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The European Union: more a necessity than a utopia

Probably some of the biggest difficulties the ambitious EU project has been faced with are the doubts which have arisen amongst those who ~~built it~~ were tasked with bringing it to fruition: the European citizens themselves. Europe has been criticised for so many reasons and so many different ideological or cultural arguments, that the wealth it now enjoys, be it robust or fragile, is something of a miracle. You could say that the EU currently exists in spite of one section of the population and thanks to the enormous effort and dedication of another and that, whilst some reject it, for others a united Europe is something more than a "reasonable utopia", as it was described by a Spanish writer: It's an urgent necessity.

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The EU, is of course, the result of a political will, but it makes no sense to pretend, as some have done, that this will ~~amounts~~ amounts to no more than a simple avoidable historic whim. I'm not one that believes that great historical events are predetermined, however I find it difficult to imagine how Europe would have managed the complex combination of problems it has faced in the past, as well as its current situation and what we can expect in the future, in a way that was different from the institutional structure we now call the EU. Even if we accept that there is no historic determinism, it's clear that our culture and our vision of the world have made the EU and its institutions almost essential, whatever problems and difficulties they may have yet to overcome.

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The 60 years since the signing of the treaty of Rome which are commemorated this year should be considered, in my opinion, as the solidification of a certain optimism, one that, of course, is not always apparent, but an optimism nevertheless. Our own personal experience shows us that in life there are things that count for so much more than our worries and our doubts and among those, is a fundamental: what we have been able to achieve in spite of those worries. Well, the same happens with something as important as the construction of the European project. I'd dare say that the EU is now much more than the result of past suffering: It's the proof of an instinctive optimism ~~that~~ deeply rooted in our culture and way of life. Even if many do not recognise it. But no matter. Now the key is, as the immortal Don Quixote from the work of Cervantes would have said, to keep on going.