

MICHELE BAGELLA

Trust generation vs fear generation: Lessons from Rome's Treaty

The debate on the future of European Union is becoming more and more tough. The exit from the Union is the proposal of some political parties for the next elections in France, Italy and other countries. Immigrants flows, terrorism and economic crisis contribute to feed fear and pessimism. It seems forgotten the lesson of the Rome's Treaty, that in the 1957 put the basis of the European Common Market. Then, trust and a largely shared sentiment to stop the wars were the fuel to reach the agreement that would have changed the European history, giving a perspective of peace and union to the people. Starting from the "*Economy*", the Treaty was the first pillar of a long political process that in the mind of the *father founders*, Adenauer, De Gasperi, Monnet, and Schuman would have brought to a Political Union. Later, in the 1992, the Maastricht Treaty and the agreement to have a common currency, the euro, was the fundamental step on the integration road. Even though the fear of the new immigrants from Africa and Near East Countries seems to have infected the more aged European population, on the contrary, the trust expressed by the more young generation, the *Erasmus Generation*, represents the will to go on and not to come back to the old European divisions. It could seem a paradox, but this perspective, strongly constructed by the extremist *no-Europe Parties*, could have a new unpredictable positive push by the new President Trump's international policy against globalisation, euro, and NATO's Financing, that could contribute to a new *European Agreement on Defence and Security*, a strategic sector to implement the process of the Political Union.