

European change agents should be proud of the role they have played for the past fifty years to help the EU Treaties evolve. In this time of referenda on the Constitutional Treaty Europe's and debates on the transatlantic relations, Europe needs new metaphors to communicate with its citizens. What should replace the to well known formula "market", "competition", "democratic deficit" and the easy cynicism and euro-scepticism ?

The Beacon : the European Dream.

Today's Europe is envied by the other regions of the world. It marks a new stage in the history of mankind, since it is the Europe of peace-building between countries that used to repeatedly take up arms against each other, a Europe promoting the collective well-being of its peoples, a Europe of values in a society that has succeeded in establishing connections between local and global levels and between the past, the present and the future, fostering unity in diversity.

The New Corner Stone.

The draft Constitutional Treaty provides the means to further transform the European project at the service of the peoples. Until now, some only regarded the Union as a large free trade area. With the Constitutional Treaty, the cornerstone of the EU will no longer be the market but the fundamental rights that have become the "heart and soul" of the Treaty.

The Triangle.

The inclusion of a section on participatory democracy is another new significant lever, as it will help develop a complementary engine in the 'Europe' rocket: *the participatory route*. We shall have increased means to turn the project of a super-state at the service of the market (which is how some people view the Union) into that of a Network Europe with multi-level partnerships that are no longer established between the State and the Market but between the three elements of a triangle "Government-Market-Civil Society" at the service of the Common Good.

The Olympic Rings.

We must stop thinking about the Union in terms of "concentric circles", with a group of Member States right in the middle, to favour instead a vision based on the model of the Olympic rings, with the Union intertwined with other sets of neighbouring countries sharing the same interest for "international human rights".

The Metamorphosis.

With the integration of the Charter of Fundamental Rights as a cornerstone of the Treaty and the new objectives of the Union described above, European policies will have to change. The very text of the draft Treaty can therefore be the starting point for a real "metamorphosis" of Europe - and give it a new face - as well as a metamorphosis of business and macro-economic models.