

New challenges in Europe's Future

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- Financial crisis
- Unemployment (especially youth)

Challenges

Terrorism



The last 2 year, there is a very large shortfall in the feeling of security across the Europe, due to the series of terrorist strikes. Because of the existence of the Islamic State (ISIS) in the Middle East (mainly in the area of Syria and Iraq), too many European citizens who are Muslim, are being recruited by ISIS, fighting in the abovementioned area and then return to countries of origin, in order to make suicide attacks. The result of all this, it is the closing of the borders and the existence of strong police and military units in the boasting points of cities and restrictions on the movements of citizens.

Migrant crisis



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The European migrant crisis (or the European refugee crisis) is a term given to a period beginning in 2015 when rising numbers of people arrived in the EU, travelling across the Mediterranean Sea or overland through Southeast Europe (Balkan Peninsula and Italy). These people included asylum seekers, but also others, such as economic migrants, and a small number of hostile agents including "Islamic State militants" according to some intelligence agencies. By religious affiliation, the majority of the unauthorised foreign migrants are Muslim, with a small component of non-Muslim minorities (including Yazidis, Assyrians, Mandeans, etc). The most of them are adult males and females, but also there are minors under 18 years of age.

The rise of the far-right policy



The rise of the far-right

The economic, social and political turmoil that prevails in Europe has resulted in the rampant rise of far-right politicians. Well-known examples are:

- Geert Wilders, in the Netherlands (Partij voor de Vrijheid)
- Frauke Petry, in Germany (AfD)
- Marine Le Pen, in France (Front National)
- Beata Maria Szydło, in Poland (PiS)
- Viktor Orbán, in Hungary (Fidesz)

All of them believe that the European Union is a closed political oligarchy which must be dissolved in order to govern each country by its people. Also support the policy of restrictions on the movement of citizens, in the interests of national security, as well as the expulsion of immigrants, with special emphasis on the Muslim religion.

Financial crisis



One of the most important challenges that Europe is facing and will continue to face in the future is the financial crisis as well as the development model that would follow each member individually, but Europe as a whole, in order not to have ever experienced such similar situations in the future. Also, we should also look at the issue of continuation or non-continuation of the monetary unification and in other countries than the existing 19 of the Eurozone.

Unemployment



Probably the most significant social problem is unemployment, which is even more essential for the youth of Europe. If we want to make a distinction with geographical criteria, we can say that the largest percentages are in the countries of southern and eastern Europe. The leading cause of high unemployment rates is the shortage of work, due to the high cost which cannot be met, owing to the financial crisis situation. The result is the brain drain to the most developed countries of Europe, such as Germany, France, the Scandinavian countries and the Benelux countries.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we can say that Europe is at a critical crossroads, which will determine its future. Crucial decisions need to be taken in order to ensure sustainability and future development. These challenges must be tackled with courage and determination, otherwise the future is bleak.