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IED SMART CITY WORKSHOP



**COP 21: AN ANNOUNCED  
FAILURE...OR A LAST  
MINUTE AGREEMENT?**  
PARIS



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FROM THE EUROZONE TO  
A "EURO UNION"**

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### COP 21: AN ANNOUNCED FAILURE...OR A LAST MINUTE AGREEMENT?

What will be the result of the climate conference in Paris, COP21: failure or success? What are the requirements to talk about a success? Facing international climate conferences that are largely insufficient to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, what concrete actions can be considered as responsive at reducing global warming? The Paris Conference has announced two ambitious objectives: a stronger and universal commitment from the International community to control effectively the CO2 emissions and the implementation of the green financing (not only from the States budget) to help the developing countries to accept a new agreement. However, the commitments to be valid must be backed by reliable procedures checks, and if they are to be applied along the time there should be sanctions. The issue of the HFC (hydro fluoro carbons) and the reduction of food waste and protection of forests as carbon sinks may be considered as well as the issue of innovative financing for climate.

### Conference, PARIS, 15th October 2015

#### Programme

##### 14H00 / WELCOME SPEECH

- Jacqueline Gourault, Vice-President of the Senate

##### 14H15 / INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

- Marielle de Sarnez, General Secretary of the European Democratic Party, Member of the EU Parliament  
- Yann Wehring, Spokesperson of Mouvement Démocrate in charge of sustainable development issues

##### 14H45 / SPEECH BY BRICE LALONDE

- Brice Lalonde, former Minister and former Ambassador on Climate

##### 15H00 / ROUND TABLE: THE CHALLENGES OF THE COP21, WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES?

- Laurence Vichnievsky, Regional advisor Paca  
- Jean-Baptiste Poncelet, Coordinator COP21 at France Nature Environnement  
- Davide Triacca, Scientific Coordinator of Centro per un Futuro Sostenibile

##### 15H45 / HOW TO ANTICIPATE THE ISSUE OF THE CLIMATE REFUGEES?

- Fadila Mehal, Conseillère of Paris XVIII<sup>e</sup>

##### 16H00 / WHAT FUNDING FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE?

- Mathieu Orphelin, Spokesperson of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation

##### 16H30 / SPEECH BY RICCARDO VALENTINI

- Riccardo Valentini, Professor at the University of Tuscia, member of IPCC (Nobel prize 2007)

##### 17H00 / SPEECH BY KAMEL BEN NACEUR

- Kamel Ben Naceur, Director for Sustainable Energy Policy and Technology at the International Energy Agency

##### 17H30 / CONCLUSION: THE POLITICAL CONCERNS OF THE COP21

The conditions for avoiding the failure of the COP21  
- Francesco Rutelli, Co-president of the European Democratic Party, Former Mayor of Rome  
- François Bayrou, President of Mouvement Démocrate, Co-president of the European Democratic Party

## Research activity

### *From the Eurozone to a “Euro Union”*

A high level reflection seminar untitled “From the Eurozone to a ‘Euro Union’” was organised in Luxembourg the 26th and 27th of June 2015 by the IED and by the Paris based think think *EuropaNova*, on the initiative of Mr. Gérard Deprez, Member of the European Parliament.

The fifteen participants of seven different nationalities debated in all frankness the current evolution of the European integration process and in particular the Eurozone situation. Establishing a common diagnostic, they also discussed about the best ways to strengthen the European project. The presence of Harry Theocharis, member of the Greek Parliament, was also a clear added value to the discussions at the same moment the Greek referendum was announced by the Prime Minister, Alexis Tsipras. As one of the conclusion of the works, the participants agreed on the necessity to ask the European Parliament to promote the convocation, as soon as possible, of a new “Convention” in charge of formulating precise propositions to reinforce the Eurozone.

Keeping in mind the current political difficulties to change the treaties in some countries, few modifications could however be introduced in a short term without a long institutional and uncertain process. Indeed, a parliamentarian entity would be suitable as a control authority in order to set forth a more obvious democratic legitimation. Furthermore, a President of the Eurozone (also VP of the European Commission on the model used for the High representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security policy) capable to offer the necessary impulse and a good

representation of the Eurozone has been proposed. In addition, a fiscal capacity for the Eurozone should be also untitled, with the possibility to take measures in supplying some public goods, or to absorb asymmetric shocks or to implement the youth guarantee in order to overcome the unemployment. With the contributions of Prof. Sergio Fabbrini, Dr. Xavier Timbeau, Prof. Jean-Luc Sauron, Dr. Ulrike Guérot, Harry Theocharis, Jean Arthuis, Gérard Deprez, François Pauli and François Lafond among other participants.

*A publication (French and English versions) of this event will be available soon on our [website](#).*



## The outcome of...#DIGITOCRACY

### ***Interview to Fabio Toccaceli, head of the working group on "Smart City" for Alleanza Popolare.***

How is it possible to improve the quality of life of citizens? From this simple but not easy question, *Alleanza Popolare* started to look for an effective, sustainable and environmental systematic method to improve all sectors and dimensions of a community's life. This is why the concept of "Smart City"



has proved to be the most interesting answer in this regard, suitable to satisfy all these mentioned needs. In fact, with the current information and telecommunication technologies and the educational work on digital knowledge, this is possible to create new initiatives, infrastructures and opportunities aimed to a positive effect on social inclusion, on the transparency and availability of services, in monitoring the proper use of natural resources, on mobility and much more.

After a general overview of these issues with the conference "SMART CITY, a new model of democratic life" which took place in San Marino

in September 2014, a second specific workshop #DIGITOCRACY, held in April 2015, allow the participants to discuss the possibility of real applications of such development model to small urban areas. With a possible implementation in the small Republic of San Marino. Nowadays, the aim is to continue this series of events, successful thanks to the collaboration with the Institute of European Democrats (IED), focusing on the single macro areas of a Smart City, with the objective to produce technical and political documents that can be preparatory to a possible transition of our ancient country towards this model of growth.

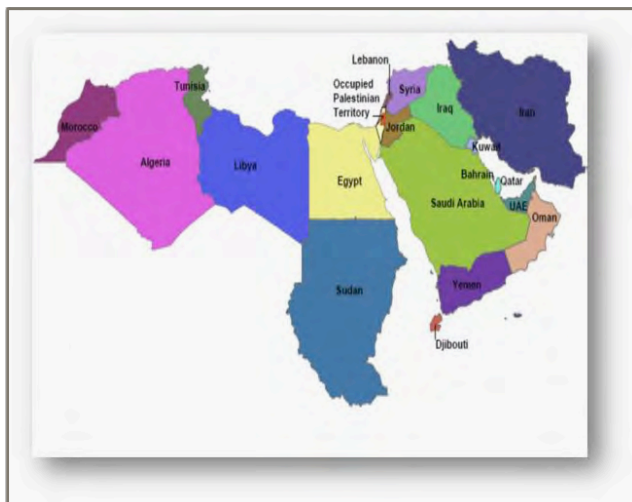
Next year, our reflections will be to deal with what we consider the key issue, as all depends from its intelligence: **"# DIGITOCRACY2016, Towards a Smart Government"!**



## Our last events

### **Whither the Middle East. The Blueprint for the Future**

IED Seminar in collaboration with the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University and the Warsaw Middle East Institute of the Łazarski University  
Warsaw, 16th July 2015



In the face of fast paced global changes and emerging new trends, the European approach towards the Middle East is in need of re-conceptualization. The world has clearly been divided into the "West" and the "rest", or - in other words - into the relatively well-to do swath of Western countries (sharing the same values and comprising now also the East European states) and the "rest" consisting of "relatively stable and democratic" governments (BRICs, MINTs) and the countries still struggling for a stable democratic order (MENA states). The usual simplifying template applied by scientists renders this growing chasm by referring to terms: core and periphery. The

current challenges like migration, terrorism, organised crime and climate change need concrete actions from the ground with local stakeholders by fairer distribution of assets and wealth. The IED Seminar at the Łazarski University focused on the MENA area offering an assessment of the current challenges and crisis that require prompt solutions before getting out of control and spreading the contagion into neighbouring countries. Afterwards, the expert panelists reviewed the EU strategy and the US approach towards the region in order to suggest constructive alternatives. Some themes such as the persecution of the Christians and the ISIS conquest, the role of the Kurds in such new "order", the new forms of terrorism like Boko Haram and the religious divide within the Muslim world were discussed in an articulated way by Andrzej Potocki, Artur Wroblewski, Robert Rostek, Samuel Wodi Jimba, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, Adil Abdel Aati, Ziyad Raof, Witold Repetowicz, Newaf Xelil and Jose Felix Merladet among others guests.

### **The European Union and the Opportunities for the Youth 2014 Erasmus+**

International Conference, IED and Young Europeans (Mladí Európania, ME)  
Bratislava, 11th May 2015

The primary goal of the event was to raise awareness about the possibilities of the participation and professional and personal growth of young people in diverse programmes and concepts that the EU offers to this sector. It also presented the concrete opportunities for young people and discussed the challenges and problems that could occur within the implementation of the European programmes. As it was organised as a roundtable, it was a very interactive debate allowing all invited panellists to ask and discuss the main themes. Additionally, two simultaneously panels "The youth in the EU, the situation and the facts" and "Beyond Erasmus, after 20 years of success" were very fruitful. The Young Europeans (Mladí Európania, ME) Slovak youth organisation partner of the Slovak European Democratic Party (EDP) have organised this conference. Luca Bader Executive Director of the Institute of European Democrats (IED) made the introductory remarks.

Vlasta Kunová, Xabier Iñigo Ochandiano Martínez, Igor Hraško, Jana Stadtruckerová, Sarah Robin debated in the first panel, and then Slavomír Rudenko (Member of the Board of Institute of European Democrats (IED), Marcela Hajtmánková, Zuzana Poláčková, Ondrej Mäsiar, and Lýdia Hirošová, a Youth Representative of Young Europeans (ME) were the speakers of the second one.

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## **The Awakening of Nations, Regions and Cultural Minorities in Europe. The European Union as a Solution**

IED Seminar in collaboration with Sabino Arana Fundazioa  
Bilbao, 24th April 2015

Globalisation has spread, sending out signals of uniformity that have brought about the creation of new regional structures of a supranational nature that have weakened the classic nation-states which have proved to be too small to face the new global realities and, at times, too big to deal with the



everyday needs of their citizens. The creation of these supranational organisations has redefined the concept of national sovereignty and restricted it in order to move forward in a community of shared sovereignties and multi-level governance. Europe is a land fertile in national cultures and minorities that reveal the continent's roots and represent diversity and a treasure for Europeans.

We are currently experiencing a revival of these minority communities who seek to strengthen their identity heritage without aspiring to become a state. The goal of the seminar was to identify key factors that could contribute to the search for solutions that would enable a political space to be built for citizens that will respect the founding principles of the European project and promote peace between the peoples of Europe. Prof. Marc Guerrero opened the conference and then the first round-table on national realities with the process of European integration was shared by Prof. Jaume Renyer and Prof. Xabier Ezeizabarrena and moderated by Mr. Mikel Anton, Member of the Board of Directors of the IED. Afterwards, there was the second roundtable on national minorities in Europe and their aspirations focussing on minority languages. Mr. Vicent Climent-Ferrando and Mr. Johan Häggman participated at that roundtable and MEP Izaskun Bilbao was the moderator.

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