

UNDERSTANDING THE FUTURE

Where do we come from, where are we going?

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From Struggling with Public Opposition to Developing a Shared European Will



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Let Europe Arise!



1946, Churchill, Zurich



A Failed Constitution



2005, Giscard d'Estaing, Paris / Brussels



The Nuclear Experience



Rational or Reasonable?

The roots of Europe lie in the practice of democratic debates initiated long ago in Athens.

Such debates enable pluralistic communities to take decisions based on reasonable agreement.

They are undermined by attempts to identify and impose a single rational solution to practical problems.

The future of the grid – and more – hinges on this issue.



ECONOMISTS' FORUM of the FINANCIAL TIMES

EU economy: Black hole or green growth

October 24, 2011 2:09 pm by Financial Times

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“The facts, ma’am, just the facts”: these words, attributed to the

Ask Google for „Black hole or green growth“ & Join the debate



Building the Grid

1. **Engage in a Europe-wide, pluralistic debate on the grid and green growth**
2. **Establish clear and credible liability rules**
3. **Establish independent ombuds-persons**
4. **Give opportunities to shape well-defined aspects of the grid at the local level**
5. **Be open and candid about mistakes**
6. **Let media identify European successes**

