



What Kind of Reform for the EU?

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Europe and the European project were hit by successive crises in recent years, which had a cumulative effect. Many people reached the conclusion that the euro was unsustainable and a large part of the European construction as well. They apparently underestimated the ties that keep the Union together in big crises. True, the UK has decided to leave, but no other country is looking for the exit, while the election of President Macron in France has created expectations for a new Franco-German initiative in European integration. Euphoria has once again replaced doom and gloom.

Is the EU ready for reform, and of what kind? Which is the best way to link reform at the European and the national level? Is reform politically neutral? And what are the prospects for narrowing the gap between and within countries?

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