

The Disruptive Report to Reform the European Union

By MCC and Ordo Iuris Institute

THE GREAT RESET

Breaking the Gridlock: Fundamental Flaws of the European Union

Over the past 70 years, the European Union has evolved from a simple economic cooperation project into a powerful supranational entity—with its own currency, court, and budget. What began as a vehicle for peace and prosperity now often feels distant from the democratic will of individual nations, breeding frustration over opaque decision-making and the centralization of power at the expense of national sovereignty.

- Democratic Deficit
- Erosion of National Sovereignty
- Centralization of Power
- Expansion of Ideology & Bureaucratization in EU institutions.

The new model of European cooperation can be built based on one of two scenarios:

- The “Back to the Roots” Scenario
- The “New Beginning” Scenario

Under the “**Back to the Roots**” scenario, the existing legal institutional framework of the EU must be reformed with 23 proposals.

According to the “**New Beginning**” scenario, the EU must be rebuilt from the ground up, based on a new treaty, new institutions, and a new common legal order, replacing the current framework with a flexible, intergovernmental system.

Scenario I: Back to the Roots

National sovereignty must take precedence with Member States as the EU's true center of gravity. Power must shift back to national governments, curbing the influence of supranational institutions like the EP, EC, and ECJ.

- I. A more flexible European Union to accommodate the will and capacity of integration of all Member and Candidate States.
- II. Reassessing and enforcing EU competences.
- III. A strengthening and extension of the unanimity rule.
- IV. Primacy of national constitutions over European law.
- V. A European Commission at the service of Member States.
- VI. Prominence of the European Council and the Council of Ministers.
- VII. The end of the Hegemony of the European Court of Justice.
- VIII. The European Parliament as a consultative assembly: A secondary role to the Council in legislative matters.
- IX. Comprehensive audit and review of the European budget and public funded projects.

Scenario II: A New Beginning: This scenario proposes a complete institutional overhaul, replacing the current EU framework with a flexible, intergovernmental system.

Intergovernmental Union

Primacy of intergovernmental bodies, with decision-making based on unanimity and an Executive Secretariat overseeing implementation. A European Court of Arbitration would resolve disputes between Member States.

Voluntariness & Flexibility

Introduction of an à la carte model of integration, allowing Member States to participate in core areas of cooperation and opt-in/out of additional projects like border protection, energy security, and scientific research.

Conferral & Subsidiarity

Strengthening the principle of conferral, ensuring clear distinctions between EU and Member State competences, with guarantees for subsidiarity and opt-out options in deeper cooperation.

Transition to a New Union

A gradual transition plan to dissolve the EU and establish a new Union based on the outlined principles, including addressing assets, liabilities, and financing during the transition period.

Primacy of National Constitutions

Upholding national sovereignty by prioritizing national constitutions over EU obligations, allowing adjustments based on domestic legal frameworks while ensuring cooperation within agreed limits.

Presentation in the European Parliament

On June 11, 2025, the Antall József Building of the European Parliament in Brussels hosted a special panel—organized by Patriots of Europe in collaboration with Mathias Corvinus Collegium (MCC) and Ordo Iuris—on the future of the EU and the vital role of national sovereignty in institutional reform. Highlights included the launch of “The Great Reset” report and insights from Rodrigo Ballester, Jerzy Kwaśniewski, MEP András László, and MEP António Tãnger Corrêa.



Presentation in Washington D.C.

On March 11, 2025, the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., hosted the presentation to introduce The Great Reset.

Presentation in Budapest

On March 20, 2025, the Mathias Corvinus Collegium, together with Ordo Iuris and the Center for Fundamental Rights, hosted a full-house conference in Budapest to present “The Great Reset” report and discuss the future of the European Union.



Presentation in Madrid

On April 24, 2025, the Centro de Derechos Fundamentales/Alapjogokért Foundation hosted a presentation in Madrid of The Great Reset and MEP Jorge Buxadé led a lecture and discussion on why “Another Europe is possible, and we know where to go.”

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- *Mi*: [Great Reset - süngös szükség van drasztikus reformokra az EU-ban](#) - Rodrigo Ballester
- *El País*: [El Gran Reseteo: así es el detallado plan para desmantelar la UE que entusiasma a Vox](#)
- *HírTV*: [A Mathias Corvinus Collegium és az Ordo Iuris Intézet javaslatokat tett közzé az EU reformjára](#) - Rodrigo Ballester
- *El Confidencial*: ['El Gran Reinicio': un documento del que hablarán los políticos europeos](#)
- *Infostart*: [Rodrigo Ballester a Great Resetről: két forgatókönyv az Európai Unió teljes újragondolására](#) - Rodrigo Ballester
- *La Gaceta*: [Un informe presentado en Madrid plantea una «reconstrucción» de las instituciones de Bruselas para «restablecer» la soberanía de las naciones](#)
- *European Conservative*: [The EU is turning into a “centralized monster”—EU Expert Rodrigo Ballester](#) - Rodrigo Ballester
- *Le Grand Continent*: [Comment deux instituts hongrois et polonais veulent démanteler l'Union européenne de l'intérieur avec l'aide de la Heritage Fondation](#)
- *Interia.pl*: [Media ostrzegają przed prawniczymi siłami. Wskazano na Polskę i Węgry](#)
- *Oko.press*: [Ordo Iuris i ludzie Orbána chcą rękoma Trumpra zdemontować UE. Kto naprawdę za tym stoi?](#)

Explore the Full Report

Dive deeper into our analyses and proposals by reading the full report on the Center for European Studies' website:



THE GREAT RESET: Restoring Member State Sovereignty in the European Union



A NAGY ÚJRARENDEZŐDÉS: A tagállamok szuverenitásának helyreállítása az Európai Unióban



EL GRAN REINICIO: Restablecer la Soberanía de los Estados miembros en la Unión Europea



LA GRANDE RÉINITIALISATION: Rétablir la Souveraineté des États Membres dans l'Union Européenne