



*There is great change in the air  
as the world moves to multipolar reality.*

In this context, it is urgent to look at Europa and “her” essence with renewed eyes and perspective. One could compare human experience of 100 years as ONE year in the biography of European identity, therefore, going back to the mythical times when Europa, riding Zeus-bull, landed on Crete. We could say, Europa now reached the age of about 42 years, which in the archetypal human biography represents the turning point towards serious and responsible life! The fact that EU is currently drifting and shaking in its foundations is the symptom, but the cause can be found in the tragedy that we forgot “our story”. Increasingly young generations live from day to day, their identity seem to be “Google and **I-PAD**”. Digitalised thinking lost its wings to soar to the summits of imagination and inspiration where we experience our deep sources, like for example Prometheus-Beethoven fire enkindling the fire of **I AM** on European soil.

*What is it that lies at the root of Europa?*

*What kind of source is it?*

It is thousands of years of genius creations which, by their very nature, qualify as societal formative forces **above** time! If I look at Britain, I see Shakespeare. If I look at Germany, I see Goethe. Slovenia – Preseren and so on: Hundreds of lightnings connecting heavens and European landscapes, crystallizing **folk-genius** within diversity of cultures! This cultural tapestry of our continent, evolving in synchronicity with the European polyphonic music over thousands of years. Polyphony: Out of productive tension of counterpoints the inner space emerged, this sacred inner space, the melting point of soul, only accessible to the purified experience of human heart! “Verinnerlichung” (“the path towards the magic human state of inwardness”), the most profound European innovation, the call from the emerging future! Age of Artists is emerging, maybe the second wave of Renaissance, and this time in the reverse order: Not bankers sponsoring Art, but formative forces of Art beginning to help people caught in the wheels of the global economy. Art sponsoring business and transforming economic reality into its original reason to exist: economy to serve human ultimate need, the need and challenge of attaining **free personality**, and not to deform one’s soul forces in order to “fit” into the wheels of global economy!



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*Here is the starting point of our project*

*“Europa Unfinished Masterpiece”:*

Two Europeans, Miha Pogacnik, artist-diplomat and Milan Jazbec, diplomat-artist joined forces and invited many to introduce dynamics of formative forces of Art as they begin to build inspirational bridges between European economy, politics and culture. A journey towards polyphonic European identity! Is it possible to de-compose and re-compose society in a similar way as it has proven fruitful in our decades long work within economy: taking dynamics of musical masterpieces and **transferring** it interdisciplinary for transformation of leadership and organisations? If we look at the current identity crisis within the EU, we can perceive an overdose of pragmatism, cynicism and negativity. Fire of idealism is missing, a powerful drive for **practical utopia!** EU started mostly with economic-political idea and now, as the identity (for holding all stakeholders together) is at stake, it is the moment to reintroduce the blazing fire of Art as interdisciplinary, transgenerational and intercultural force, connecting through the regions of the continent with the strategy: Art humanizing economic culture **first** (high above the waves of digitalisation), and the rest will follow! Not only Europa, also most of our respected enterprises forgot their story, their sources, their WHY.

*We start in May 2017 with the project in western Balkans,  
fire is missing up north and in the west!*

Tirana-Pristina-Skopje (May 2-3-4, 2017) and then renewing the function of love, of “beloved”, of “Ljubljana” (in Slovenian language it means “beloved”) (May 9th, 2017) to direct the emerging stream of the European masterpiece to all EU regions for one year till May 2018. At the start, the representatives of western Balkan societies will be sitting in the symphony orchestra to experience the dynamics and content of the musical masterpiece with the goal to formulate new questions to the awakening of the “spiritual biography of Europa as unfinished masterpiece”. And on this path of beginning, we will stop and reflect on the ancient European Grail story in Terra Parzival, the mythical landscape in Eastern Slovenia. (May 6/7, 2017) Then in the beginning of May 2018 the project will conclude in the pattern of this year’s beginnings, but on the higher octave: in Cetinje, Sarajevo, Belgrade and then with the grand finale in the EU parliament in Brussels. Young players from western Balkans constituting the orchestra and among them will be sitting decision makers of EU, at least those who have the “ears to hear”! The beauty of the project is the fact that in that one year between the beginning and the end is completely open for the creative emergence on all possible societal levels of EU. Identity-fire torch spilling through all EU regions! Too long have we been running our organisations and countries according to the principle of “business as usual”. With this project we want to give the “impossible”, the “urgently different” the essence of humanity its opportunity and chance!

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