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What will the European Union look like in 2020? Which role will it play internationally? What are its options in light of global challenges?

The 21st century has started rather bumpy: Terrorist attacks of 9/11, interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq, reform of the European treaties, financial, economic and budgetary crisis. How can the European Union position itself lastingly in an environment that forces it to react on short notice?

Based on 19 individual analyses of French and German authors, the book offers insights on the European Unions development perspectives. By drawing up four distinct scenarios, dangers as well as potentials are outlined. The authors conclude that the European Union – despite external challenges and internal tests – disposes of appropriate tools to be an accepted and important actor with global reach. Increasing internal and external coherence in Europe's actions will be crucial to assure leadership by credibility. The analyses clearly highlight: Europe's future mainly depends on Europe.