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#### Upcoming Event: "European Energy Union - are we getting closer to connecting the grid?"

Although European integration in the early 1950s started around energy issues, this topic has ever since been hampered by narrow national interests and a lack of coordination. Central and Eastern Europe serves as point in case - it is a region heavily energy-dependent on Russia, yet we can observe very diverging positions of these countries. Join our discussion on April 23, 12-14h.

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#### Chancen ergreifen - Mythen und Fakten in der TTIP-Diskussion

Eigentlich müssten gerade die Deutschen ein Interesse an erleichterten Handelsbeziehungen mit den USA haben, denn die USA sind größter Abnehmer deutscher Exporte außerhalb der EU und Deutschland ist der wichtigste Handelspartner der USA in Europa. TTIP: drei Fragen und die Fakten - ein Meinungsartikel von unserem Direktor Hans H. Stein.

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#### Dahrendorf Taskforce Publication Series

Independentist movements are flourishing across the European Union particularly in Scotland, Catalonia and Flanders. Hence, questions in the context of peoples' free choice of sovereignty and international political status have been raised. Besides the debate on how a potential secession would affect EU membership, the nations' fundamental right to self-determination provokes a whole set of problematics. Seemingly contradicting liberal narratives are at the forefront of Julie Cantalou's paper.

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#### "Europe Fast Forward" - Next stop: The full stories

60 submissions to this year's edition of our comics competition Animate Europe reached us, coming from graphic novelists in 23 countries. On 30 March, our expert jury came together to select the seven finalists who will finish an eight-page comic on the future of Europe by the end of August. Find out who the finalists are...

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### Visiting delegation from the Philippines - Liberal Identity is Palpable

"Being part of this delegation allowed me to see how alive the liberal ideology is. Liberalism transcends borders and this international work tells us that we can build something bigger, because of our common goal of better governance that creates freedom and opportunities for all," said Rep. Kit Belmonte from the Philippines to summarize his visiting group's experience in Brussels. The group met with MEPs and party strategists and had the chance to talk with Commissioner for Trade, Cecilia Malmström.

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### Shale gas in Europe - potential gains and risks and its implications on foreign policy

Security, affordability and sustainability are the three pillars of the European Commission's strategy in the field of energy. Taken into account the European strive for diversification of the Union's energy supply, the US shale gas revolution has been subject to heated debates on whether this form of unconventional extraction could be a potential option for reaching Europe's ambitious energy goals. We discussed this controversial topic with representatives from academia and the industry.

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### Wichtige Termine

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