

QUO VADIS, EUROPEAN UNION?

European Integration, Future Scenario Development



Many questions the EU is currently facing are included. Furthermore the difficulty to find common ground among the members states becomes comprehensible

DESCRIPTION

The simulation game covers the debate on the future of European Union in the context of the recent challenges to the integration project. In the scenario, the participants approach the topic by discussing and negotiating two core issues: A future vision for the EU and the policy to states applying for membership. The main objective is to familiarize the participants with the different visions for Europe and to engage in a debate on its values and core ideas.

SCENARIO & PROCEDURE

The scenario places the participants slightly in the future. A fictitious state wants to join the European Union. Before, however, the member states want to agree on a future vision for the EU. This will give them a clearer outlook and will make it easier to integrate a new member state. The participants will take the roles of member state representatives and participate in special summit on the topic. The conferences will develop a road map which outlines the vision for the EU and afterwards decide on the application.

BACKGROUND

The European Union is facing difficult times: The aftermath of the Euro crisis is still impacting several members, in many countries populism and euro-skepticisms are rising, the refugee situation is revealing the limits of solidarity in the Union and Brexit has shown that an ever deeper integration among members is not predestinated. Several proposals on how to react to those challenges are on the table, ranging from establishing a EU of different speeds to a United States of Europe. The opinions on how to reform the EU are highly controversial, the only thing which is clear is that inaction will lead to a further worsening of the situation. In order to survive the European project needs a clear vision and ultimately reform.



Participants develop their own ideas about a possible future structure and organization of the European Union.

Learning targets:

- To get to know and form an opinion on the future of the European Union
- Engage with the values and core ideas of European integration
- To learn about the different political interests in the European member-states

Target-Group: actors in political educational work and persons, students, age 18 and above

Participants: 15 to 30

Duration: 1 day

Type: semi-realistic; actors centred

Languages: German and English