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## STILL A VESSEL FOR UNITY?

CALL FOR ARTICLES



**IFAIR**

Young Initiative on Foreign Affairs  
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Since the year 2000, the motto of the European Union has been **United in Diversity**.

20 years and two crucial treaties later, it seems worthwhile to reassess the validity of this credo under the light of past and current events.

Have they become a true precept or just a mere catchphrase?

Just as a new European Commission is making its first steps, the Union seems to brace for rough times: rising populism, Brexit, discord on voting the budget, even a pandemic and a looming economic crisis are now in many newspaper headlines. On the other hand, accession talks for Albania and North Macedonia are set to begin soon.

**Undoubtedly, the EU is becoming more diverse. But how united is it? What will prevail? Distrust or solidarity?**

**IFAIR is looking for your contributions tackling this topic.**

Following questions can help you define your subject:

How do Member States view and use the European Institutions? Is it rather self-interested or inspired by European public welfare?

Do Member States perceive a democratic deficit in the European Union? If so how?

How do the Member States' perceptions of democracy and governance in the EU diverge?

Your subject can also put these question into perspective through the lens of recent challenges or political evolutions that the EU is facing, to picture a concrete example. You can link it to any policy field of your liking.

Language: English

Length: max. 1.500 words

Format: Word

Info: Name/Age/Country

Deadline: 01/07/2020

# Formal criteria for contributions to the Think Tank on IFAIR.eu

These formal criteria are valid as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019, but do not apply retroactively.

All contributions have to be assigned to one of IFAIR's **regional divisions** and conform to one of the following **categories**:

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## Analysis

- **Tone:** analytical, critical
- **Length:** 1500 words **max.**
- **Examples:**
  - Short versions of term papers
  - Analyses of current issues in International Relations
  - Work linking research and practice
- **Images:**
  - Please provide a portrait picture of yourself
  - Please also provide a photo accompanying the article (public domain source or picture copyrighted by the author that can become public domain), © photographer/picture database (if applicable)
- **Structure:**
  - Up to two levels of structure
  - Use „1., 2., ...“ (bold) for subdivisions on the first and „a), b), ...“ (italics) for subdivisions on the second level
- **Sources** (works and data cited in or inspiring the contribution):
  - In the text: (Last name Year: Page)
  - Bibliography: Last name, first name Year: Title, in: Last name, First name (ed.), Book title, Location: Publisher (or in: Journal title (Volume/Number)), pages x-y.

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## Short Article

- **Tone:** descriptive, commentarial
- **Length:** 500 words **max.**
- **Examples:**
  - Statements on current topics
  - Policy advice
  - Book or video reviews
  - Field reports
  - Interviews
  - Recommendations about jobs or events
- **Images:**
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- **Structure:**
  - Up to one level of structure
  - Use „1., 2., ...“ (bold) for subdivisions
- **Sources:** no references are required

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