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The European Union has gone through the first decade of the 21st century with a combination of progress and regression, new impulses and frustrating stagnation. All in all, the historic process of European integration has been consolidated. However, European integration is not free of contradiction: The more the EU advances, the more it encounters scepticism and rejection. All in all, the European Union goes through a period equivalent to its second founding. Part of this re-founding of European integration is the re-definition of its purpose. In the 21st century, the European Union needs to relate itself to the age of globality which has become an ever increasing fact of life and a challenge for the global re-positioning of Europe.

The new book in the ZEI series on European Integration includes reflections and analyses of ZEI director Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt. They were written between 2005 and 2010 and serve as a mirror for a time of daunting struggle about the European constitution while facing the ever increasing globalization as challenge and opportunity for Europe and its citizens.