Europe: Back to the future of a political project

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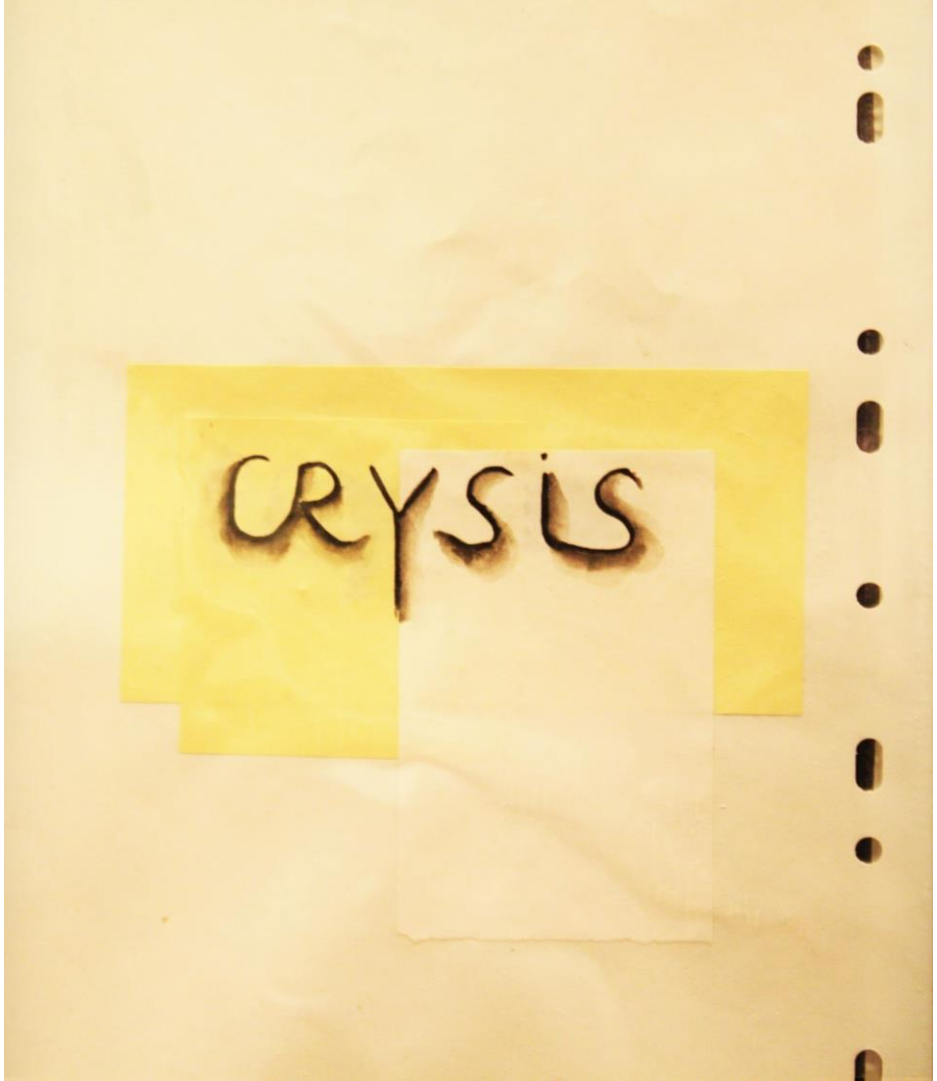


Babi Badalov

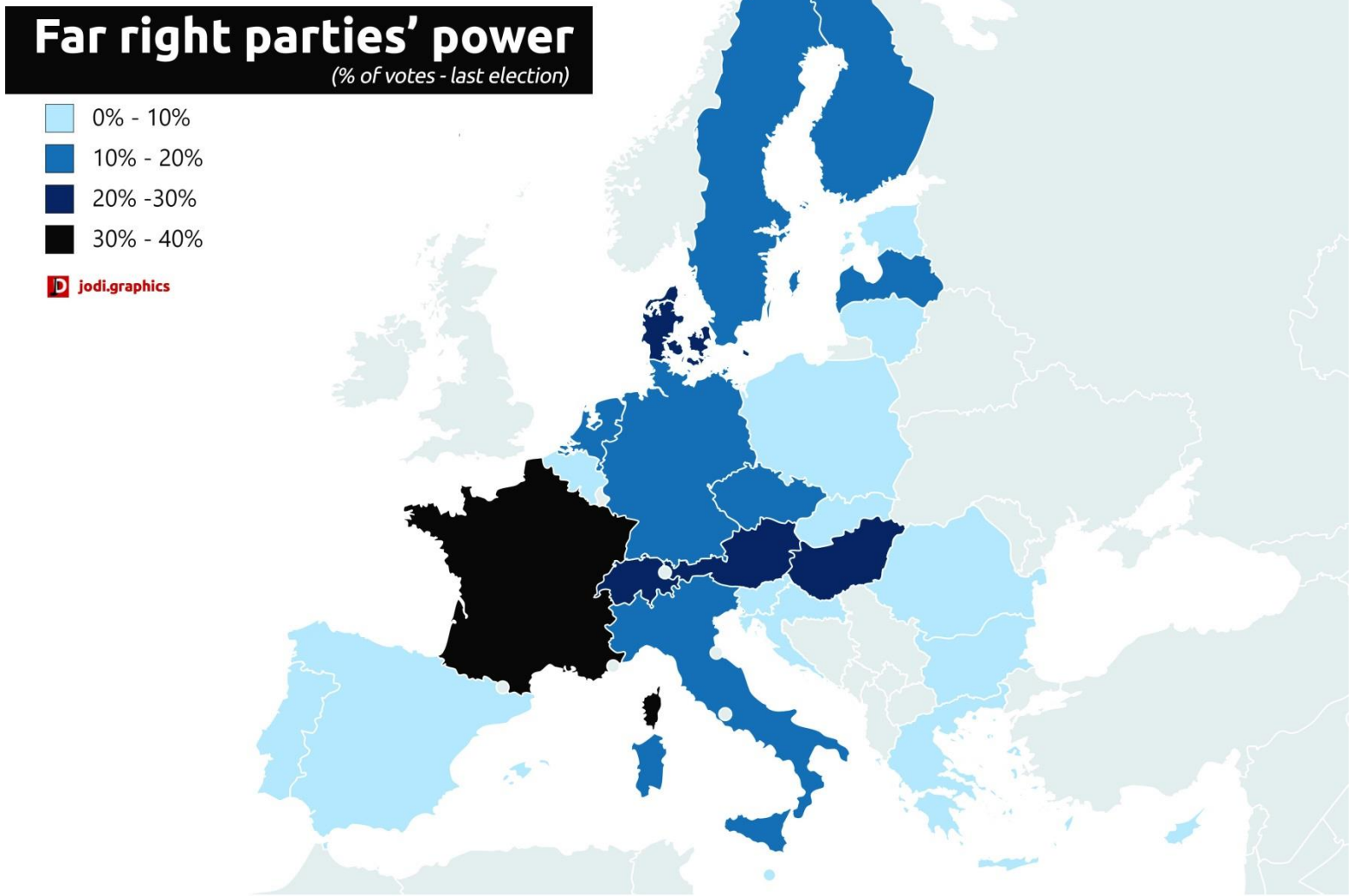
“You cannot Fall in Love with a Single Market. Europe needs a Soul.”

Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission (1985-1995)

“When the old world dies, and the new one isn‘t born yet, we live in the **times of a monster**.”

Antonio Gramsci

„loud minority“


Far right parties' power
(% of votes - last election)
0% - 10%
10% - 20%
20% -30%
30% - 40%
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„silent majority“

THE EUROPEAN REPUBLIC

IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

En tibi, formosæ sub forma Europa puellæ
Vtuida fœcundos pandit vt illa sinus.

Ridens Italiam dextra Cimbrosq; sinistra
Obtinet, Hispanum fronte geritq; solum.

Pectore habet Gallos, Germanos corpore gestat
Ac pedibus Graios, Sauromatasq; fouet.

Principle of political equality means:

Electoral equality

Equal fiscal policy

Equal access to social rights

- One market (1992)
- One currency (2002)
- One democracy (2032?)

- One Euro (2002)
- One IBAN/SEPA (2016)
- One European Social Security Number (ESSN) (2022?)

one market – one democracy

strong economic driver

industry / banks ⇒ asymmetric admission

democracy: no political & economic driver

THE EUROPEAN BALCONY PROJECT
9th – 11th November 2018 on a balcony near you

European Trilogy

Parliament

with no right of legal initiative

Commission

which is no Government

… but has "Court Functions": Guardian of the Treaties

Council

which is driven by national interest

Governance is ownership for everybody but responsibility for none!

No real opposition → no reversibility of politics

European Senate

2 Senators
per European Province
& Metropolitan Area

European President

European House of Representatives

"One (wo)man, one vote"

European Citizens

- **Armin von Bogdandy (2017):**

  „*Die technokratische EU- Rechtsgemeinschaft sollte zu einem politisierten europäischen Rechtsraum weiterentwickelt werden.*“

- **European legal community should become one legal space**

- European Law of Associations?
- European Foundation Law?
- European Electoral Register (Rosanvallon: Le *sacre du citoyen*)?
- European Citizenship?

Divided elites or divided people?