



Transforming Our Europe

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Summary.

In response to Commission White Paper '*The Future of Europe*' and its five scenarios and the follow up communications, the informal group *Europe Ambition 2030*¹ is presenting in this paper **the governance innovations of a scenario of an 'ambitious Europe' which puts Europe in position to lead the re-orientation of globalization (globalism) so that no one should be left behind** .

***Transforming Our Europe*' is in line** with the work of the UN, G20, OECD, IMF, Financial Risks Stability Board, EU Commission High Level Group on Green and Sustainable Finance, Credit Rating Agencies expanding their scope to 'sustainability risks'. This scenario and action plan is as well inspired by the Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'* and reports as the USA National Intelligence Council report '*Paradox of Progress*', the UN Business Commission report *Better business- better world* and Mc Kinsey report '*New priorities for the European Union at 60*'.

This paper presents a new narrative. The European Union will once again be a *purpose-driven community*. For European Citizens the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 are a major source of progress. By placing these universal Goals, agreed by all countries of the world in 2015 - and which are providing the new common global narrative - at the heart of the European project, European Citizens have the long waited 'programmatic rights' which complement the Charter of Fundamental Rights. : the objectives are a world without poverty or hunger, in which high-quality healthcare and education are available to all, where gender inequalities have been abolished, where economic growth does not harm the environment and where peace and freedom reign all over the world.

This paper proposes an Action Plan 2017-2018 focused on governance and other related innovations which - without EU Treaty change- could reconfigure the EU software to better serve and protect citizens, empower non state actors both in terms of democracy and market change, engage a new development cycle, secure resilience, encourage to care and enhance well being, develop new forms of international collaboration in an era of polyilateralism.

¹ *Europe Ambition 2030* is an informal group of non state actors, public and private, open to non governmental organizations, companies, financiers, regions, cities and platforms of non state actors for whom the Agenda 2030, titled "*Transforming our World*", is the right framework of a '*European transformation*' to make the EU more attractive to its citizens. For more information www.epe.be.

At a time when most current sustainability models center around people, markets and capitalism, it will lead to :

- a new *European development model and development cycle*
- *new business models* : social, lean, integrated, circular , more resilient in front of the planetary boundaries,
- *major financial market changes* with Value Based Investors /Impact Investing moving mainstream and massive investments in a new socio-economic development model, energy and ecological transition supported by a joint action plan of Financial institutions and citizens to harness capital for the common good and lead the world ,
- a “*new social contract*” among business, government and society to build the 60 sustainable and inclusive market “hotspots” in energy, cities, food and agriculture, and health and well-being markets identified in the Business and Sustainable Development Commission report titled ‘*Better Business, Better World* .
- new forms of *citizens empowerment in a digital era*.
- Credit Rating Agencies addressing sustainability risks ranking Europe institutions, Local Authorities and Business higher
- powerful collaboration scheme between state and non state actors with a major role of the EU Troika (Estonia, Bulgaria, Austria), the G20 German Presidency, the Italian OSCE Presidency, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions, the Parliaments and the European Commission.
- a ‘*Four Seas Alliance*’ to implement SDGs, climate and energy related issues between the EU27 and its Neighbors (inspired by the Helsinki process) including i.a. Russia, Ukraine, Iran, Turkey, Mediterranean Countries, the UK, Norway and Switzerland - with the USA and China as Observers. Its headquarter will be located outside the EU27.
- new ‘global’ alliances i.a. with China, Africa, ACP Countries, Latin America.

End 2018, an informal European Council on Resilience and Transition, focused on the implementation of SDGs and the Climate Agreement. Representatives of non state actors would be invited as we have entered a new era – well described by the USA report ‘*Paradox of Progress*’ -where Heads of States partner with non state actors to implement a strategy to meet the objectives fixed by public authorities, here the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement.

The informal European Council 2018 would adopt a roadmap and more ambitious targets that the UN 2015 agreement related to education (SDG4) poverty (SDG1), good health and well-being (SDG3) inequities (SDG10)², food system and nutritious food for all (SDG2), environment and resource efficiency (SDGs13,14,15),

On this basis European SDG’s champions would act as ‘ambassadors’ of the EU potential to the European peoples before the 2019 European elections.

² Où va le monde ? (*where is the world going ?*)Pascal Lamy and Nicole Guesotto. Ed O. Jacob 2017.