and opening of markets as well as investing in education, training research and science. But no decisive steps were taken in this direction yet, especially in important economies like Germany, France and Italy the needed structural reforms were not or only insufficiently implemented. Neither was it possible to shift financial resources within the EU-budget from agriculture to science and research.

2. The world is not getting securer! There are especially increasing security risks for the EU at the Southern flank stretching in an “arc of crises” from the Caspian Sea basin to Morocco including the conflict-ridden hinterland of Africa. And the EU becoming more and more dependent on the oil and gas supply out of this region! Will there be a common EU-will to build a comprehensive security strategy (within NATO in close co-operation with the US) comprising an intelligent “mix” of military, socio-economic, environmental and cultural dimensions. The same refers to the manifold risks the EU is facing at its Eastern border to the former Soviet Empire.

In this crucial situation there is an urgent need to re-think and reconsider our perceptions and concepts of what the EU should be and how a road-map should look like for its future development. Poland and Germany being important partners in the EU have to play a constructive role in this debate. This workshop as many others before in our close co-operation between the German and Polish Association of The Club of Rome should make an inspiring contribution to this endeavour to which we also welcome our supporting partner EUROPA-KOLLEG.

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Program

Sunday, October 16, 2005

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Opening

14:00 First Session

- How much “Brussels” do we need – restructuring the “acquis communautaire”?
- How to achieve efficiency, participation and transparency in EU-governance?

Roland Freudenstein
Director Hanse Office, Brussels
Prof. Dr. Thomas Bruha
EUROPA-KOLLEG HAMBURG

18:00 Supper

19:00 Second Session

- European Identity and the Concept of Sustainable Development
- Global challenges, strategic choices and social communication in Europe

Dr. Thomas Schauer
European Support Center
Club of Rome, Vienna
Prof. Dr. Josef Niznik
Institute of Philosophy and Sociology
Polish Academy of Sciences

Monday, October 17, 2005

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Third Session

- An EU fitness-programme for the global markets?!
- Deregulation and opening of markets - Balancing ownership and solidarity
- From wheat to brain – shifting the EU budget
- Global Challenges and European responses: Less or more – an what – Union?

Prof. Dr. Wolf Schäfer
Helmut-Schmidt-University

Uwe Möller
German Association
of The Club of Rome

Prof. Dr. Juliusz Kotynski
Risk Management Institute
The University of Insurance and
Banking

12.30 Lunch

14:00 Fourth Session

- What risks at the “Eastern front”?
Russia – partner or threat for the EU?

Prof. Dr. Jan Woroniecki
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Republic of Poland

18:00 Supper

19:00 Fifth session

- “The Arc of Crises” - Europe and the Muslim world – Will there be a clash of civilisation?

Dr. Henner Fürtig
German Institute for Oriental Studies

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Sixth Session

- The transformation of the global scene
The crucial turning Points – A note for discussion
- The multi-dimensional challenge of global security – The need for a new NATO-strategy in US-EU partnership

Prof. Dr. Antoni Kuklinski
Director of the Polish Association
for The Club of Rome

Heinz Dieter Joop
Captain (Navy)
Staff College, Bundeswehr

11:30 Evaluation of Workshop

12:30 Lunch – End of Workshop

Moderators: Antoni Kuklinski, Uwe Möller