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# Greens/EFA call on Juncker and Commission to rethink direction of Europe

### An alternative scenario...

Jean-Claude Juncker released 5 possible scenarios for the short-term direction of Europe. We believe that there was a scenario missing, one that presents a vision for Europe that embraces sustainability, transparency and human rights. The European Commission must have left such a scenario option in their drawer, so here's what we imagine it must have looked like.

## Scenario 6: A Space of Freedom, Security, Democracy and Human Rights

THE EUROPEAN UNION BECOMES A CONTINENTAL SPACE OF FREEDOM, SECURITY, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Neither the EU27 as it is, not European countries on their own, are well-equipped enough to face the challenges of the day; Member States decide to share more power, resources and decision-making across th board. es and decision-making across the

Realising that peace is still an insue and solidarity an absolute necessity, they regard the UK-EU exit negotiations as a wake-up call. Seeking to address the EU's crisis of legislancy, and the rise of anti-European movements. Member States respond to the mounting pressure of the demand for more democracy and

As a result frey octoc-to one stower me parapsa emanating from unanimity requirements, and governance of the Euroscone is made more transparent and democratic, while social and fincal convergence becomes a peiority. National elections are increasingly fought on European issues, fostering convergence within the political families. Europeans feel more and more included and their trust in Europe and the future errors.

On the international scene, Europe has again become a model for conflict resolution, cooperation and solidatiny in defence policy and its foreign and security policy are more inegrated and peace-oriented, and it helps preventing conflicts in the world. Its voice counts in international organizations where it speaks up for a more strongly regulated globalization.

On the dementic scene, more and more European citizens use their freedom of movement and establishment with attractive options everywhere in the EU with the European Solidarity Corps, Eraum for All and other programmes offering enhanced European experience.

The European institutions are more democratic and transparent. Lobbying sorbities and corporate interest are strictly regulated and conflicts of interest are prevented. Citizens have access to documents. The European Citizens have access to documents. The European Citizens have access to member of the European Citizens are also just EU legislation.

Fundamental rights and freedoms are enforced and the EU has adequate means to ensure they are respected. All citizens can find out how their member state voted in Council.

Within the euro area, the Eurogroup is chaired by a Commissioner. Democratic control over economic governance has led to the renouncement of austerity programmes. A reformed Stubility and Growth Fact now includes binding criteria regarding employment, education, environmental quality, and welfare.

The EU budget has increased, e.g. thanks to common environmental taxes. The EU comes closer to ensuring shared prosperity for all. Social policies now include a minimum income and on unemployment scheme. Massive investments are made in a future-oriented economy and renewable energies are rapidly developed.

Economic inequalities, social exclusion and pover decrease, and solidarity prevails regarding orfugee policy inside the Union.

Enhanced subsidiarity, with clarified relations between local, national and EU levels, combined between local, national and EU levels, contributed with increased participation from citizens make decisions more efficient and legitimate. Europeans feel more empowered and included, while the EU is strengthened. However, resistance still soems from national governments feeling their grip has diminished and nationalistic forces get comforted in their opposition.



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Single market & trade	Economic & Monetary Union	Schengen, migration & security	Foreign policy & defence	EU budget	Capacity to deliver
Trade deals are negotiated in full transparency, lebbyists are registered and their influence on policymaking is fully visible and can be opposed.	The Eurogroup is chaired by a Commissioner, decisions are fought at EP and national parliament level as well; binding targets exist to reduce inequalities and powerty.	A common asylum policy is put in place, safeguarding the right to asylum. Every year, the EU resettles the share of the UNHOR scheme; the Dublin regulation is replaced by a fair distribution acheme.	The EU is a champion of hu- man rights-based foreign policy. funds, staff and instruments for civilian conflict prevention are readily available; effective defence cooperation between Member States is super- vised by a strong Parliament.	Enhanced subsidiarity in supending EU money is closer to observe EU's own resources finally agreed, European stabilisers integrated into the budget.	Enhanced subsidiarity and legitimacy leads to more efficient law making and greater acceptance of EL decisions.

### Illustrative snapshots

- In 2019 pan-European trade unions manage to oppose the last merger in the chemical industry and impose a plan
  on the Commission to strengthen public services across the whole of the EU.
- Whistle-blowers are protected, Snowden receives asylum, and data protection is enhanced.
- In 2021, an ECI supported by 2.5 million citizens leads to the adoption of a comprehensive ban on pesticides glyphosate and dangerous substances in the food chain.

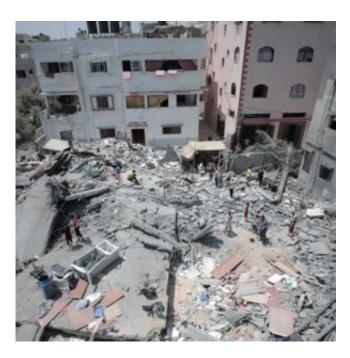
### Scenario 6

With pro-European Emmanuel Macron winning the French Presidential Election, the time is now for the European Union to become more ambitious as we move towards 2025. If we want to contend with the problems facing the EU, we need a bold vision for our union. As Philippe Lamberts said at the time of the scenario's announcements: "We need the EU institutions and the Member States to change. As long as EU policy continues to benefit big conglomerates and not citizens, we will not regain their confidence."

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