European sovereignty... 

...means developing Europe’s ‘Weltpolitikfähigkeit’ = the capacity to play a role, as a Union, in shaping global affairs

...emerges from the national sovereignty of our Member States

...is created by the belief that sharing sovereignty makes nation states stronger

...enables us to offer collective solutions to collective problems

...enables all of us to better protect, defend and empower our citizens

...can never be an excuse for withdrawing from the world, but is rather an encouragement for our continent to assume more responsibility — Europe is a continent that can never be an island, but will only prosper if we are connected to the world

‘Together, as a Union, we can plant the seeds of a more sovereign Europe.’

Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 12 September 2018