

Which Role Will the European Union Play Globally in 2030?



Predicting the Unpredictable.

Europe in 2030 – 3 Options?



- Break-Up of the European Union
 - Brexit as an Initiator (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Austria, Denmark, Netherlands, France to follow)?



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- A Diminished European Union?
 - Fiscal Crisis Leads to Withdrawal from the Common Currency (and the EU)?
 - Refugee and Migrant Crisis – Now and in the Next 15 Years?
 - Territorial Integrity of Member States and the EU? (27.6% of Latvians are ethnic Russians, as are 24% of Estonians.)

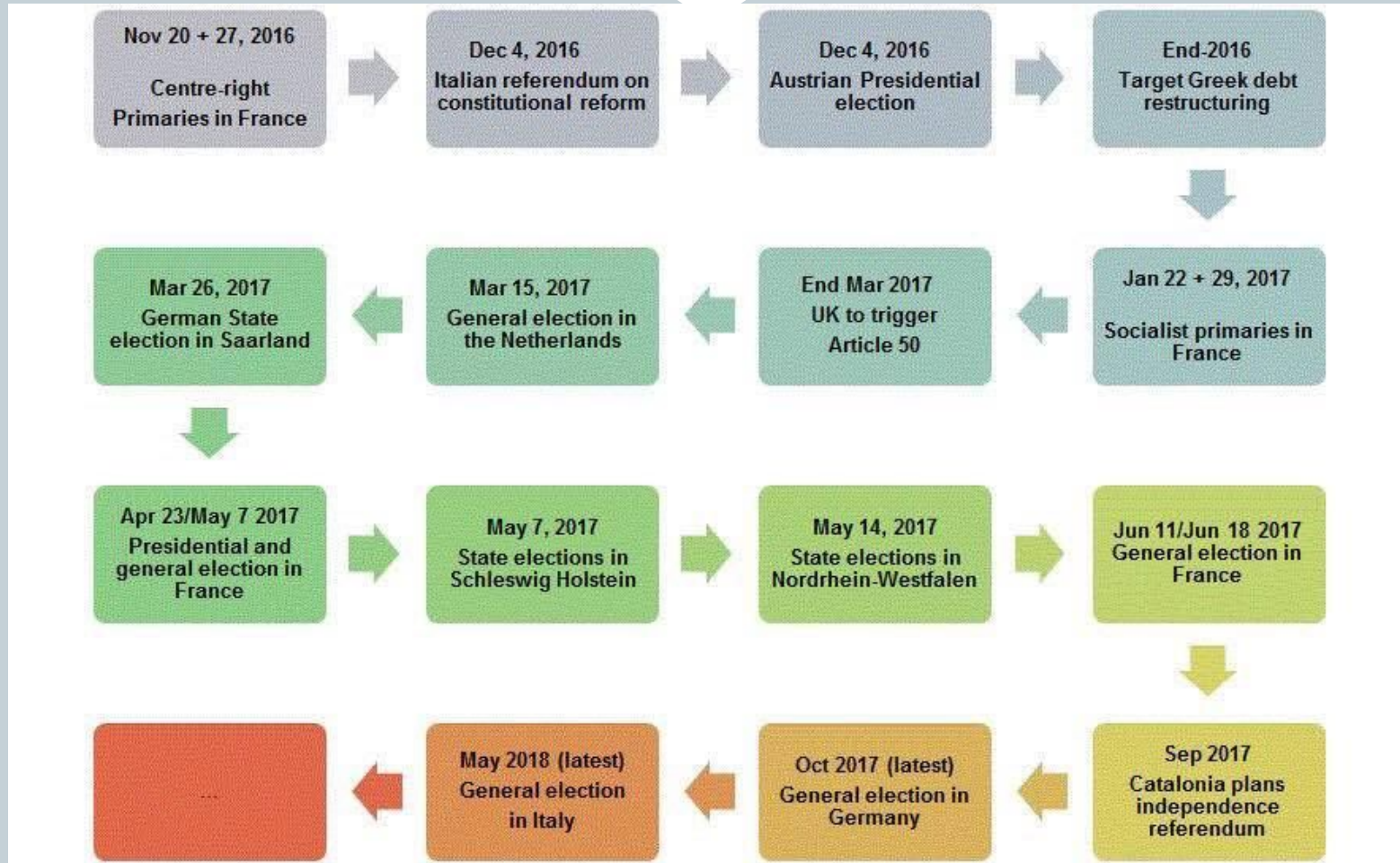


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...or: we solve crises, European institutions and rule-making prove tenable, and life (in the EU) continues happily!

Decisions in 2016/2017

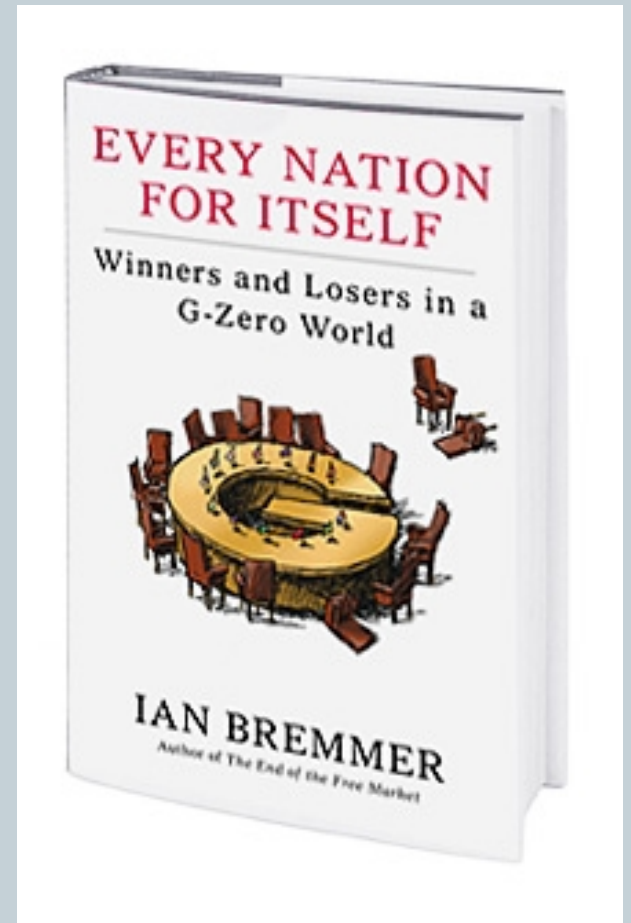


...and what about the rest of the world?



G-Zero:

A world order in which no single country or durable alliance of countries can meet the challenges of global leadership



The G-Zero World



„...the G-Zero stands to change our lives. To prevent wars among powerful nations, to keep the peace in cyberspace, to enable global trade, to protect the environment, and to ensure that people across the developing world have enough food and water at prices they can afford, the world needs leadership.“

Source: Ian Bremmer, *Every Nation for Itself*, p. 68

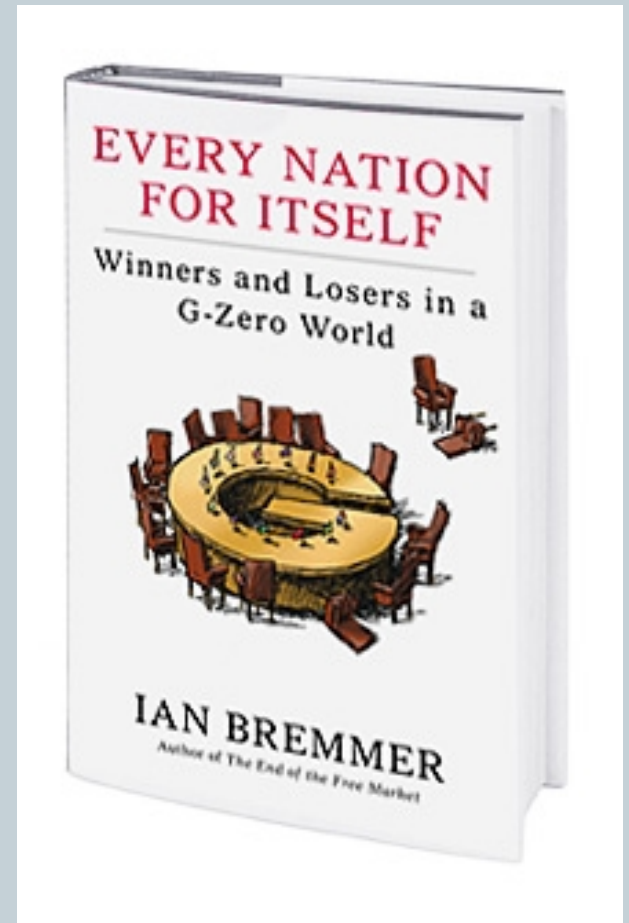
Not the Apocalypse, but...



The G-Zero World



- Can Count Increasingly Less on the G7 and G20 to Provide Global Leadership
- Provision of Global Public Goods?
- Leadership is Changing Drastically in the World
 - Focus on Imminent Domestic Problems
 - Focus on Domestic Economic Development
 - Rules Don't Apply Like They Used to



Challenges in the G-Zero World

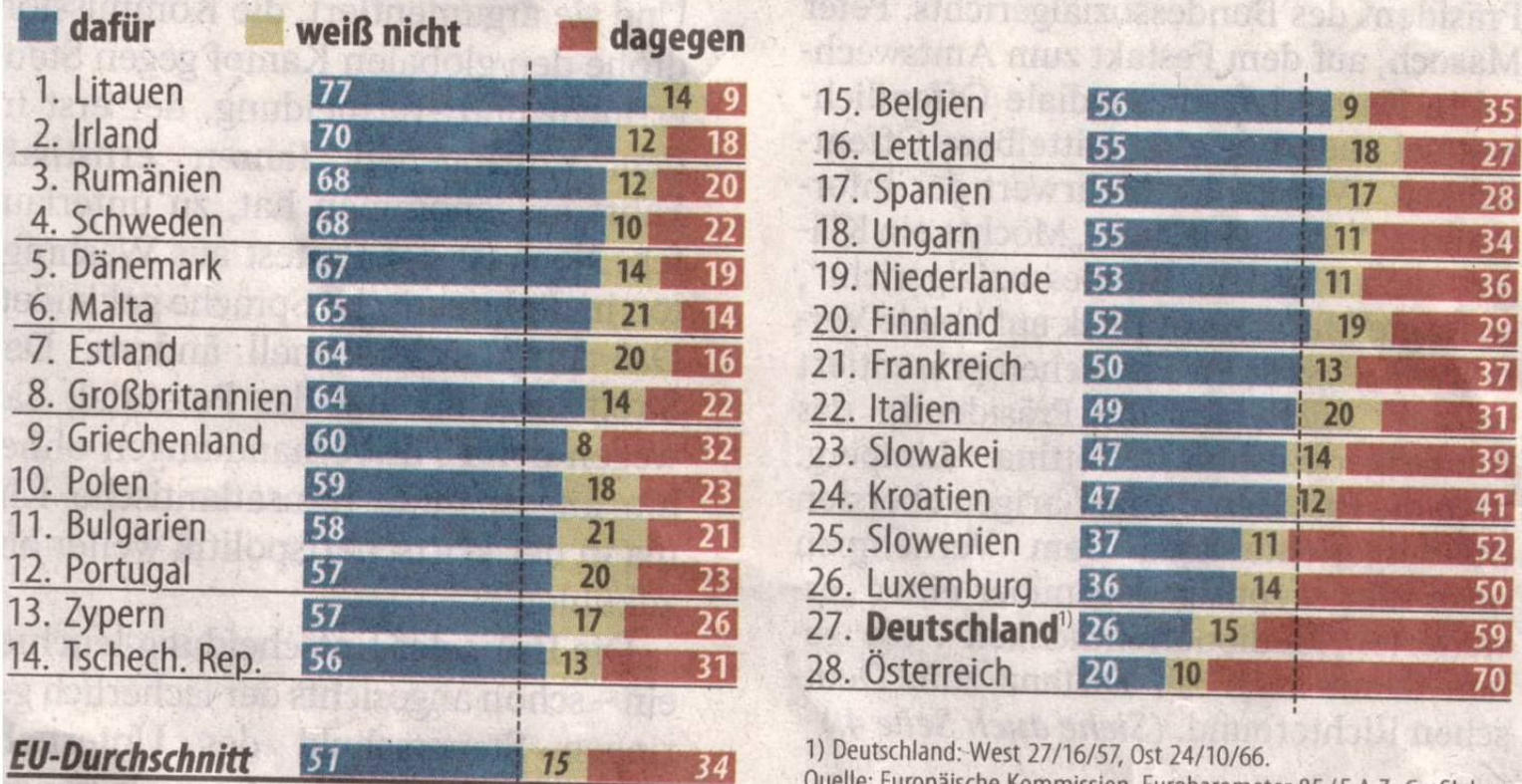


- Maintaining Global Security
 - Setting Standards for Trade and Enabling the Flow of Goods and Services
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- Governing Cyberspace (Cyberwarfare and Standards for Communications)
 - Food and Water Security
 - The Environment

To Trade or Not to Trade?

24 Länder mehrheitlich für TTIP, vier dagegen

Eurobarometer-Umfrage vom Mai 2016 zu einem Freihandels- und Investitionsabkommen zwischen der Europäischen Union und den Vereinigten Staaten (Prozent)



1) Deutschland: West 27/16/57, Ost 24/10/66.

Quelle: Europäische Kommission, Eurobarometer 85 / F.A.Z.-Grafik heu

The EU in the G-Zero



- Leadership to Address the Rise of Extremist Parties
- Leadership to Combat the „Protectionist Moment“
- Leadership to Fight the Causes Leading to Migration
- Leadership to Carry More Weight Militarily

Above all, European institutions must adapt to deal with the challenges of the next 15 years—not merely allow „governing by crisis“ to become the modus operandi by which they act.