

The Political State of the Union: 'Dog eat Dog'

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1. Trade liberalisation to the rescue?

- G 20, QE and ,competitive devaluation`
- **Global level:** Trade liberalisation push to strengthen the triad (Trans Pacific Partnership; TTIP, CETA, EU-Japan) - Brazil-EU
- **European level:** Eastern Partnership agreements vs. Eurasian Economic Union – the Great Game reloaded

2. ‚Humanitarian Interventionism‘ in crisis

- Mali
- Syria
- ‚Arabellion‘ and its aftermath

3. 'Freedom' revisited

- Mass surveillance by Secret Services (NSA, DGSE, UK), collaboration of corporate sector
- Bolivian airplane incident (France, Spain, Portugal)
- Repression (US: whistleblowers; UK: The Guardian)
- EU: Polite reactions

4. 'Democracy' & EU Governance

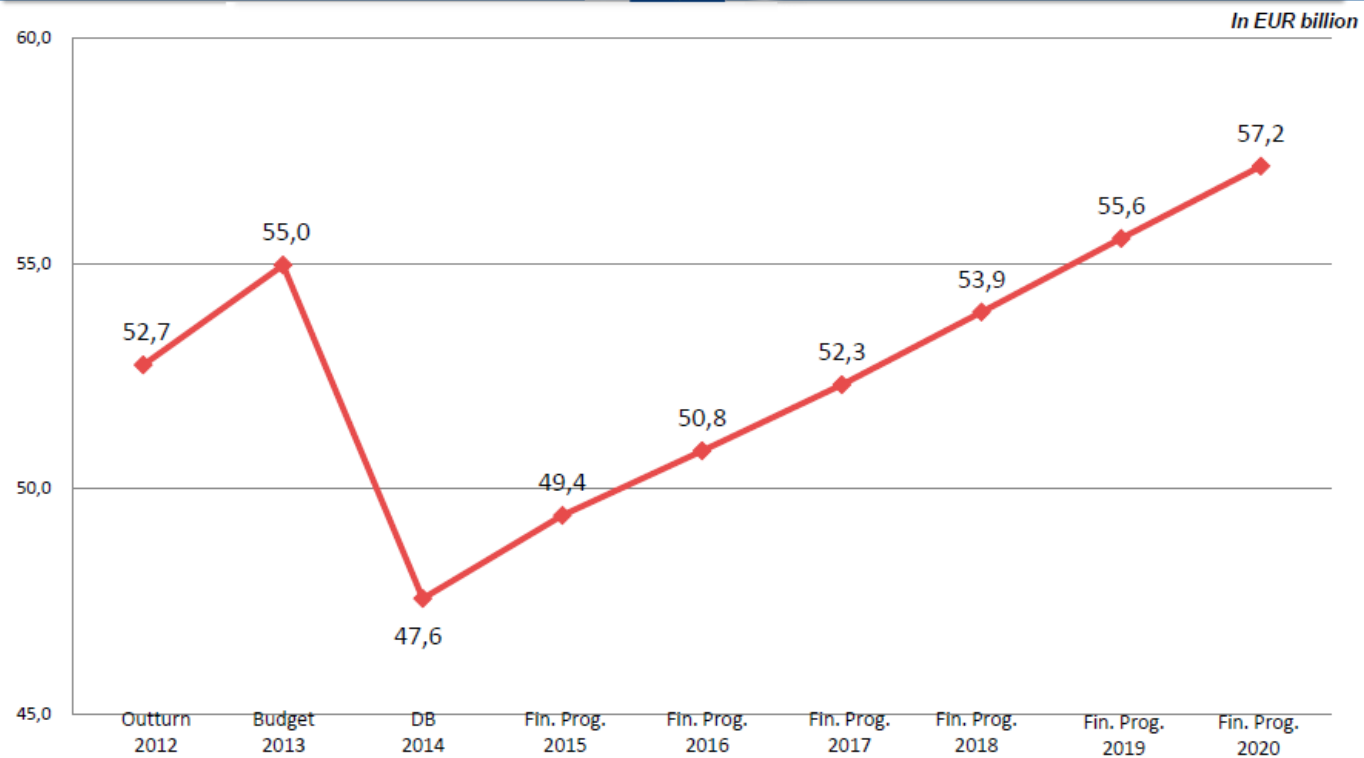
- Troika tutelage
- Economic governance (EuroPluspact, 6 + 2 pack, genuine EMU) – from 'negative' governance to 'positive' neo-liberal framework
- Soft law 'naming & shaming': the 'permanent plebiscite of the global markets'
- Independent ECB and Banking Supervision
- The role of the European Parliament

5. „Europe cares about you“

- “Differentiated growth-friendly fiscal consolidation”
- Compact for Growth & Jobs, Youth Employment Initiative
- MFF 2014 – 2020 (Commitment ceilings 1 % GNI, Payment 0.95 % GNI; EU austerity budgets)
- EU Budget 2014: - 6 % as against 2013

5. „Europe cares about you“

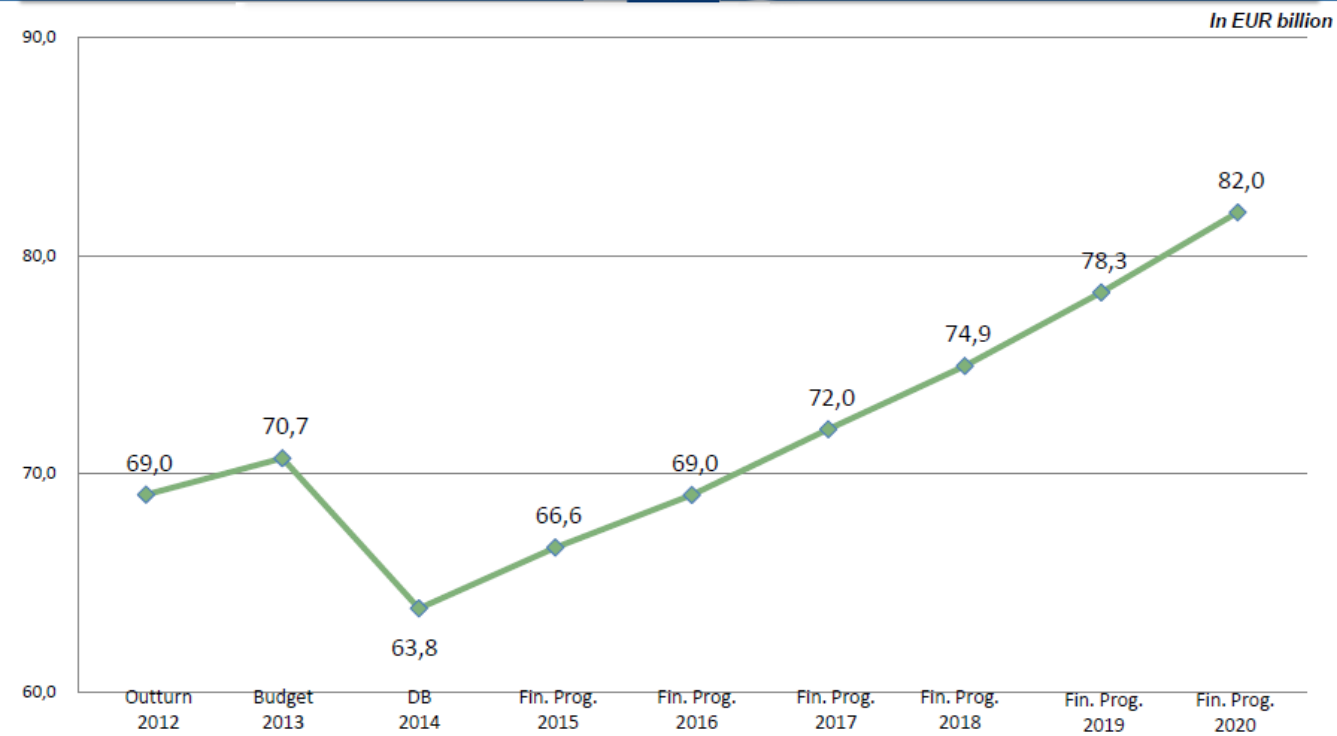
Evolution of Cohesion



5. „Europe cares about you“

DB 2014

Evolution of Smart and Inclusive Growth



6. Class warfare from the top & „popular“ perceptions

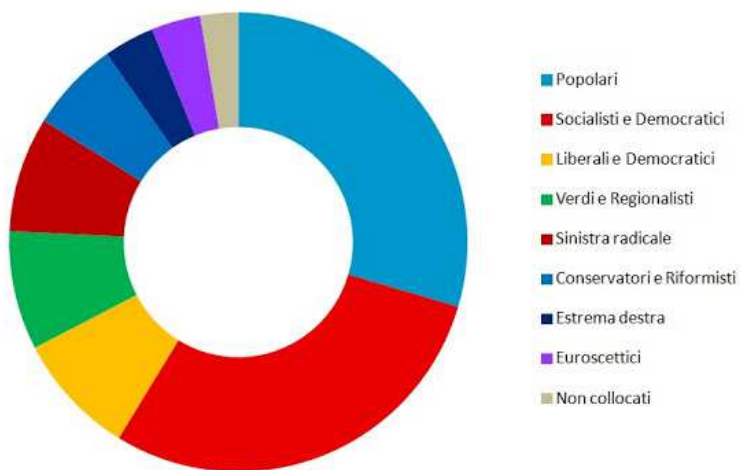
- „Accumulation by dispossession“
- Problem of agency: cycles of disillusionment with centre-left
- EU „core“ vs. south & east: ‚There is not enough for everybody‘ vs. ‚All or nobody‘
- Trade unions, social movements and radical left divided over EU/Euro

7. Scenarios

- Mounting rebellion at the “periphery”, realignment with centre-left France
- “German Europe” becoming persistent
- Break up

2014 European Elections

Seggi al Parlamento Europeo



<i>Gruppo</i>	<i>Seggi</i>	<i>%</i>
Popolari	222	29,6%
Socialisti e Democratici	219	29,2%
Liberali e Democratici	65	8,7%
Verdi e Regionalisti	63	8,4%
Sinistra radicale	61	8,1%
Conservatori e Riformisti	48	6,4%
Estrema destra	27	3,6%
Euroscettici	26	3,5%
Non collocati	20	2,7%
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