

## EUROPEAN UNION : STOP OR MORE ?

# CYCLE OF DEBATES ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Ahead of the European elections of 25 May, the French Institute of Budapest, in partnership with Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute, Gide Loyrette Nouel, Central European University and NOL.hu, organise a series of 4 meetings / debates on European issues in French and Hungarian. The European elections of 25th May 2014 coincide with the 10th anniversary of the entry of Hungary into the European Union.

The opportunity is ideal to question the European integration process from Budapest, particularly with regard to Central and Eastern Europe, former Soviet bloc countries. The debates will take into account the assessment of the past ten years and will also identify a vision of what the EU could or should become in the next years. The EU has been through one of the most serious crises in its history and the elections next May could change the balance of power within the European Parliament. The construction of an European citizenship is still under construction, threatened by nationalist outbreaks and identity politics.

To address these questions, without prejudice to the events organised by the Hungarian authorities to commemorate the 10th anniversary of accession to the EU, we have chosen to discuss with experts and French and Hungarian politicians. They are gathered around a theme per session to address all the questions.

Wednesday 23 April 2014 - 18h

### ***Brussels, after Moscow ?***

With **Yves BERTONCINI**, Director of Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute ;

Hungarian speaker : **György SCHOPFLIN**, MEP

Moderator : **Gergely FEJERDY**, Hungarian Institute of international affairs

Friday 16 May 2014 - 18h

### ***Europe, despite all***

With **Bernard GUETTA**, Journalist, specialist in international geopolitics

Hungarian speaker : **Balint ABLONCZY**, Journalist at Hédi Valasz

Wednesday 7 May 2014 - 18h

### ***Has the European Union coped with the enlargement to the East ?***

With **Christian LEQUESNE**, Director of the CERI, Sciences Po

Hungarian speaker : **Zoltan POGATSA**, Economist at the Université de l'Hongrie de l'Ouest

Moderator : **Gergely FEJERDY**, Hungarian Institute of international affairs

Wednesday 21 May 2014 - 18h

### ***An ever closer union ?***

With **Hubert VEDRINE**, former French Foreign Minister

Hungarian speaker : **Péter BALAZS**, former European Commissioner, former Foreign Minister

Moderator : **Balázs POCS**, Journalist at Népszabadsag