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#### I - Editorial

##### **More Europe to save the European civilization**

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The EU is in the midst of its worst crisis so far. This Network project “MoreEU – More Europe to overcome the Crisis” proposes a clear way forwards and aims to disseminate it across Europe. The idea that only a more united Europe can overcome the crisis derives from a long-term analysis of the European situation, sketched below. On this basis the project will approach the most crucial issues of the contemporary debate.

In this crisis what is at stake is European civilization itself. According to one of the greatest historian of the XX century, Arnold Toynbee, European citizens now are like those of the Greeks Polis in front of the Macedonian and then Roman Empire, and those of the city-states and region-states of the Italian Rinascimento in front of the consolidation of the first European Modern states. They all face the same existential challenge: unite or perish. And two great European civilizations did perish on that challenge. There was a debate about Greek unity, but eventually the idea that the Polis was the natural seat of cultural, political, social and economic life prevailed, together with the recognition that Athens and Sparta were different, even if they shared many things. In *The Prince* last chapter Machiavelli suggested that unless Italy united it would become prey of foreign invaders for a long time. Most of his contemporaries replied that Italy was a geographic expression and that people in Rome and Milan are very different. Much the same of what many people argue today about Europe. In human history it is normal for civilizations to arise, decline and perish. But it has a cost. In our school curricula we all study the Hellenic civilization, but afterward Greece disappears from our cultural, political, and economic focus for two millennia. Similarly, the Italian peninsula in the Rinascimento was the apex of wealth and culture, and much the centre of the European and Mediterranean politics, and then became only an object of conquest until its late unification in the XIX century.

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#### II - A European gleam on top news of the period

Mass-media agenda are increasingly compelled to put forward the European dimension of current affairs and news in our continent, despite their traditional inclination to bring back to national perspectives and interests almost every aspect of reality. Interdependence in all fields is so great in the EU, that everyday facts are imposing a new pluralist paradigm if we are to understand and act in a multilevel and globalised society where the European dimension is an essential survival unit: will the widespread public debate wittingly assume this new paradigm instead of downplaying it? We will select here regularly some top news of the period in order to examples of what it could mean.

1. 1 November 2014 - [The New Juncker Commission](#) - It's not just a new European Commission, but a step forward in creating a parliamentary form of government for the EU. After years of *de facto* leadership by the European Council, 2014 European Elections with the clear designation of candidates and political programs by the main European political parties backed a stronger interpretation of the European Commission and European Parliament roles in shaping EU future. This process is paradoxically more important than the electoral results themselves. It granted Jean-Claude Juncker, the winner candidate, a mandate he is already carrying out in full *within the limits of the Treaties*: he begun the restructuring of the Commission, designating 7 Vice-presidents entrusted with the main priorities of a clear and autonomous action plan.
2. 26 November 2014 - [Juncker Plan](#) - A €315bn investment plan is less than a half the 2009 US stimulus that helped the American economy in the midst of the crisis. Furthermore, the European Commission has no fiscal power and the plan has to rely on just €21bn of public money. Yet, it is a European investment plan and clearly indicates which investment priorities we should target if the European economy is to reboot on sustainable basis.
3. 7 January 2015 - #JeSuisCharlie - The bloody attack to the French satirical weekly magazine in Paris triggered a spontaneous demonstration in defense of the freedom of expression *as a fundamental European value*. Politics, society and mass-media all over Europe instinctively reacted with cohesion to the event, showing that its meaning and policy implications can be better assessed at the EU rather than national or "western" or even global level. The Jihad nightmare, the failure of a multicultural model of social integration, the old and new security risks continuously arising (and imported) from the EU external borders, the inadequacy of our old Nation-States to preach and practice human rights in and for the globalized world: all these issues are first and foremost linked to the need for a fully efficient and post-nationalist European political unity.
4. 22 January 2015 - [Draghi launches the ECB Quantitative Easing](#) - The Euro Area is going to join the US and Japan into unconventional monetary policy aimed at injecting money into the economy. While many economists are skeptical about QE effectiveness in general, and particularly in the Euro context, the ECB decision is a fundamental step toward the mutualization of risk among Member States, a strong message about the ECB willingness to save the Euro "whatever it takes" and a momentous support to the Juncker investment plan, its financial leverage relying on European Investment Bank bonds.



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#### III - Our initiatives

##### **Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies and CesUE Ltd**

- **European Law MOOT Court**, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, 12-15 February 2015.  
See also <http://www.europeanlawmootcourt.eu>

- **The EU's responses to the Challenges of its Neighbourhood**, Jean Monnet Module, taught by Serena Giusti, Researcher in Political Science, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (2015-2017)

- **Pilot group on teachers' training on the European dimension of civic education at all school levels in Italy**. CesUE Ltd won a public procurement contract aimed at coordinating the works and finalize the outputs of this groundbreaking Pilot group created by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Italian government.

##### **CEU San Pablo University - Madrid:**

- **Call for Papers 'Solidarity in Hard Times'**. The University Institute for European Studies, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at CEU San Pablo University organizes the first MoreEU International Conference 'Solidarity in Hard Times. Solidarity and the European Social Model in times of economic crisis'. (June 11-12, 2015). Papers submission is open until 9 February: [click here to read the call for proposals](#).

- New edition of Master programmes (October 2014- July 2015): **in European Union** (<http://bit.ly/1r8W67U>), **in International Relations** (<http://bit.ly/1pO9y0p>) and **in International Business Law** (<http://bit.ly/1Dsvap7>).

- **Course on "Single European Market & EMU"**, **Jean Monnet Module**, taught by Jerónimo Maillo, Professor of EU Law, CEU San Pablo University (September 2014-January 2015)  
More information: <http://bit.ly/1w5ofcE>

- **Seminar 'Communicating the new European Parliament: Challenges and Opportunities'**, with Jaume Duch, European Parliament's Spokesman and Director for Media. (January 16, 2015)

- **International Workshop: 'Energy taxation, environmental protection and State aids: tracing the path from divergence to convergence'**. The University Institute for European Studies will organize this International Conference partnered with the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) and with the support of the Directorate General for Education and Culture of the European Commission. (January 29-30, 2015) <http://bit.ly/1s8ibEK>

- **II Curso Superior de Arbitraje**. This is the first course in Spanish offered as part of the program 'Recognised Course Provider (RCP)'. It allows participants to access the accreditation at the level of Member (MCI Arb) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. (February 23 to 27, 2015)  
More information: <http://bit.ly/1d6Tw7c>



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#### Institute of European Studies - University of Warsaw :

- **New Master programmes in English „European Administration”.** The curriculum of second cycle European Administration course enables students to acquire in depth knowledge about the EU management and all the dimensions of European integration. In the course of study students choose between three specializations:

- European Affairs Management (provides complex knowledge necessary for working in national and/or EU administration and to handle implementation of EU policies)
- EU Funds and Programmes (provides knowledge and skills necessary to obtain and manage financial resources assigned within EU funds and programmes)
- EU Diplomacy (ensures in depth study of internal and external foreign policies of EU and the codes of conduct in diplomacy; provides knowledge and skills necessary to work as a foreign affairs officer and to handle external EU policies).

The course prepares for working for central and local public administration, being an officer in EU or international structures, working for NGOs, business activity at EU markets, working for lobbying and consulting organizations – meaning both the contents of the study and the linguistic abilities. <http://www.europeistyka.uw.edu.pl/index.php/node/121>

#### Nova Law School - University of Lisbon :

- From January to June 2015, presentation of MoreEU activities for school students and teachers in more than 100 Portuguese secondary school during the promotion of Nova Law School's bachelor degree.

#### IV - Other interesting opportunities

- The members of the Editorial Board of *Perspectives on Federalism* thank all contributors for sending their papers and for authorizing its evaluation concerning the possibility of publication on the e-journal. The notes, essays or review articles submitted to *Perspectives on Federalism* will undergo rigorous peer review. Authors will receive a feedback in a reasonable time, usually about a month.

- The editorial board of the academic journal of Institute “European Review” would like to encourage all researchers to submit their papers for publication in 2015. The substantive content of the articles should fit into the profile of the journal, which includes the following areas: theories and methods in European studies; law, institutions and policies of the European Union; history, culture and society in Europe. “European Review” is a well-established journal in Polish academia, published since 2000. The papers are accepted continuously and evaluated by external reviewers in a double-blind reviewing process. More information on the journal, see: <http://en.przegladeuropejski.wdinp.uw.edu.pl/>

- **Security of Europe, European Union and Poland in the Face of Current and Future Threats. Diagnoses and Future Scenarios**, conference organized by the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and Collegium Polonicum in Słubice. (February 5-6, 2015), Collegium Polonicum, Słubice.

<http://europa21.edu.pl/invitation-en/>



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