

EUROPA: DEATH THROES or POWER SURGE

A scrap value ocean liner loaded with migrants applies for entry in a UK channel port. Refused, it sets course to Belgium which attempts in vain to send the ship back across The Channel. Stranded, the passengers had to be eventually debarked creating a national emergency. European solidarity became overstretched: Italy refused to cooperate and political turmoil in Belgium led to break-up of Belgium. This rang the bell for the final death throes of the Union and its global promise.

But is this really what we want to happen or will Europe choose cooperation, leadership and good agreements on sovereignty?

The European Union is set up with the aim of ending the frequent and bloody wars between neighbours, which culminated in the Second World War. We Europeans benefit from each others capacities through cooperation. Therefore the Union. However, the UK's position on membership has become a big and complicated issue with far reaching spill over effects. An outcome may not issue desintegration of the UK from Europe.

To secure Europe's future, the area of prosperity we live in, we must understand the nature of it. Historically, culturally, and economically, Europa consists of different countries with certainly last but not least the UK intertwined. EU's territorial integrity is threatened and safeguarding it is top priority. Without each other, security and protection will be affected, as well as economies.

Europe, don't let the UK struggle with its political identity and discord, it is also our struggle.

Irrespective results of consultations, speed-up policy-formation together with the UK towards unifying legislation concerning matters that only can be resolved on a continental scale. The UK, as one of the continent's liberators of a dictatorial movement where opposition was not allowed, is needed to play a firm role in areas where they excel, for their own interest as well as Europe's. In particular defense, intelligence, immigration and academic education (English universities, belonging to the top of global academic education) contribute.

On both sides of The Channel there's momentum to make choices and to decide, also concerning overlapping pressing issues in several areas. Forget prerogatives, provide expanding window of opportunity and let the UK their role in Europe.

Too much is tilting to remain in stalemate. Debates and decisions on SDGs, global climate and about how to shape our common future rise far above British Parliament's mandate. We need strong security and defense, European cooperation, coordinated sovereignty and European society involved, not death throes of the Union.

In Europe arose high cultural, ethical and moral values, were spread there, formed the fabric of society and can be considered as our European idea to engage. But while working together to achieve common goals, contradictions will remain between Europe's culture and of sovereign states' own national character. As long as "The Idea of Europe" is not embraced and is not perceived and felt as leading, national identity will prevail.

It's time for a power surge; define and explain Europe's construction, role and position. Time for cooperation and leadership, for reliable and complete information about Europe's raison d'être and added value. And time to make clear what the Union can't and will not do, because member states are able and want to do it by themselves. When this is clarified, the 'Queen Elizabeth 2' will apply for entry and receive permission to dock.