

GROUP EXERCISE DIFFERENTIATED INTEGRATION

- 1.) The **punctual** submission of your elaboration is a **MUST**. Late submissions cannot be taken into account. For the deadline please see the course details in the Course Catalog!
- 2.) Please submit **2 STANDARD A4 PAGES** (= body of the text, excluding the questions, footnotes, bibliography; Times New Roman, 12pt, 1.5 line spacing).
- 3.) Your response should be structured along the questions. Please answer **question by question**.
- 4.) Please make sure you support your arguments with studies, reliable material etc. which you can find on the internet (given current circumstances no libraries!). Please note: All material needs to be quoted properly. Please include a bibliography. Your paper should comply with basic requirements of academic writing. Also be aware of plagiarism (<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/staff/information-for-teachers/courses-exams-and-theses/theses/plagiarism>). The paper you submit should represent a “proper piece of work”.
- 5.) Please make sure the file name includes the family names of all group members plus the title of the exercise, e.g.: “Jones Smith Williams _ Differentiated Integration”.

“[...] And I take full responsibility for this philosophy. Europe is already moving at several speeds, so we should not be afraid to say so and want it! [...] No, let’s embrace the differentiations, the vanguard, the heart of Europe I was talking about earlier. We’ve got to make progress on all our major challenges, quickening the pace and setting our sights higher. No State must be excluded from the process, but no country must be able to block those wanting to make faster progress or forge further ahead. [...] [T]he idea that whoever wants the least can block the others is a heresy. We must accept these many differences and, as at every key moment in its history, Europe will move forward first of all through the determination of a few. [...]”

Initiative pour l'Europe - Discours d'Emmanuel Macron pour une Europe souveraine, unie, démocratique (26/09/2017), <https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2017/09/26/president-macron-gives-speech-on-new-initiative-for-europe.en> (retrieved 23/08/2021)

- 1.) What do you think:

Does/will flexible (differentiated) integration help or damage the EU project in general and why?

- 2.) What are the **basic** principles of enhanced co-operation as provided for in the Lisbon Treaty? How does "enhanced co-operation" as provided for in the Lisbon Treaty function **in substance**? **No details please, just the essence!**

For your help see:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:C:2012:326:SOM:EN:HTML>

3.) Viviane Reding former Commissioner, reacting to the Swiss immigration vote (February 9, 2014): "We respect the democratic vote of the Swiss people. The four fundamental freedoms - free movement of people, goods, capital and services - are not separable. The single market is not a Swiss cheese. You cannot have a single market with holes in it." (source: <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/f534a5fe-919c-11e3-8fb3-00144feab7de.html#axzz2t01F7k4B>) (retrieved: February 2014)

Can the single market and differentiated integration in general or enhanced co-operation (as provided for in the Lisbon Treaty) in particular be reconciled? Reflect also on BREXIT in this context, please!

Please note: Do **NOT** write about the Swiss immigration vote but rather read Ms. Reding's statement only as a kind of "teaser". The question is about (a) the compatibility of the single market with flexibility concepts (please have also a more specific look at enhanced co-operation as provided for in the Lisbon Treaty) and (b) about whether the "inseparability" of the single market was/is also relevant in the context of BREXIT.