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State of play in the EU



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Introduction

- The EU, together with the IM, has done a tremendous job in the worldwide sense...
- ... Internal market ... economic freedoms are the core of the integration
- Lasting peace
- Inclusion, allegiance (stimulating European identity) – feeling of a joint, but evolving, project
- Lisbon Treaty as step towards political integration

- Protection of the basic human rights (TFEU + CFR)
 - Social rights v. Economic & financial stability
 - Austerity measures under scrutiny
- app. 9 mil. workers as transboundary workers, app. 3% of the total workforce
- Mostly sincere fights for the environment protection and nature conservation

However...struggles, issues, challenges

- What is a vision of the EU?
 - *EU is among systems, which were not looked ahead - in the future - more than a decade or so...*
- Internal problems ... reflecting in the economic-financial crisis
 - Legal system that needs to be upgraded in the sphere of financial services, banking union, supervision of the public expenses of the EU
 - ever increasing poorness; What is going on with the social Europe...systems, where crisis is predominantly paid by those who had not caused it
 - ... Economic-Financial Crisis where EU works as firefighters and architects at the same time...
 - waste majority of youth that is perhaps the best prepared generation ever... but largely unemployed

- Migration: is becoming a priority issue on the political and social agenda of all States
 - *EU lacks labour force in certain sectors that cannot be compensated through the internal labour market*
 - Lack of a common migration and asylum policy at supranational level
 - A New Europe? Multi-ethnic, multicultural,changing society
- Ageing of the EU
 - it's estimated that in 2031 around a half of the European territory will have 30 % of non-active population...

Conclusions

- for the proper working of the EU the **IM is not enough**...either the IM alone is the goal (going back to 1993, without EMU), or we **need genuine economic and monetary union**...
- on the other hand a **common green and social approach are needed** (also OECD recommendations) ...
- **„go green“** (in all aspects) and **„go social“** shall contain an important national market specifics
- EU integration... despite the struggles... **is a process**, but indeed it slows down...