

My Schuman Declaration

Essay

We are the children of the future. Children of Bulgaria. Children of Europe. Children of the world. We are happy to have the freedom to travel, to get to know each other, to unite, to profess European and universal values. But this freedom we are enjoying now was born a long time ago, and dozens, hundreds of people in Europe have given their energy and their lives to the idea of a united Europe. History must not be forgotten. It must be remembered, analyzed, pronounced as it is. But it must also be added to. Today we young people are writing the New history of Europe. And I'm sure it will be happier than the old one. I go back in time:

1945 - 1959 - beginning of cooperation;

1960 - 1969 - economic growth;

1970 - 1979 - expansion;

1980 - 1989 - The fall of the Berlin Wall;

1990 - 1999 - Europe without borders;

2000 - 2009 - new expansion;

2010 - 2021 - a time of challenges; wars; Pandemic - COVID 19.

On May 9, 1950, Schuman issued his declaration, which marked the beginning of a united, peaceful and prosperous Europe. It focuses on the economic development of Europe, based on cooperation between France and Germany. If I want to declare something to Europe and the world today, I will certainly include the economic development of European countries, because without a developed economy, we cannot have a high standard of living. There will be no conditions for the development of science, culture, art and everything else in the field of material and spiritual. But that would not be my main thought and the leading motive of my speech. The world, in particular Europe, has become too materialistic. The economy is becoming increasingly automated, and innovations are driving its growth. For me, there are three important things that are beyond the competence of economists, experts and politicians.

The first thing to work on is to achieve equality between EU Member States. I dream of a civilization in which there will be no "small and big", "poor and rich", "influential and insignificant". Differences in living standards and influence are inevitable, and this is an age-old truth that is the basis of entrepreneurship, imagination, will and hard work, innovation and progressive thinking. But all young people, and not just young people in Europe, must get an equal start in life. When we receive this initial support, we will have the choice to fly on the wings of our dreams or... to stay where we are, in our "small space module" - a matter of choice. But of CHOICE. Not of pressure.

My second dream is to raise Spirituality on first place. This spirituality, which exists in every nation-state, but which also enriches Europe with its identity. This spirituality, thanks to which we have survived as individuals and preserved our language and culture, but which also has preserved Europe as the "Heart of Civilization". It is spirituality that will bring us together, through which we will understand each other better and through which we will learn to appreciate and respect differences. In the differences are the magic and the hope for the future. But differences that bring us together and enrich us. Which give new ideas and charge us with strength to continue TOGETHER forward the path to building a New Europe - a Europe of happiness, youth and beauty!

Yes, it is, in short, a "Europe of Happiness"!

And yes, Schuman talks about economic prosperity through mutual effort and understanding. But he also speaks of "world peace." In my opinion, this dream of his has not yet been achieved. This is my third dream, and it is directly related to the first two - the material basis on which to develop the value system, and peace is part of the value system of mankind. Peace requires unity in differences. It

requires information, dialogue, diplomacy. Yes, politicians say that "there are eternal interests, but not eternal friends..." But people say otherwise: if you are not human, you are nothing else! Precisely because the notion of the politics of the ruling circles and that of the ruled peoples diverges, that is why there are still wars in the world. That is why I believe that young people have a great responsibility to "write" a new definition of PEACE, a new POLITICS program, a new MORAL CODE for Europe and the world...

Now?

Now it's time to learn our lessons for tomorrow, write our homework, and then talk on Viber with friends from Italy, France, Germany, Russia, Romania, Macedonia, Turkey... Because we all know that education is a must for realization of our dreams.

What about tomorrow?

Tomorrow we will "fly" not on a plane or on a magic carpet, but on the wings of evolution, which will take us again to the "top of the root", where MAN is born!

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