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Re-thinking Europe:

IEM calls for subsidiary, solidary, federal EU-state structures

The IEM as European Think-tank demands from the European governments and leaders in charge a **comprehensive reform** in the direction of a structure of states, guided by subsidiarity principles and humanitarian values. The inner and external security of an organisation of states is a necessary pre-condition for citizens for peace and well-being.

Migration needs to be regulated effectively and jointly with solidarity. The purpose of a common €-currency does not appeal to most other countries, their own savings do not carry any interest. They do not understand any more the sense of a free, safe and lawful Europe in the structures of today.

In this sense, to protect and re-think Europe, IEM demands from all European Governments and especially the newly elected leaders, to act without delay to get the following things done within the next 8 years until 2025:

- **Reform the EU now** – as Guy Verhofstadt said on June 6th, 2017: instead of a EU Commission what is needed is a fully employed EU-government, a Senate representing the member states, a directly elected government one man – one vote, a change of the treaties to a fully subsidiary constitution and more courage for change.

- **more european state structure:**
- the EU should be further developed to a subsidiary(?), federal and market-economical state with the aim of a Union of peace, freedom and welfare for all citizens, whether young or old, without discrimination of religion, sex, race or origin and with social help for the weakest.

- **strength vis-a-vis migration:**
- EU-external borders have to be strengthened and the coast- and border forces (Frontex) supported by all countries. At EU borders the necessary capacities have to be installed to identify migrants for EU-wide electronic registration and decision-making about acceptance or refusal. Those, who are accepted, have to be accepted in all EU-countries.
- with countries bordering the EU, an intensive and effective dialogue has to be put in place about the illegal human trafficker, illegal trespassing of borders and returning with the aim of effective legal protection and regulation of all humans.
- the effective application of existing laws of acceptance or refusal of migrants within 6 month in all states, latest three month after a court decision about a refusal, the decision has to be carried out.

- **Africa**
- all women and men in Africa should live a self determined life. That implies i.e. the right of family planning, a better education and facilitation of self-employment of small and medium sized companies through micro financing.
- the economies of Africa and Europe should eliminate still existing colonial structures and enhance open and fair opportunities of free and sustainable trade.
- the EU can help a great deal by installing effective governmental and legal structures without corruption and for the welfare of all african citizens. A Common African Market should be promoted.

- **joint defense:**
- the internal threats of EU-destructive, nationalistic and populist forces need to be fought back systematically, actively and jointly by all countries with modern electronic means,
- the external threats of the EU have to be fought back as well with joint armed forces, jointly developed and built arms, strategies and training. The military expenses must

be focused, not augmented accordingly.

save and change the Euro-System:

- the EURO-currency system should not be used as a north-south-transfer system, for unbalanced budgets and overloaded with public debt. The reform of the labor-, financial and public procurement markets have to be prioritized, carried out effectively and controlled by independent judges. Unbalanced-budgets and public debt must be restricted and forbidden by the constitutions.

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Fairness with taxes:

- the tax income loss through artificial tax advantages and tax evasions in the EU (ca. 1 Bil € p.a.) have to be prevented. Main sufferers are consumers, other tax payers, normal citizens and pensioners.
- Everybody – especially big globally acting corporates – have to pay their fair share at financing the public infrastructure, education and pension systems.
- the decisive point of taxation should be the location of activities and turnover to the end-customer. International tax evasion, tax paradises and market disrupting state subsidies are competition misleading government aid or subsidies and are to be eliminated accordingly.

building a transparent European Public Opinion:

- to rebuild confidence and prevent dwindling trust of European citizens in European institutions, contracts and the EU-capability of effective problem solving has to be stopped. The citizens want Europe, but one that functions well to the benefit of all citizens. An open, transparent public opinion building process must be installed. An European-wide public opinion with free and uncensored TV, radio, press statements and English as the common „language of understanding“ has to be build and supported by European legislation and tax money and protected through an EU-constitution.