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# ROADMAP FOR A MORE UNITED, STRONGER AND MORE DEMOCRATIC UNION



*'The vision of a more united, stronger and more democratic Europe I am outlining today combines elements from all of the scenarios I set out in March. But our future cannot remain a scenario. We have to prepare the Union of tomorrow, today.'*

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 13 September 2017

The past 12 months have been challenging for European citizens. Hard work and political leadership were required from the EU Institutions and from the Member States.

To keep the European project on course, President Juncker's State of the Union Address of 14 September 2016 presented a positive agenda for a **Europe that Protects, Empowers and Defends**. This message was welcomed by the European Parliament as well as the EU27 leaders at the Bratislava Summit.

The work on the positive agenda continued with the Commission's **White Paper on the Future of Europe** in March this year, offering five scenarios for what Europe could look like by 2025. Three weeks later, EU27 leaders came together to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome and renewed their vows in the **Rome Declaration**, agreeing to 'make the European Union stronger and more resilient, through even greater unity.'

We now have a window of opportunity to engage on a broader reform of our Union. To steer this reform and to stimulate discussion, President Juncker has proposed in his State of the Union Address of 13 September 2017 a **Roadmap for a More United, Stronger and More Democratic Union**.

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

Future of Europe debates in Parliaments, cities and regions

