

# **Seminar 15. Future challenges for the EU integration**

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# SUMMARY

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- ▶ 1. White paper on the Future of Europe: 5 scenarios
- ▶ 2. Activity on future challenges in the EU





*As we mark the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome, it is time for a united Europe of 27 to shape a vision for its future.*

*Jean-Claude Juncker,  
President of the European Commission, 1 March 2017*

# White Paper on the Future of Europe

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## Why now?

- ▶ Celebration of past achievements: the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome
- ▶ Start of a new chapter: a vision of the future at 27



## Where does it come from?

- ▶ **22 June 2015:** Five Presidents' Report on Completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union
- ▶ **14 September 2016:** President Juncker's State of the Union Speech



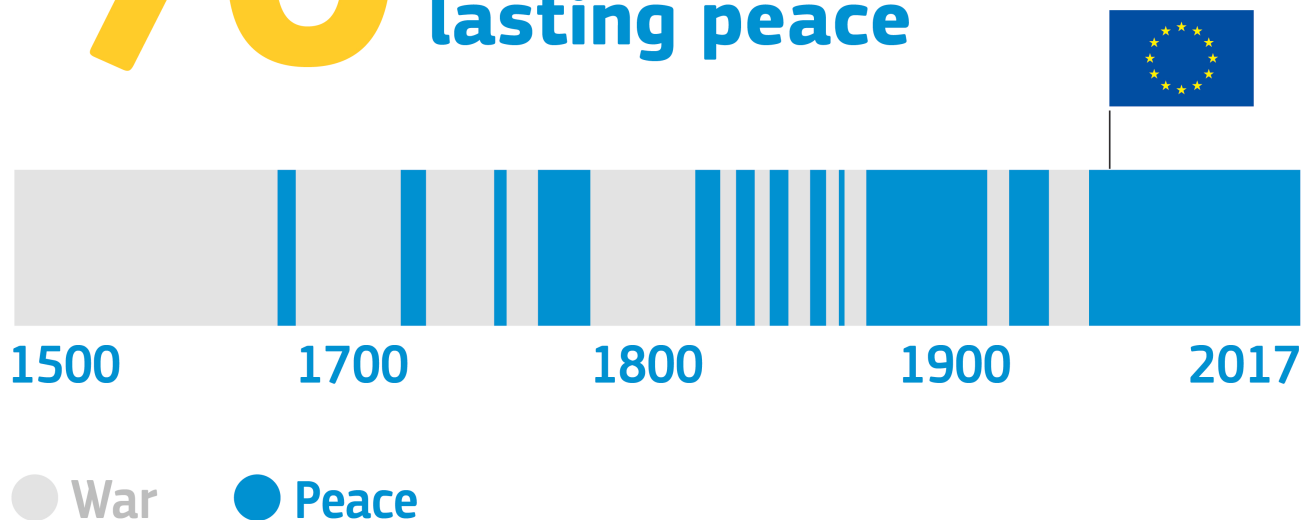




# The European Story

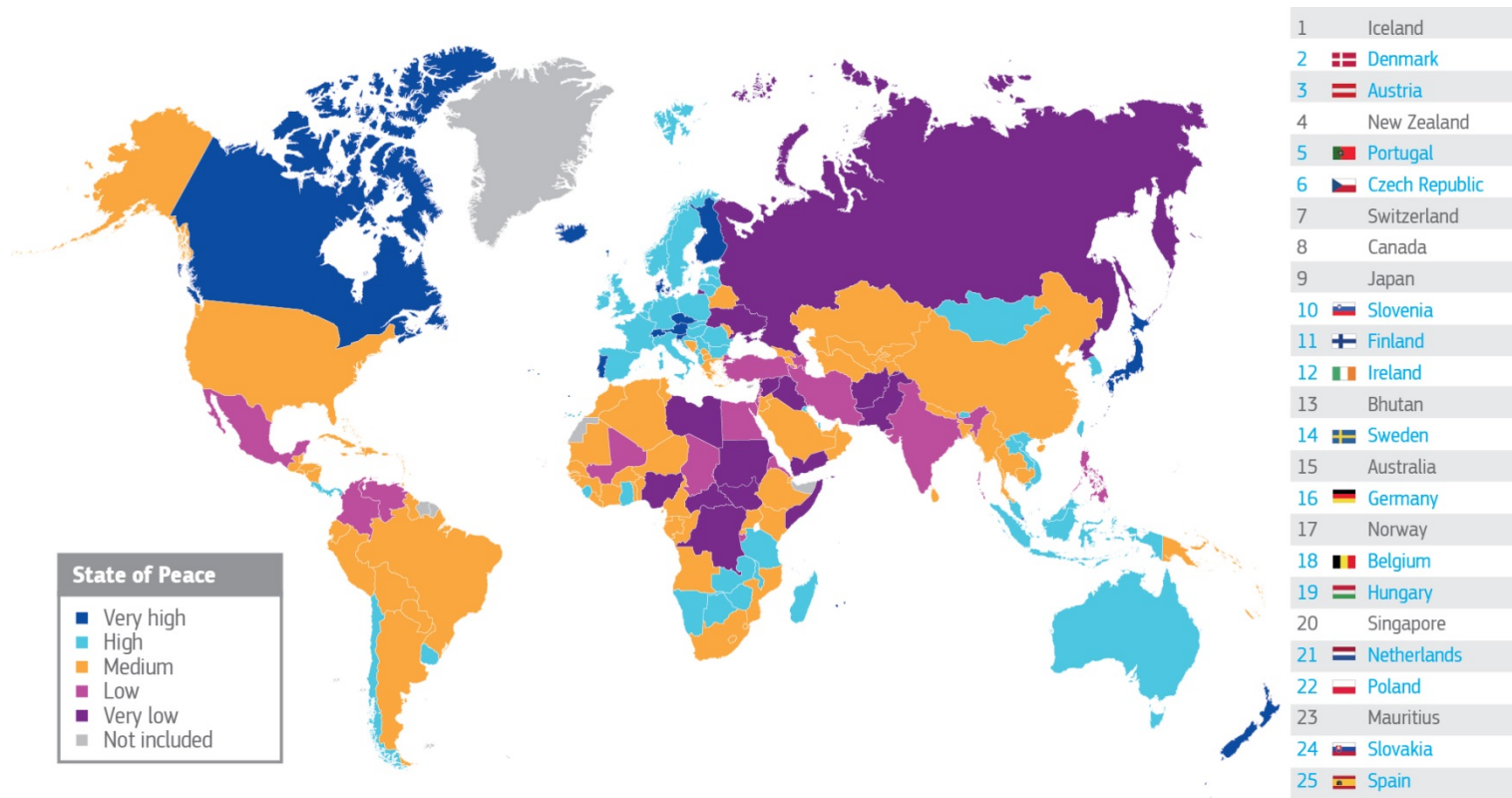


# 70 years of lasting peace



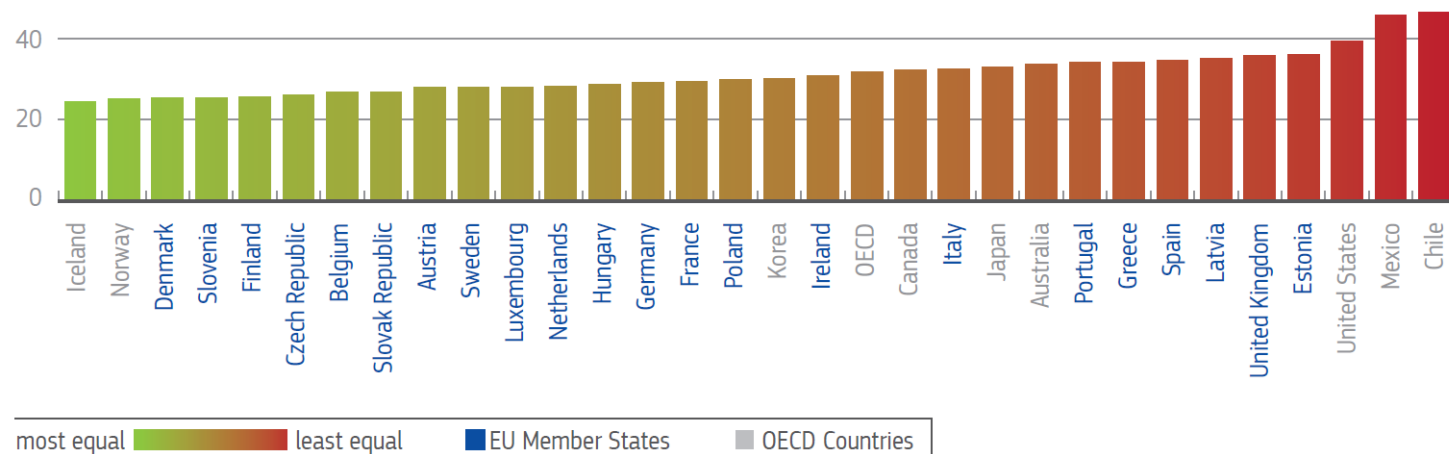
Source: European Commission

# 25 most peaceful countries in the world



Source: Global Peace Index

# Europe is home to the most equal societies in the world



Note: This graph shows the distribution of income between individuals using the Gini coefficient where 0 represents perfect equality.

Source: OECD, latest available data



## **DRIVERS OF EUROPE'S FUTURE**

# Drivers of Europe's Future

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**A changing place in an evolving world**



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**A profoundly transformed economy and society**



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**Heightened threats and concerns about security and borders**



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**A questioning of trust and legitimacy**





# A changing place in an evolving world



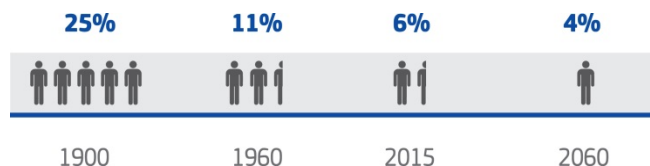
## Economic weight

	2004	2015	
United States of America	28%	24%	↓
EU-27	26%	22%	↓
Japan	11%	6%	↓
UK	5%	4%	↓
China	5%	15%	↑
Canada	2%	2%	→
Mexico	2%	2%	→
Brazil	<2%	2%	↑
India	<2%	3%	↑
Rest of the world	18%	21%	↑

Source: Eurostat and UN Statistical Division



## Population shift

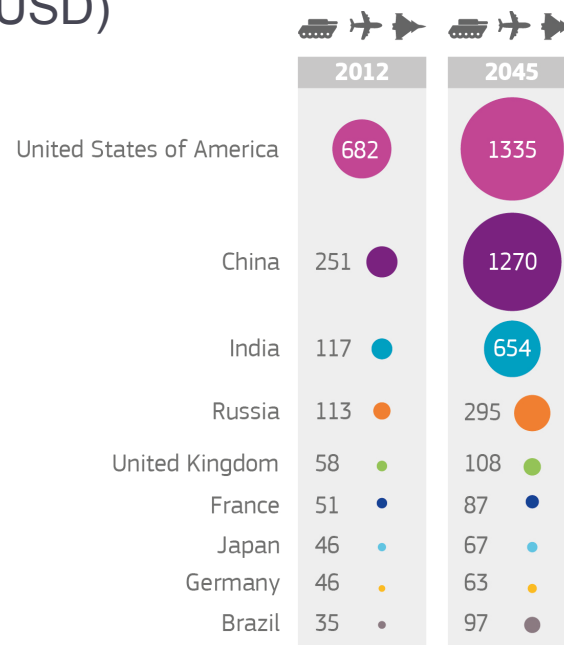


Source: UN Statistical Division and Eurostat, EU27



## Defence priorities

### Defence expenditure by 2045 (in billion USD)



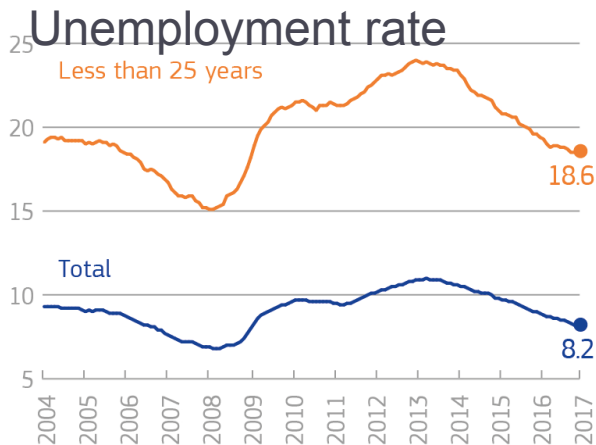
Source: Report by UK Ministry of Defence: Strategic Trends Programme: Global Strategic Trends – Out to 2045



# A profoundly transformed economy and society



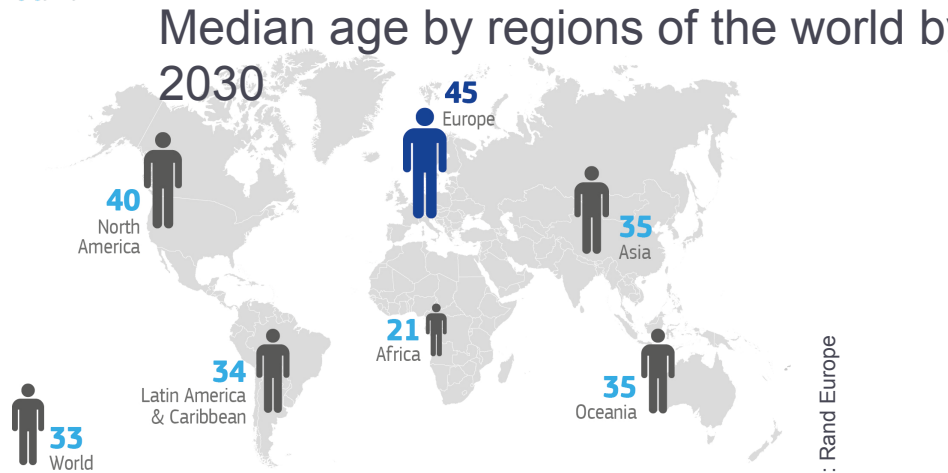
## Legacy of the economic crisis



Source: European Commission



## Changing demographics



Source: Rand Europe



## Climate change and environmental concerns



## New technologies and digitisation



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# Heightened threats and concerns about security and borders

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## Security



## Borders



# A questioning of trust and legitimacy

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**Populist and nationalist rhetoric**



**Gap between promise and delivery**



**24/7 news cycle**

Source: ©Pulse of Europe





## THE FIVE SCENARIOS

# Five Scenarios on the future of EU27

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## Unity

The starting point for each scenario is that the 27 Member States move forward together as a Union



## Aim

Engaging people in the reflection about the future of Europe and deciding on the best combination of features

The five scenarios – a glimpse into the potential state of the Union by 2025, depending on the choices Europe will make:

- a range of possibilities covered, a number of overlaps between scenarios
- illustrative in nature rather than detailed blueprints
- neither mutually exclusive nor exhaustive





# Five Scenarios

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## Carrying On

The EU27 focuses on delivering its positive reform agenda



## Nothing but the Single Market

The EU27 is gradually re-centred on the single market



## Those Who Want More Do More

The EU27 allows willing Member States to do more together in specific areas



## Doing Less More Efficiently

The EU27 focuses on delivering more and faster in selected policy areas, while doing less elsewhere



## Doing Much More Together

Member States decide to do much more together across all policy areas



# Scenario

# 1

## Carrying on



**The EU27 focuses on delivering its positive reform agenda.**



The positive agenda of action continues to deliver concrete results



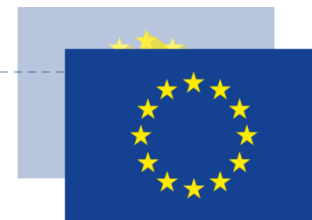
The unity of the 27 may still be tested in the event of major disputes



The gap between promise and delivery will only progressively be closed if there is collective resolve to deliver jointly



# Scenario 1: Carrying on



By 2025 this could mean:



Europeans can drive automated and connected cars (with Internet access) but encounter problems when crossing borders as some legal and technical obstacles persist.



Europeans mostly travel across borders without having to stop for checks. Reinforced security controls mean having to arrive at airports and train stations well in advance.



## Scenario

# 2 Nothing but the Single Market



**The EU27 cannot agree to do more in many policy areas beyond key aspects of the single market**



Decision-making may be simpler to understand



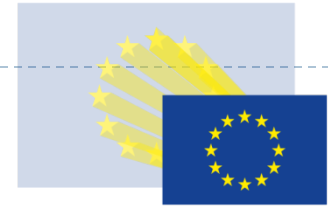
It becomes harder to address issues of concern to more than one Member State and therefore the gap between expectations and delivery widens on common challenges



Citizens' rights guaranteed under EU law may become restricted over time



# Scenario 2: Nothing but the Single Market



By 2025 this could mean:



Crossing borders becomes difficult due to regular checks.



Finding a job abroad is harder and the transfer of pension rights to another country not guaranteed.



Those falling ill abroad face expensive medical bills.



Europeans are reluctant to use connected cars due to the absence of EU-wide rules and technical standards.

## Scenario

# 3 Those Who Want More Do More



**The EU27 allows willing Member States to do more together in specific areas**



The unity of the EU at 27 is preserved while progress is made possible for those who want more



The gap between expectation and delivery closes in countries who want and choose to do more



Questions arise about the transparency and accountability of the different layers of decision-making



Citizens' rights guaranteed under EU law vary depending on where people live





# Scenario 3: Those Who Want More Do More



By 2025 this could mean:



15 Member States set up a police and magistrates corps to tackle cross-border criminal activities. Security information is immediately exchanged as national databases are fully interconnected.



Connected cars are used widely in 12 Member States which have agreed to harmonise their liability rules and technical standards.



## Scenario

# 4

## Doing Less More Efficiently



**The EU27 focuses on delivering more and faster in selected policy areas not acting in where it is perceived not to have an added value**



European citizens feel that the EU is only acting where it has real added value



A clearer focus of resources and attention on a number of selected domains helps the EU27 to act faster

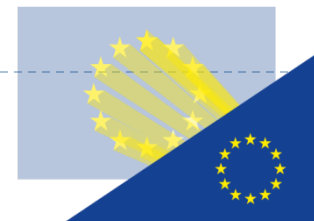


The EU at first has difficulty in agreeing which areas it should prioritise and where it should do less



# Scenario 4: Doing Less More Efficiently

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By 2025 this could mean:



A European Telecoms Authority will have the power to free up frequencies for cross-border communication services used e.g. by connected cars. It also protects the rights of mobile and Internet users across the EU.



A new European Counter-Terrorism Agency helps deter and prevent serious attacks through a systematic tracking and flagging of suspects.



## Scenario

# 5 Doing Much More Together



**Member States decide to do much more together across all policy areas**



There is far greater and quicker decision-making at EU level



Citizens have more rights under EU law



Parts of society which feel that the EU lacks legitimacy or has taken too much power away from national authorities risk being alienated



# Scenario 5: Doing Much More Together



By 2025 ts could mean:



Citizens travelling abroad receive consular protection and assistance from EU embassies, which in some parts of the world have replaced national ones. Non-EU citizens wishing to travel to Europe can process visa applications through the same network.



Connected cars drive seamlessly across Europe as clear EU-wide rules exist. Drivers rely on an EU agency to enforce the rules.





## THE WAY AHEAD



# What's next?



*The floor has to be given to this Parliament, national parliaments, governments, civil society – in brief, citizens... This Commission wants to listen before deciding.*

*Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission*



Future of Europe  
debates in national  
parliaments, cities  
and regions



Debate on social media:  
#FutureOfEurope

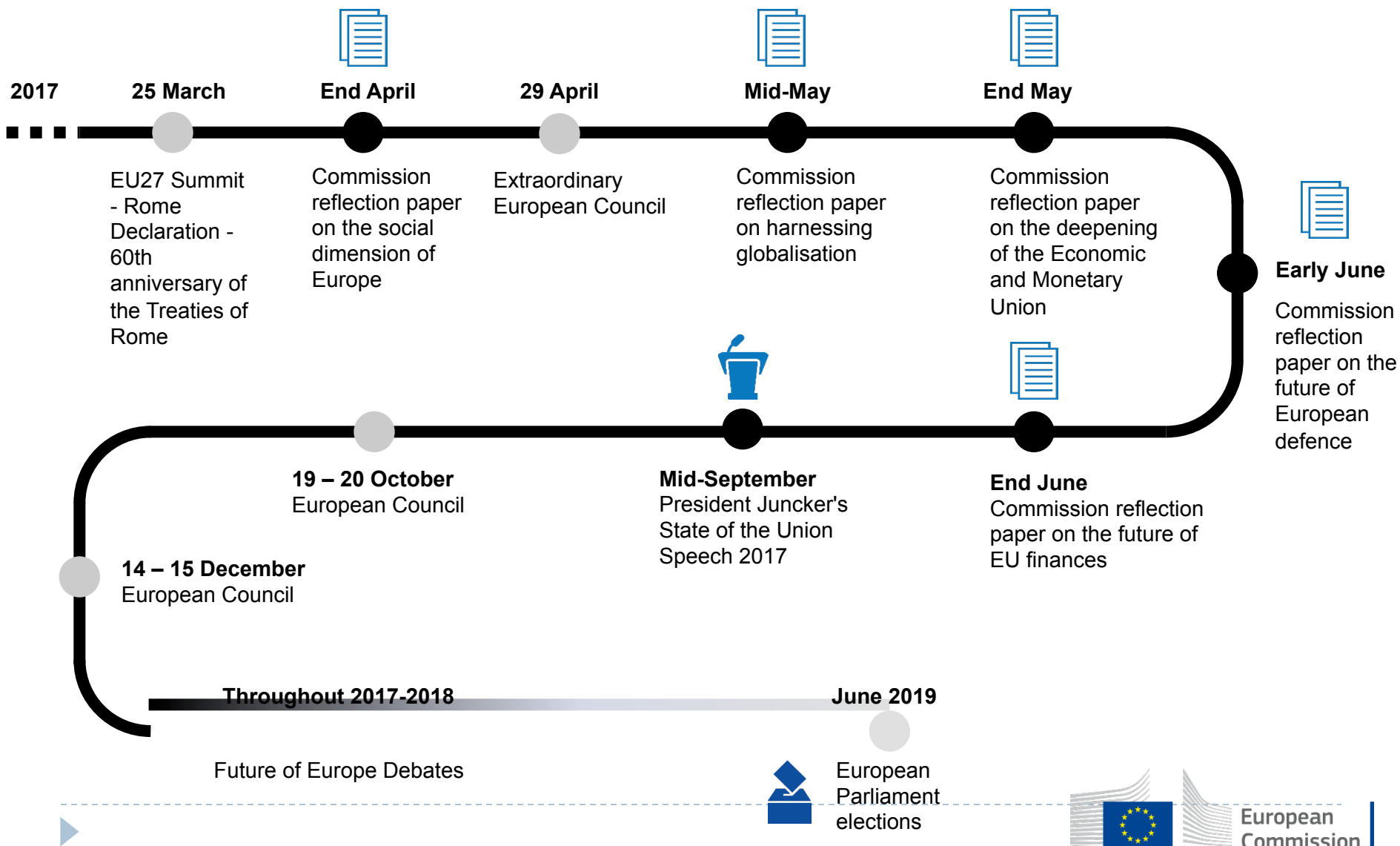


Citizens' Dialogues with  
Commissioners



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# The way ahead





## FIND OUT MORE

### **Future of Europe**

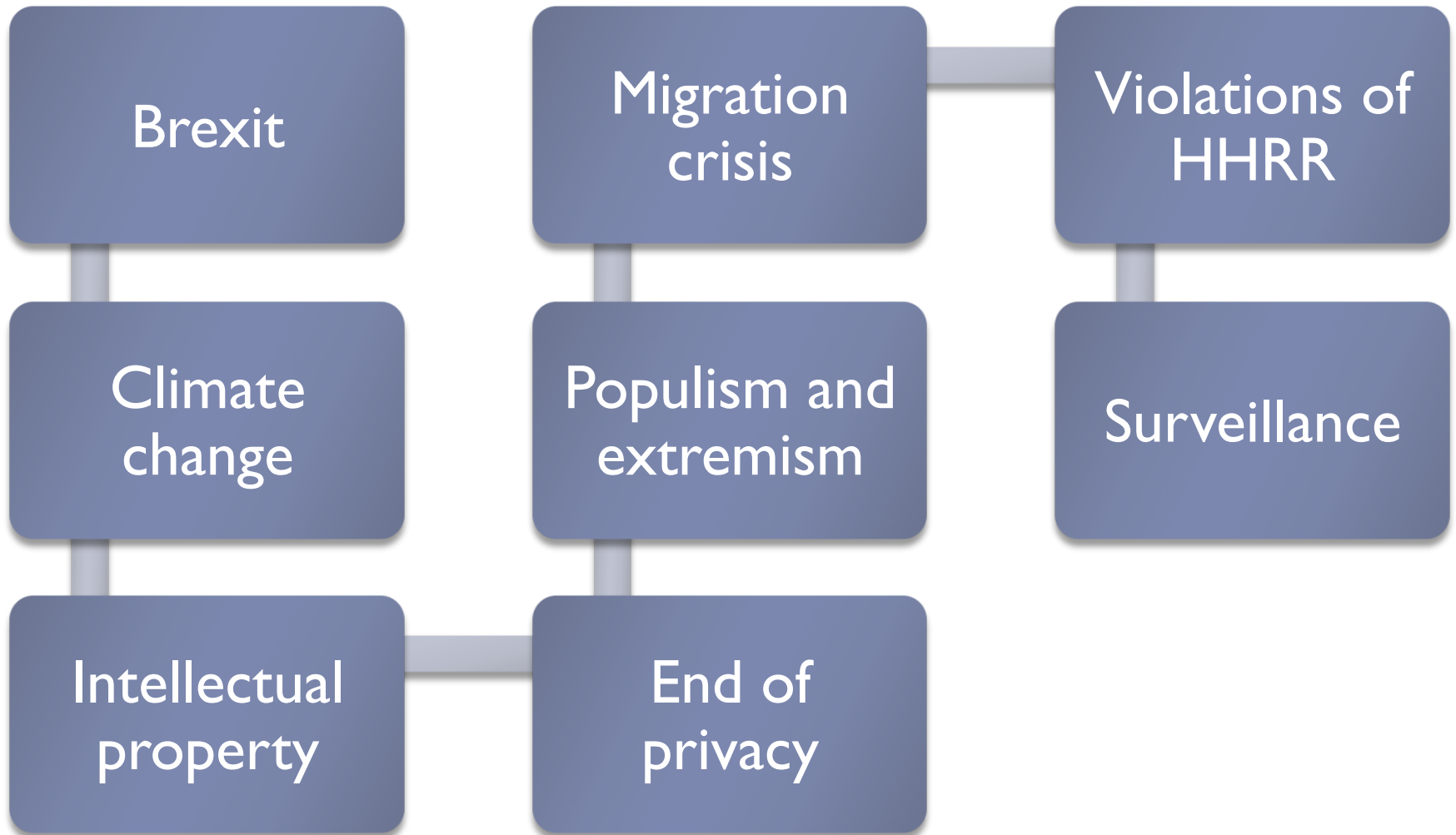
[ec.europa.eu/future-europe](https://ec.europa.eu/future-europe)

### **The European Story**

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# FINAL ACTIVITY – Choose one of these challenges

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# In your piece of paper...

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- ▶ NAME, SURNAME
- ▶ 1. (OPTION ONE)
- ▶ 2. (OPTION TWO)



# TASK

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**Read the article(s), focusing on:**

- Understanding the problem
- Proposing a possible solution or improvement of this situation (There is no wrong answer for this one!).

- ▶ You will have **two minutes** to present in front of everybody.
- ▶ Then your colleagues will vote



# VOTING

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Has the participant convinced you with the problem and the proposed solution?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

Vote

Results



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▶ LET'S DISTRIBUTE THE PRIZES TO  
THE WINNERS...





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▶ **THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

