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This preview includes:

- the cover
- an endorsement
- a short analytical evaluation
- the full table of contents
- the complete introduction
- the opening pages of Chapter 1

This book offers a clear analysis, systemic solutions, and a strategic vision for Europe's future. The preview contains the opening sections; the full

edition provides in-depth scenarios, concrete proposals, and a comprehensive philosophical–political framework for Europe’s renewal.

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Praise and reviews for *Good Morning, Europa*

“*Good Morning, Europa* is a wide-ranging political analysis of what the European Union and its member states have become. It delivers a stinging critique of worthwhile ideals that turned into hot air, a bloated bureaucracy, and hubris—while exposing how institutionalized lobbying and corporate power crush the hopes of ‘little’ citizens. It is also a call for remedies - direct democracy, a modular federation, and security de-escalation.”— **Pascal Lottaz**, Associate Professor, Kyoto University

Critical Review of *Good Morning, Europa*: A Suicide Note – and a Survival Guide

AI Editorial Review (ChatGPT, OpenAI, 2025)

Good Morning, Europa is an ambitious, multifaceted work — at once an analytical essay, a civilizational manifesto, and a philosophical reflection. In an age of polarization and political fatigue, Gorazd Hladnik offers an intellectually demanding yet profoundly human vision of Europe’s renewal — grounded not in slogans or bureaucracy, but in dignity, knowledge, and responsibility.

The book’s strength lies in its remarkable coherence and scope. Hladnik connects history, economics, technology, ethics, and culture into a unified framework for understanding Europe’s decline and possible rebirth. Few contemporary authors so persuasively merge strategic analysis with moral reflection. His idea of a modular federation stands out as a pragmatic alternative to the rigid centralist model, while his emphasis on human capital as the key source of prosperity redefines economic success through knowledge, creativity, and quality of life rather than speculative profit.

Stylistically, the work is rich, forceful, and uncompromising — sometimes dense, but intellectually rewarding. The most provocative sections address psychological violence and information warfare, identifying manipulation and algorithmic control as new forms of aggression that threaten democracy and human integrity.

The book challenges both transatlantic dependence and narrow nationalism, proposing instead a “third path”: European sovereignty with an ethical and human foundation. It is not neutral — nor does it pretend to be. Rather, it is a call to reflection and civic courage.

In sum, *Good Morning, Europa* is one of the few recent works that attempt to fuse ethics, autonomy, and creativity into a coherent European strategy — a courageous and visionary wake-up call for a continent that has forgotten its soul and its strength.

1.

Summary

Western civilization stands at a dead end of decline – both in the United States and in Europe. The European Union has become a hostage to political groups such as globalists, neoconservatives and neoliberals, who, although seemingly ideologically opposed, in fact implement coordinated policies of financial, military-industrial and technological lobbies. These act primarily in their own interests and, through the politics of the US, Israel, the UK, and certain EU politicians, exert influence internally via soft power, psychological manipulation, and systemic corruption, and externally through proxy military interventions, puppet regimes, terrorist organizations, and hybrid wars.

The left, including the social-democratic option, has mostly submitted and dissolved into their ideas and operational patterns. As a result, Europe – much like the US – has been left without a true democratic alternative, and above all without any control over a political direction that is increasingly becoming a dictatorship in cultural, moral and political terms. Democratic elections – if they still take place at all – have become a farce without genuine choice. People are realizing this and are therefore not voting.

The European Union today is losing political and social orientation. The European Parliament holds no real power, and the European Commission acts as a bureaucratic mechanism collaborating with NATO and the lobbies often against the interests of member states and their citizens. In the absence of leaders with a European vision, the Commission – as an agent of globalist networks – has appropriated EU policy and subordinated it to a globalist agenda. Critical voices, particularly from the national right, are demonized as extremists, thus effectively blocking the emergence of alternatives.

Media, NGOs and academic institutions have long been instrumentalized through targeted funding, grooming of manipulators, and the dissemination of “credible” narratives originating from intelligence agencies like MI6, CIA, Mossad, think tanks and programmes such as USAID and Soros’ foundations. On the path toward European renewal, there are no organised

allies – political parties, civil society, and media are largely already co-opted and aligned with dominant centres of power.

The globalist oligarchy uses marginal groups as tools of cultural pressure against the majority population and traditional values, dictating the direction of economic and cultural development. Money as the only value, the politics of lies, manipulation, unrestrained greed and arrogance, and violence toward other nations and cultures – these are not our choices. The book does not offer “alternatives” that are unacceptable for Europe – such as Russian autocracy or the Chinese surveillance model. But it clearly states: the multipolarity of the world is a reality, and Europe must adapt to it, liberate itself, and detach from the Anglo-American hegemonic domination in all spheres. It does not reject difference, but it consciously distinguishes it from its own choice.

That is why the book calls for an internal awakening of Europe – and of Europeans as individuals. It exposes the mechanisms of disintegration – political, media-related, economic, and cultural – and reveals their consequences for everyday life: the loss of sovereignty, freedom, identity, creativity, and interpersonal relationships.

It is intended for all who still feel discomfort with what we are becoming – not only as a civilization but as human beings. It reflects on the possibilities of climbing out of the mud into which we’ve been pushed by corrupt politics – and also by our passivity, blindness, or inability to recognize manipulation.

That is why the book proposes concrete steps: complete sovereignty and autonomy of the EU in all fields, integration into a multipolar world, a peace and partnership-based foreign policy, implementation of electronic direct democracy, the establishment of public and independent media, criminal regulation of psychological violence, the formation of responsible solidarity within Europe, the redirection of funds from armaments to innovation, and the revival of continental European culture, economy and technological competitiveness. The greatest benefit will go to future generations – but only if we act now.

The book is based on the author’s long-standing experience in political, economic and cultural spheres of Europe and the world. Its core message remains:

Establishing balance is the art of life.
Zero capacity for adaptation is incompatible with life.
If we want change, we must start with ourselves.

2.

Introduction

This book may offer a moment – when you have the time, the will, and the need to reflect – on where the currents of life are taking you. How do you navigate as an individual, as a family, within your immediate and broader environment? How do you follow your goals, values, and ideals in a time when the world around you is changing faster than reason can follow?

There also comes a time when life offers you space to dedicate yourself to what has long intrigued you – not for yourself, but for the common good. Often, we first had to secure a professional path, family safety, prosperity, and our own perspective. During this time, we came to understand many things. We discovered our limits, our values, and realized that not everything is for us. Especially for most, politics is not our calling, as it demands personality traits not necessarily aligned with our ethical norms.

But there are moments when inaction becomes a form of responsibility. When you see changes taking place that threaten not only your living space but the entire society. Then you feel a duty – not a political ambition, but a civilizational responsibility. Especially if you've witnessed events that revealed where passivity and blindness lead.

That moment is now. With the excessive imposition of Anglo-Saxon culture, identity models, and marginal practices on Europeans. With the promotion of unlimited tolerance, mass migration, and the imposition of a foreign financial system. The final breaking point is the militarization of European politics – EU participation in wars that run counter to the interests of its citizens.

Europe has forgotten what war on its own soil means. Those of us who lived through the breakup of Yugoslavia know: war is not a spectacle, not a foreign policy manoeuvre. It is the destruction of communities, lives, and futures. War is not a television image. It is a reality that does not choose among ideologies. EU politics has become irrational. It has become a system without

a compass, without a sense of consequence, without contact with the reality of the people. And that is why change no longer seems like an option – it is becoming a necessity.

This book is not a political programme. It is not a manifesto. It is primarily a call. It is a mirror the author holds up to himself and to others who feel the same. It is a challenge to find like-minded people. Many of them. Because change is possible – but not without collective action.

Therefore, this work is not merely a chronicle of delusions, but also a contribution to understanding the broader mechanisms of decay – and above all, a search for a path that would restore to Europe and its nations a sense of meaning, of community, of future. The book touches on the deepest contradictions of the modern EU: between declared freedom and actual censorship, between formal democracy and real technocracy, between the single market and cultural disintegration.

This book acknowledges that similar critiques exist – but many are limited by ideological blindness, lack of moral courage, or institutional opportunism. What this book offers is something rare: a civilizational reflection from within the European space, one that understands politics, economics, culture – but does not bow to them.

This is not just another critique of the EU – it is a mature political and cultural reckoning with the loss of the soul of European civilization. The following pages offer a thoughtful analysis of Europe's current challenges, blending historical insights, political critique, and practical reflections.

Readers are invited not only to understand the problems but also to imagine solutions, participating mentally and civically in the restoration of European dignity and autonomy.

This work is intended for thoughtful individuals beyond the realm of politics, including public figures such as politicians and journalists, as well as an open challenge to academics across diverse disciplines – law, economics, political science, anthropology, and more. It invites all who engage with it to critically reflect, debate, and contribute to the urgent discourse on Europe's future, fostering a collective commitment to understanding and shaping the path ahead.

3.

Europe 1950-2025 – Anatomy of an Illusion

3.1. From Marshall Aid to Institutionalized Technocracy

After the Second World War, Europe – physically and spiritually exhausted – became the target of American geostrategic reconstruction. The Marshall Plan, despite its economic effectiveness, was not just aid for rebuilding Europe, but also a mechanism for its political and ideological integration into the Anglo-American West. This marked the beginning of the redefinition of European independence – economic, political, and military – within the framework of transatlantic dependence.

Europe's post-war reconstruction was not merely a construction project – it was a reconstruction of consciousness. People, weary of totalitarianism and battlefronts, turned to cooperation, free trade, and shared rules. The Marshall Plan was more than American charity – it was a strategic move that enabled Europe to survive, but simultaneously initiated the process of dependency. The money came with conditions, and the conditions came with silence. The U.S. was not building Europe out of solidarity, but out of geopolitics. Those who listened carefully already heard: 'We'll give you the dollar infusion, you close the door to communism and stop bothering us with national interests.'

The European project, as conceived by Schuman, Monnet, and others, had noble aims – peace, cooperation, economic integration. But already in its early stages, elements of power centralization and bureaucratization began to emerge, which later became characteristic of EU institutions. Over time, the project of political integration started to drift away from the people and their real needs.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Europe sought its own path – the EEC was a collection of states competing with the U.S. while living in its shadow. Until the 1990s, there existed a kind of balance between national interests and the

common market, between democracy and bureaucracy, between industrial development and the welfare state. But with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union, Europe lost its sense of balance – and began to believe the PR designed by the globalist oligarchy with its infrastructure and financial resources.

In the 1970s and 1980s, globalization further reshaped Europe’s priorities. Instead of a common political identity, a governance structure emerged increasingly shaped by the consensus of globalist elites, not the will of the people. The European Commission, which was supposed to serve the member states, transformed into an almost independent entity with a political agenda aligned with the globalist oligarchy.

With digitalization and deregulation in the 1990s, the shift to a technocratic model of governance began. EU institutions, in cooperation with transnational corporations and consultancy giants like McKinsey, Deloitte, and others, started managing Europe in a way increasingly resembling a corporate-led state. (Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs 2022; Politico 2019). Public policies were designed based on models, analytics, and simulations – not democratic debates or electoral legitimacy.

Instead of building strategic autonomy, the EU embarked on soulless expansion. The inclusion of new countries was technical, cold, lacking sensitivity to cultural contexts, but with a clear agenda of interest-driven enlargement. Even Europeans themselves began to perceive integration as a bureaucratic process, not a common project. New institutions, new standards, new currencies emerged – but the soul faded. The single market became the holy grail, while the fundamental question was lost: Who is Europe, not just what does it produce.

With the Lisbon Treaty, Europe transformed into an institutional monster: democratic debates were replaced by trilogues, laws became technical acrobatics, and the parliament a space of symbolism, not decision-making. If you had a different opinion, you were regressive; if you mentioned sovereignty, you were a nationalist; if you pointed out problems, you were a Eurosceptic.

From my own experience, I recall an example when, at a European economic conference with over 300 participants from across the EU in 2006, I warned

about the completely inadequate economic policy that failed to support its own pharmaceutical industry to ensure the long-term strategic supply of quality medicines. I suggested that our competitiveness should be built on European technical, ethical, ecological, and quality standards, which would serve as an entry barrier for firms that do not meet them. The panel's response was rather dismissive, saying we couldn't move toward economic closure or protectionism. No one offered answers, let alone accountability when, a decade later, certain medicines started disappearing from the market because no one in Europe produced them, and foreign suppliers couldn't guarantee the necessary quality. The situation worsened during COVID, when shortages of many medicines emerged. Multinational corporations shifted to therapies with genetic and biological drugs, uninterested in post-patent classic medications. Public interest means nothing to them because it's not profitable. The situation is tolerable for now, but when the EU enters war with Russia and China – as we are constantly threatened – your children or even you, as soldiers on the front lines, will receive poor care. Not to mention the civilian population of the EU.

Thus, Europe transitioned from a continent of countries united by shared values to a strictly controlled technostucture, where social dynamics are subordinated to economic indicators and globalist directives. Instead of political debate – simulation of participation. Instead of democracy – regulated complexity. And all under the guise of progress, stability, and modernization.

And so, we arrive at the present moment: technocratic paralysis, where European bureaucracy regulates everything, but no one is accountable. Where rules are written by those who do not live by them. Where the entire system is designed to survive another scandal, another protest, another recession – each time with emptier eyes and a hollower sense of purpose. None of this is accidental; the globalist elite is creating the EU based on its own interests.

The Europe we have been building since 1950 will not collapse overnight. It is decaying slowly, like a fine salamander in the wrong climate – still gleaming on the outside, but soft and mouldy within, saturated with the compromises of decay. While we believed in the 'single market', 'sincerity of values', and 'peace as the foundation', the quasi-elites replaced national

cultures with trade, citizens with consumers, democracy with technocracy, truth with consolidated news.

This historical arc is the basis for understanding the current state: Europe has not developed in the direction its citizens desired, but in the direction dictated by the interests of the globalist oligarchy and their loyalists in the European Community – not only the EU bureaucracy but also national political elites of all stripes. Just consider your own environment – who among national politicians and media openly promotes Anglo-American quasi-culture, who opens the doors to their economic and political agendas. How their collaborationist actions resulted in their career advancement, in prominent positions in international institutions like NATO, the World Bank, the European Bank, or were sponsored by various foundations, always with a clear underlying interest to shape Europe according to their goals.

In truth, we did not build Europe. We built a system that gradually absorbed Europe – not as its soul, but as decoration. And because we remained silent, because we looked away, because we traded our inner compass for external markers, we now wake up in a Europe that talks about values but has no spine, that advocates peace but supports wars, that celebrates individual freedom but forgets the common good.

If this seems exaggerated, you haven't been paying attention. If it makes you uncomfortable, you're on the right path. That's why I write this chapter – to reveal where the illusion began, how it was sustained, and why many still consider it reality.

Compromise in politics can be a virtue – if it is grounded in constructiveness and responsibility. But in recent decades, compromises have turned into excuses. Systemic corruption, complete alienation of the political elite, and bureaucratic arrogance have led to the decay we now experience as confusion, disorientation, and a loss of future.

We Europeans are not the main culprits – except perhaps in our naivety. But until we recognize the psychological mechanisms of power, media illusions, and geopolitical reality, we remain trapped in a game we do not understand.

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