
THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

2022 has been an important year for the European project. After two years of pandemic, which helped move forward European integration (NextGenerationEU Plan, Health Union, etc.), the EU faces new challenges with the war in Ukraine. The conflict incentivized EU countries to find a common solution to Russian energy disruption and to the macroeconomic depressing effects of the war. It also created a renewed need to unite European countries and surrounding ones to further isolate Russia in international relations. Hence, what are the next steps? Can the European Union continue to pursue further integration? Are we stuck on the fiscal side? Can we create new ways to integrate? Is a reform of EU treaties necessary to move on?