The Future of the Cohesion Policy of the EU

With a growing community in recent years the European Union faces more challenges each year. The important challenge is the cohesion of regions which all have a different economic and social history and tradition.

The fourth report on cohesion indicates the situation of economic and social disparities within the Union: There is a great disparity in the GDP between eastern states, southern Italy and Portugal and the other members. Growth concentrates in the most dynamic areas and, in future times, will not be shared equally in the territory. Furthermore, the unemployment rate exceeds 12 % in many areas. Finally, there are areas which are more endangered to natural hazards such as floods than others due to geographical reasons.

On the way to economic, social and territorial cohesion, these are the problems which are challenging the European Union. However, challenges might turn into opportunities: Sustainable economic growth requires new economists with inventive ideas. Inventive ideas will then produce more jobs. A better awareness of natural hazards and the effects of human activity on natural hazards might reduce the impact of natural catastrophes on civilisation.

Where do creative people with new ideas for sustainable economic growth, for decreasing unemployment rate and better awareness of natural hazards come from? They will only come from solid education!

Thus, the future of Europe’s cohesion requires a unique and independent education system. The EU has to invest more into education such as in independent schools and Universities!

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