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Future of Europe: Scenarios

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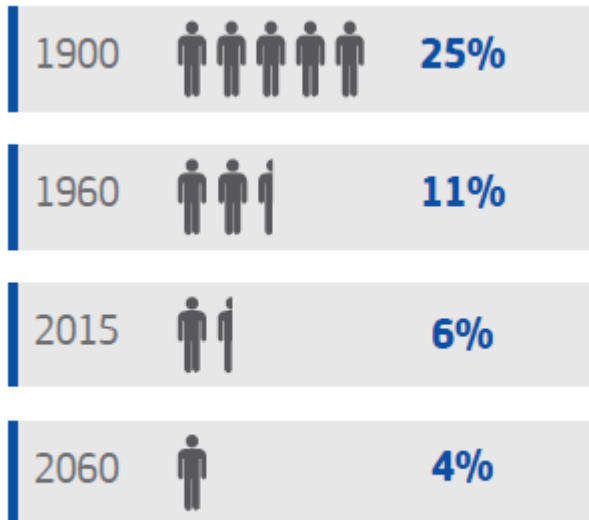
European Commission Representation in Hungary

Challenges of the EU



Changing demographics

Population shift



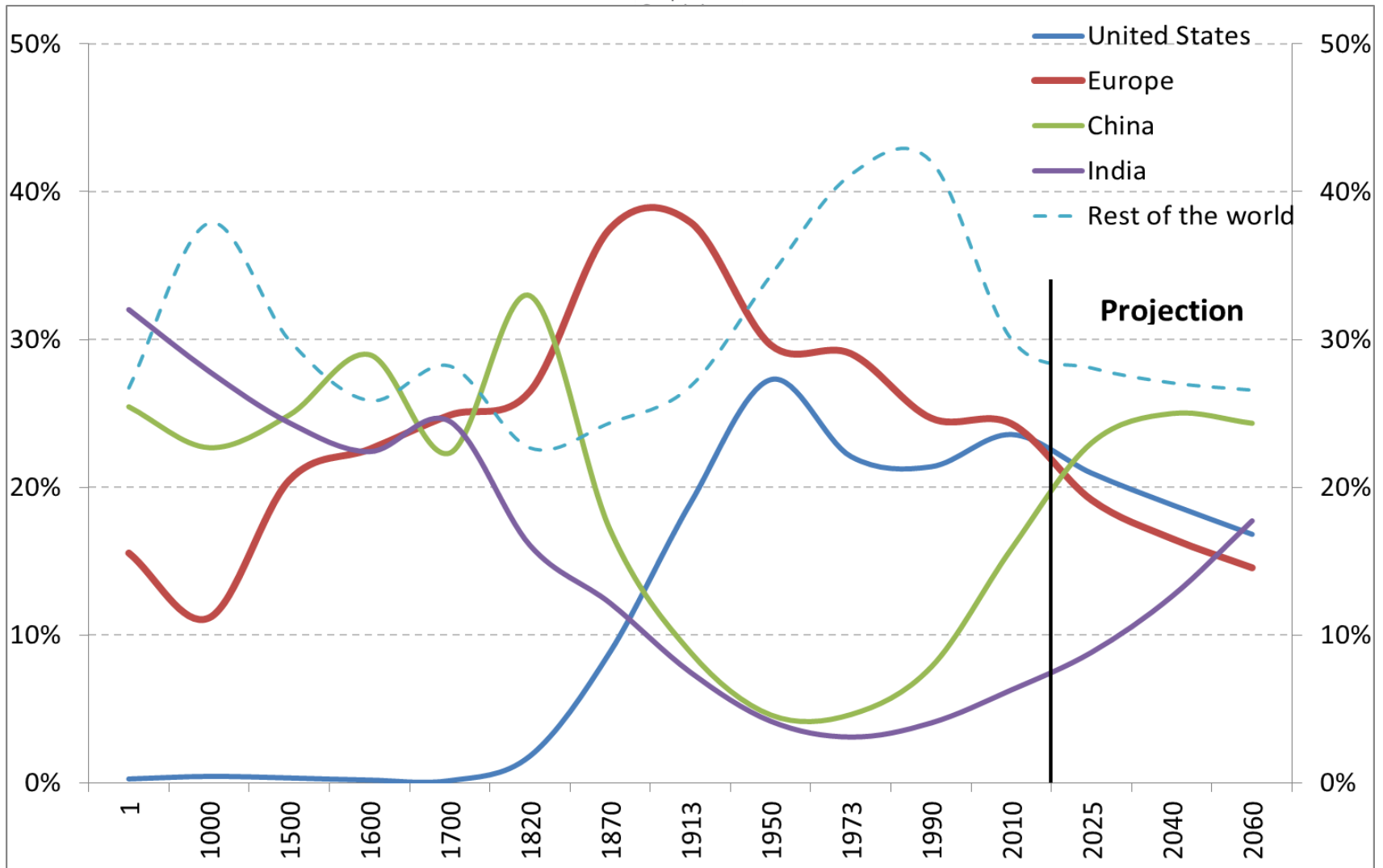
Europe's economic power will wane

Return of populist and nationalist rhetoric

Economic weight

| | 2004 | 2015 | |
|--------------------------|------|------|---|
| United States of America | 28% | 24% | ↘ |
| EU-27 | 26% | 22% | ↘ |
| Japan | 11% | 6% | ↘ |
| UK | 5% | 4% | ↘ |
| China | 5% | 15% | ↗ |
| Canada | 2% | 2% | → |
| Mexico | 2% | 2% | → |
| Brazil | <2% | 2% | ↗ |
| India | <2% | 3% | ↗ |
| Rest of the world | 18% | 21% | ↗ |

Forrás: ENSZ Statisztikai Osztály és Eurostat EU27.



Five scenarios on the future of EU27

The five scenarios – a glimpse into the potential state of the Union by 2025, depending on the choices Europe will make.

The starting point for each scenario is that the 27 Member States move forward together as a Union.

The five scenarios are illustrative and thought provoking rather than detailed blueprints. That's why no mention of legal procedures and institutional process.

Wide range of possibilities covered.

Number of overlaps between scenarios.



1. Carrying on

The EU27 focuses on delivering its positive reform agenda.



The positive agenda of action continues to deliver concrete results.

The unity of EU27 remains.



The unity of the 27 may still be tested in the event of major disputes.

The gap between promise and delivery will only progressively be closed if there is collective resolve to deliver jointly.



2. Nothing but the Single Market

The EU27 cannot agree to do more in many policy areas beyond key aspects of the single market.



Decision-making may be simpler to understand.



It becomes harder to address issues of concern to more than one Member State and therefore the gap between expectations and delivery widens on common challenges.

Citizens' rights guaranteed under EU law may become restricted over time.



3. Those Who Want More Do More

The EU27 allows willing Member States to do more together in specific areas.



The unity of the EU at 27 preserved while progress is made possible for those who want more.

The gap between expectation and delivery closes in countries who want and choose to do more.



Questions arise about the transparency and accountability of the different layers of decision-making.

Citizens' rights guaranteed under EU law vary depending on where people live.



4. Doing Less More Efficiently

The EU27 focuses on delivering more and faster in selected policy areas not acting in where it is perceived not to have added value.



European citizens feel that the EU is only acting where it has added value.

A clearer focus of resources and attention on a number of selected domains helps the EU27 to act faster.



The EU at first has difficulty in agreeing which areas it should prioritise and where it should do less.



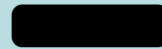
5. Doing Much More Together

Member States decide to do much more together across all policy areas.



There is far greater and quicker decision-making.

Citizens have more rights under EU law.



Parts of society which feel that the EU lacks legitimacy or has taken too much power away from national authorities risk being alienated.



6. President Juncker's 6th scenario

*13 September 2017: State of the Union speech -
Strasbourg*

More united

**by increasing
efficiency and
inclusivity:
Schengen, euro-
zone, social Europe**

Stronger

**with quicker and
more decisive
measures: stronger
single market,
effective euro-zone
governance, global
influence, Defence
Union**

More democratic

**role of European
parties at EP
elections;
Spitzenkandidat
method; party
financing**

discussion: multi-speed, two-speed or core?

Roadmap

Sep 2017



13/09 **State of the Union Address by President Juncker**



28/09 Informal dinner of EU Heads of State or Government on the **Future of Europe** in Tallinn, Estonia

Oct



19-20/10 European Council / Meeting of EU27

Nov



17/11 **Social Summit** in Gothenburg, Sweden

Future of
Europe debates
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Dec



6/12 **Economic and Monetary Union package of proposals by the Commission**

- Transformation of the European Stability Mechanism into a European Monetary Fund
- Creation of a dedicated euro area budget line within the EU budget providing for four functions: (1) structural reform assistance, (2) a stabilisation function, (3) a backstop for the Banking Union, and (4) a convergence instrument to give pre-accession assistance to non-euro area Member States
- Integration of the substance of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union into EU law
- Creation of a double-hatted European Minister of Economy and Finance

14-15/12 European Council / Meeting of EU27

Euro Summit

Feb 2018



Strategy of the Commission for a **successful EU accession** of Serbia and Montenegro as frontrunner candidates in the Western Balkans

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May



Convergence Reports by the Commission and the European Central Bank on the progress made by the Member States in meeting the conditions for adopting the single currency of the European Union



Possible informal meeting of EU27 in Sofia, Bulgaria back to back with a Western Balkans Summit



Commission proposal for the Future Multiannual Financial Framework beyond 2020

June



28-29/06 European Council / Meeting of EU27



Commission Communication on the future of EU **Energy and Climate Policy**, including on the future of the Euratom Treaty

Roadmap

Sep



Commission Communication on the enhancement of the use of qualified majority voting in **Common Foreign Policy**



Commission Communication on the enhancement of the use of qualified majority voting and of the ordinary legislative procedure in **internal market matters**, including social and taxation matters



Commission Communication on a possible extension of the tasks of the European Public Prosecutor's Office to include the **fight against terrorism**



Report by the Task Force chaired by Commission First Vice-President Timmermans on the ways to enhance **subsidiarity, proportionality and better regulation** in the daily operation of the European Union



Commission Communication on enhancing the **efficiency** at the helm of the European Union



2018 State of the Union Address by President Juncker



Possible informal meeting of EU27 in Vienna, Austria

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Thank you!

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