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## "QUO VADIS, EUROPEAN UNION ?"

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When one looks at the genesis of the European Union and the role it has played over the past five decades or more; its contribution to stabilising a continent whose history is littered with wars; its ability to help economies grow and societies prosper; the creation of the Single Market and the Single Currency; the bringing into membership eight countries from the former communist bloc (three of which were actual members of the Soviet Union); then one has to ask what is the role of the EU in today's world? The inability to get consensus on the Constitutional Treaty by the "NO" votes in referendums in two of the founder member states, France and The Netherlands, begs the question where is the EU now heading? After the entry into membership of Bulgaria and Romania on first of January next year(2007), how much farther can it expand? While negotiations are in progress with Turkey, will Turkey ever become a member, and if not why not?

What should the EU be doing to reflect the needs of its citizens? Energy will be THE political challenge this century, not only for the EU but for the rest of the world. In a Union of twenty five, soon to be twenty seven, independent states where energy is their prerogative, how does a Single Market operate without a Common Energy policy? How will countries such as Ireland and Austria, who are staunchly anti-nuclear power, cope with accepting electricity from pro-nuclear neighbours? How Common should security and defence be? How is global terrorism to be tackled by a Union that had glaring divisions over the war in Iraq? Will the EU ever progress to having a Common Defence Force and what role would there then be for NATO?

Terry Wynn was a Member of the European Parliament for 17 years. A former President of the Committee on Budgets, on Budgetary Control and on Agriculture, he was also a Member of the delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand. Co-Chairman of Committee of enquiry into allegations of EU funding to the Palestinian Authority being used for terrorist purposes, Terry Wynn chaired the Centre for European Policy Studies' Task Force on "The UK Rebate and the CAP, Phasing Both Out?" He has led Delegations of inquiry to Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Lithuania and Bulgaria.

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