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This is a reader and manual for European Affairs „*pas comme les autres*“. It covers, history, the „mega projects“ of the EU – the cycle of big central activities like the Single Market, the Monetary Union, the EU enlargements etc, the institutions, the language question of the EU, the policies like the Single Market with many of its facets. In its institutional part it stresses the initiative of transparency of the EU institutions, as well as the EU symbols. The book covers extensively the enlargements – and those yet to come, as well as integrations like the European Economic Area – and the Council of Europe, which should not be mixed up with the European Council...

With the accent on the Four Freedoms (freedom of goods, services, people and capital), on questions like public procurement, but also on the ever stronger trend of public private partnerships (PPP) as well as on the Monetary Union, the author who looks back on around 30 years of training in European Affairs to many groups and many MBA, university of applied science and Eastern European or CIS countries universities, has opted this time for a positive, argumentative and problem-oriented introduction into European Affairs. He follows a very practical approach, ending with eEurope, eGovernment, eContent and other new e-catchwords. However, this is a booklet with the full text of the famous speech of Robert Schuman from May 1950 (and telling also why!), and an extra chapter on the international dimension of the European currency.

All this explains why this booklet is dedicated also to “non-Europeans”. Hans-Juergen Zahorka, a former Member of European Parliament who works now in a think-tank on European Affairs, has lots of experience in training European contents to ministerial civil servants in Central and Eastern Europe, in the CIS area, in the Balkan and ACP and other third countries. This booklet can be a great introduction to people from third countries, but also from the EU, to students, to intelligent citizens, and it has the courage to leave open some gaps, because European Affairs has such a comprehensive definition, from which it is clear that the author does not want more than appetizing by this booklet. With its many Internet sources it even can be called interactive, for those who want to dig into a particular subject can always open some websites.

And as the author is convinced that one cannot write a book on European Affairs without the risk that it may be outdated after some months he made this booklet mainly for use on CD-ROM. But for the more conservative intelligent citizen it is also available in hard copy.

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