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The specter of a uniting Europe is frightening many people. They are afraid of this uncertain perspective. They look at Europe as an increasingly anonymous entity. Instead they are yearning for familiar structures in their regional and local lives and reject the impact of immigrants as well as the challenge of globalization. Consequently the EU sees itself almost torn between its global responsibility and the necessity of local acceptance. The popularity of right-wing-movement in several European countries proves, that those tensions have to be taken seriously. But to know and to understand a different culture or mentality is not only a global problem. It starts right in the neighbourhood. Interculturalism is a challenge for everybody, the salesman or the tourist, who is crossing a border.

In cooperation with the state-chancellery of Northrhine-Westphalia the Center for European Integration Studies is focussing on such intercultural problems in the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Northrhine-Westphalia. The book is dealing with legal problems of bilateral commerce, mutual private perceptions and tries to explain the different points of view. Even the problem of football and hooliganism are considered and especially Dutch-German rivalries on the football field are taken into account.