The Europe Programme has the objective of offering a forum for critical thought regarding the construction of Europe from a clear Europeanist point of view. With this approach, the axes around which the Programme is organised are: evaluation of the process of integration and enlargement, analysis of Europe’s role in the world and identification of the specificity of European contributions, in line with what Mark Leonard calls “the transformative power of Europe”.

The historical enlargement of the EU towards the east in 2004 and the process of drawing up and ratifying the European Constitution (subsequently halted) are two milestones in the process of European construction which provide a context for the beginning of the CIDOB Foundation’s Europe Programme. Despite this, however, the future enlargements of the EU, the prospects for deepening political integration, the reformation of EU institutions, the evolution of EU policies (PAC, CFSP, decisions and framework decisions, trade, competition, energy, transportation, environment, industry), as well as the mechanisms (strengthened co-operation, hard core) that must allow for deepening integration and overcoming the reticence of the less federalist countries are fundamental topics within which the research and publication activities of the CIDOB Foundation’s Europe Programme are framed.

**AREAS OF WORK**

- The EU: internal integration processes
- The EU: foreign relations, development of the CFSP and the ESDP
- European energy security

**Co-ordinator**
Alex Muns
RESEARCH AREAS

• THE EUROPEAN UNION: INTERNAL INTEGRATION PROCESSES

How can the different visions of the project of European construction that are defended by different member states and sectors of the population (a common market with a low budget / a federal Europe with a large budget and integration in the most areas possible) be made compatible? We examine the role of variable geometries and strengthened co-operation. We analyse how, with the successive enlargements of the EU, groups of countries will form variable, ad hoc alliances due to common interests on certain topics. For example, the United Kingdom, Ireland and the member countries in Eastern Europe are united against fiscal harmonisation; the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Finland and the member countries in Eastern Europe are favourable toward nuclear energy (while Italy, Austria and Germany are against it); France, Germany, Spain and Italy are against substantial cuts in the PAC. Do such diverse alliances make the EU ungovernable? How can the EU overcome the possible dichotomy between deepening integration and enlargement? We examine such issues as: the prospects for the creation of a truly European political space (with European political parties, truly European media, etc.); the creation of a common European identity; the state of the question and future evolution; the financing and reformation of the welfare state; the different approaches and reforms, depending on different countries; the challenges posed by the ageing of the European population; the comparison of policies used in different member countries. Can the policies of the member states be harmonised in this area, or do they have age pyramids, welfare systems and labour markets that are too different?


After the failure of the European Constitution: What countries will participate in a CFSP/ESDP through strengthened co-operation? How can financing for the CFSP be increased? We study such issues as: the European Neighbourhood Policy (and, in particular, the case of Ukraine); evaluation and comparison of the interventions and missions deployed by the EU (Bosnia, Macedonia, Congo, Gaza); initiatives for creating synergies among the member states in weapons development and manufacturing; monitoring of relations between the EU and Russia, Ukraine and the Balkans; development of the process of accession of Bulgaria and Romania; negotiations on the accession of Turkey and Croatia; the application of the agreements on stabilisation and association with Serbia and Montenegro and Macedonia; and the negotiation of agreements on stabilisation and association with Bosnia-Herzegovina and Albania.
SEMINARS

• GERMANY 15 YEARS AFTER REUNIFICATION
This seminar had the objective of making an assessment and analysis of Germany’s political, economic and social situation, fifteen years after its reunification. Participants analysed and debated the evolution of the reunited Germany over the past fifteen years, its current situation and its political, economic and social challenges, as well as its European and foreign policies, with the presence of prominent politicians, scholars and journalists from Germany, Spain and other European countries. They also examined how Germany’s attitudes and policies will evolve with respect to the European Union and the process of European integration.

Co-ordinated by
CIDOB Foundation (Alex Muns) and the Goethe Institute of Barcelona.

Participants
Narcís Serra, President, CIDOB Foundation; Ulrich Braeß, Director of the Goethe Institute of Barcelona; Karsten D. Voigt, former MP, German Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Miklós Nemeth, former Prime Minister of Hungary; Dieter Kastrup, former Secretary of State in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Alex Muns, CIDOB Foundation; Otto Schily, former Minister of the Interior of the BRD; Arnold Vaatz, Vice-President of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the Bundestag; Jordi Alberich, Director-General of the Economics Circle; Bert Rürup, Chairman of the Commission for evaluating the economic situation of Germany; Günter Rommel, business consultant; Francesc Morata, Director of the IUEE at the UAB; Horts Teltschik, Chairman of Boeing Germany; Wolfgang Münchau, Associate Editor of Financial Times; Gabriel Busquets, Spanish Ambassador to Germany; Wolf-Ruthart Born, German Ambassador to Spain; Bernardino León, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Latin America.

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March 3. CIDOB Foundation
• SPAIN’S TWENTY YEARS IN THE E.E.C.
This lecture series on Spain’s twenty years in the EC was held in celebration of the anniversary of Spain’s accession to the EC in 1986. It used this commemoration to take stock and make an evaluation of Spain’s role in the EC/EU during the past twenty years with regard to different areas and policies developed by the EC/EU. It also described and evaluated some of the great goals in the process of European construction since 1986 (the Single Market, Maastricht Treaty, development of the CFSP, the Economic and Monetary Union, enlargements, etc.). Finally, participants debated the role that Spain could and must play in the process of European construction during the next few years and what the prospects for this process were.

Co-ordinated by
Alex Muns, CIDOB Foundation, and Elisabet Moragas, Patronat Català Pro Europa.

Participants
Gil Carlos Rodríguez Iglesias, former President of the EC Court of Justice EC; Simone Veil, former President of the European Parliament; Alberto Navarro, Secretary of State for the European Union, Spanish Ministry of Affairs Exteriors and Co-operation; Pasqual Maragall, former President of the Generalitat of Catalonia; Mario Monti, former European Commissioner for Competition; Loyola de Palacio, former Vice-President of the European Commission; Margarita Obiols, Secretary-General of International Relations of the Generalitat of Catalonia; Charles Grant, Director of the Center for European Reform; Marcelino Oreja, former European Commissioner for Energy and Transportation, former Secretary-General of the Council of Europe; Narcís Serra, President, CIDOB Foundation; Claudio Martini, President of the region of Tuscany; Marcelino Iglesias, President of the Government of Aragon; Jaime Gama, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal; Manuel Marin, President of the Spanish Chamber of Deputies; Josep Borrell, President of the European Parliament; Ernest Benach, President of the Parliament of Catalonia; Anna Terrón, Secretary General, Patronat Català Pro Europa.

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May 3,11,17 and 25, June 8. Barcelona
LECTURES AND DEBATES

- EUROPEAN BREAKFASTS
In most EU member countries today, the question “What do we want Europe to be?” is an important one. Spain also has to create opinion on the major topics of building and enlarging Europe. The main objective is to produce, from Barcelona, ideas and proposals concerning the decisions that have to be made in Brussels, with the aim of raising the quality of debate on the future of the Europe that we want in Spain. It is a question of exploring the central concerns of the process of European integration more deeply and specifically. Qualified experts and authorities are invited to these sessions to present a rigorous analysis that will give rise to a highly specialised debate before an invited audience that represents all social sectors (institutions, political parties, universities, the financial and business world, specialists in the media). The format of the event consists of a breakfast at which a speaker explains the programmed subject.

March 2
Miklós Nemeth, former Prime Minister of Hungary: “The European Constellation after Enlargement from a Central European Perspective”.

May 18
Charles Grant, Director of the Center for European Reform: “The Flexible Future of Europe: Why Europe Has to Adopt More Variable Geometry”.

June 2
• ANALYSIS OF THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS
Analysis of the parliamentary elections in Italy, which gave the victory to the centre-left bloc, La Unione. Three experts on Italy analysed the election results and the prospects and probable action of the Government of the new administration led by Romano Prodi.

Co-ordinated by
Alex Muns, CIDOB Foundation.

Participants
Enric Juliana, Deputy Director and Madrid delegate of La Vanguardia. Former correspondent for La Vanguardia in Italy; Cesáreo Rodríguez-Aguilera, Professor of Political Science, University of Barcelona; Francesc Morata, Professor of Political Science and Director of the IUEE, Autonomous University of Barcelona.

April 27. CIDOB Foundation

• 7TH SPAIN – ITALY FORUM
Held annually on an alternating basis in each country since 1999, the Spain-Italy dialogue forum brings together approximately one hundred representatives from civil society, chosen from the political, business and academic worlds, with a carefully selected plural and multidisciplinary composition. The Verona forum focused on such issues as the role of the Mediterranean countries with regard to the African side, the great challenges in energy and telecommunications, and the opportunities for transnational mergers. The Forum featured interventions by the respective Ministers of Foreign Affairs and by the Presidents of the Italian Senate and the Spanish Chamber of Deputies.

Co-ordinated by
Carmen Claudín, CIDOB Foundation.

Spanish participants
Jordi Alberich, Director of the Economic Circle; Salvador Alemany, Delegate Councillor, Abertis; Isidre Ambrós, Journalist for La Vanguardia; Lluís Bassets, Deputy Director of El País; Alessandro Benuzzi, Spain Vice-President, PRIDE GROUP; Carles Campuzano, CIU MP, Chamber of Deputies; Antón Costas, Professor of Political Economics, University of Barcelona; Carlos de Cueto, Director of the Centre for Security Analysis, University of Granada; Jorge Dezcallar, Secretary-General, Repsol YPF Foundation; Rafael Dezcallar, Director-General of Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ignacio Gil Lázaro, PP MP, President of the Friendship with Italy Group, Chamber of Deputies; Paul Isbell, Senior Researcher, Elcano Royal Institute; Manuel Marín, President, Chamber of Deputies; José M. Marín Quemada, Councillor, Bank of Spain; Rodolfo Martin Villa, President, Endesa Foundation; Inigo Méndez de Vigo, MPE for the PPE group, Popular Party; Francesc Morata, Director, IUEE, UAB; Pedro Moya, Secretary-General for Foreign Action, Government of Andalusia; Juan Mulet, Director-General, Cotec Foundation; Aldo Olcese, President, Fincorp; Jesús Olmos, President, ENDESA Italy; Emilio Ontiveros, Councillor Delegate, Analistes Financers Internacionals; Marcelino Oreja, President, FCC; Juan Enrique Pérez, Director of Strategic Alliances, BBVA; Ramón Pérez-Maura, Deputy Director, ABC; José Pons, Director-General of Foreign Policy for Europe and North America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation; Charles Powell, Deputy Director of Research, Elcano Royal Institute; Imma Riera, Director of Corporate Finance, PricewaterhouseCoopers; Álvaro Rodríguez Bereijo,
President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court; 
Eduard Sagarra, Lawyer, Roca Junyent Attorneys; 
Narcís Serra, President, CIDOB Foundation; Anna Terrón, Secretary-General, Patronat Català Pro Europa; Albert Toca, Director-General, Repsol-Gas Natural Stream; Dario Valcárcel, CEO, Foreign Policy; Raniero Vanni d’Archirafi, President of Rcs Iberica. 

Italians participants
Arturo Artom, President, Netsystem; Giovanni Belluzzi, President, Studio Belluzzi; Alfredo Biondi, President, Italian-Spanish Interparliamentary Group; Piero Bondesan, President, Italian Chamber of Commerce for Spain. President, Fiat Iberica; Marco Bongiovanni, Horwath Solution Partners Italy; Giuseppe Bono, Administrator Delegate, Fincanteri; Massimo Calearo, President, Fedemeccanica. President, Calearo Antenne; Pierferdinando Casini, UDC Group, Italian Chamber of Deputies. President, Unione Interparlamentare; Paolo Costa, President, Commission for Transportation and Tourism, European Parliament; Marta Dassú, Director-General, International Programmes, Aspen Institute, Italy; Enrico Farinone, Olive Group, Italian Chamber of Deputies; Dario Giaretta, Assistant Secretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development; Piero Gnudi, Chairman, Enel; Gian Maria Gros-Pietro, Chairman, Autostrade; Enrico Letta, Assistant Secretary of State, Presidency of the Council of Ministers; Vincenzo Mannino, Secretary-General, Concooperative; Giovanni Mantovani, Director-General, Verona Fiere; Rainer Masera, President, Rete Ferroviaria Italiana; Francesco Merloni, Chairman, MTS Group; Laura Mirachian, Director-General, European Countries, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ignazio Moncada, Chairman, Fata Spa; Mauro Moretti, Administrator-Delegate, Ferrovie dello Stato; Alessandro Ortis, President, Electric and Gas Energy Authority; Angelos Papadimitriou, Chairman and Administrator-Delegate, Glaxo Smith Kline; Gennaro Perialisi, Chairman, Perialisi Group; Roberto Pinza, Deputy Minister of Economics and Finances; Giuseppe Pirola, Studio Pirola Zei Pennuto & Associati; Roberto Poli, Chairman, Eni; Paolo Pucci, Secretary-General Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Gian Luca Rana, President, Associazione degli Industriali di Verona; Giovanni Rana, Chairman, Pastificio Rana; Andrea Riello, Chairman, Confindustria Veneto; José Rhi-Sauri, Adviser to the Under Secretary, Affari Esteri Di Santo; Giuseppe Roma, Director-General, Censis; Paolo Scaroni, Administrator Delegate ENI; Giorgio Santini, Secretary, Confederalgie Cisl; Bruno Tabacci, UDC Group, Italian Chamber of Deputies; Antonio Taverna, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers; Giulio Terzi, Director-General, Multilateral Political Affairs, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dario Velo, President, Centro Studi sul Federalismo; Franco Venturini, Editoralist, Corriere della Sera; Giuseppe Zadra, Director-General, ABI. 

Organised by
CIDOB Foundation and Agency for Research and Legislation (AREL), with the collaboration of Verona City Council. 
November 10 and 11. Castelvecchio, Verona

1ST SPAIN-FRANCE FORUM
The Spain-France Forum was begun under the co-presidency of Narcís Serra, President of the CIDOB Foundation, and Henri Proglio, Chairman of Veolia Environnement. This Forum will annually bring together high-level representatives from the spheres of business, politics, academia, the media and the arts to foster contacts and the exchange of ideas in important areas for both societies (such as cultural exchanges, research and the university, immigration and energy). The 2006 encounter was held in parallel with the summit of the Heads of State and of Government of the two countries.

Co-ordinated by
Carmen Claudín, CIDOB Foundation.

French Participants
Micheline Boissiard, Director, International Affairs, Suez; Yves Cabana, Director of Sustainable Development, Veolia Environnement; Jean-Louis Chauzy, President, Regional Economic and Social Council of Midi-Pyrénées; François Chollet, Director, Functional Neuro-imaging Laboratory, College of Medicine, Paul Sabatier University, Toulouse; Claude Cohen-Tanoudji, Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics,
member of the Academy of Science; Jean-Dominique Comolli, PDG, Altadis; Claudie Haigneré, former Minister of European Affairs, former Minister of Research; Thierry Jacquier, President, Paris-Île de France Economic Capital; Denis Lepée, Mission Head in the Directorate-General, Veolia Environment; Didier Lombart, PDG, France Telecom; Henri Proglio, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Veolia Environment. Co-President of the France-Spain Forum; Bernard Ramanantsoa, Director-General, HEC Group; Antonio Viñolo, senior Vice-President Councillor - Strategic Co-ordination, EADS; Robert Zolade, Chairman, Elior.

Spanish Participants
Fernando Albericio, Director-General, Barcelona Science Park; Salvador Alemany, Councillor-General, ABERTIS Infrastructures; Ricardo Bofill, architect; Andreu Claret, Director, President’s Cabinet and Foreign Relations, Agbar; Guillermo de la Dehesa, Chairman, AVIVA Corporate Group, S.L; Ramón de Miguel, Adviser to the President, Iberdrola; Francisco Fernández Sáinz, President, EADS CASA; Josep M. Flotats, Independent actor, director and producer, Taller 75, SL; Lluís Foix, Director, La Vanguardia Digital; Antonio García Ferrer, Vice-President, ACS; Ignacio Gil Lázaro, MP for the PP, President of the Friendship with France Group, Spanish Chamber of Deputies; Ignasi Guardans, MPE, ALDE Group; Pablo Isla, First Vice-President and Councillor-Delegate, INDITEX; Cayetano López, Deputy Director-General and Director of the Department of Energy, CIEMAT; Jordi Mercader, President, AGBAR; Carlos III University; Alberto Navarro, Secretary of State for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation; Antonio Oporto, Executive Chairman, ALSTOM Spain; Marcelino Oreja, President, FCC Construcción SA; Andrés Ortega, Editorialist, El País; Ramón Pérez-Maura, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, ABC; Eduard Sagarra, Lawyer, Roca Junyent Attorneys; Jordi Savall, Director, CIMA Foundation, International Centre for Old Music; Rodrigo Uría Meréndano, President, Royal Board of Trustees of the Prado Museum, President de Saint-Gobain Spain; Fernando Vallespín, President, Centre for Sociological Research (CIS); Anna Veiga, Director, Cell Línes Bank, Barcelona Centre for Regenerative Medicine; José Vidal Beneyto, Director, Collège des Hautes Études Européennes “Miguel Servet”.

Organised by
CIDOB Foundation and Veolia Environment, with the collaboration of the City Council Girona.

November 16. Caixa Girona Cultural Centre, Fontana d’Or, Girona.

1st Spain-France Forum
Arcadi Calzada, Jacques Chirac, Pasqual Maragall, José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Narcís Serra and Henri Proglio