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Dear readers!

Thank you for waiting a long time for the successor of “LIBERTAS.dotcom”. As we have now an EU domain ([.eu](http://www.libertas-institut.eu)), hence www.libertas-institut.eu, but can be reached also via [.com](http://www.libertas-institut.com) or [.de](http://www.libertas-institut.de) (and via www.ewiv.eu and www.eufaj.eu), to name this eNewsletter “LIBERTAS.dotcom” would be contradictory in itself. Therefore we have opted for the anti-charismatic but efficient name from above, which implies also some inside news. **Our e-mail accounts, however, remain under .com.**

This number is the first in English language only, enabling us to communicate world-wide on an enlarged basis. We promise shorter distances between the issues – two times per year. As usual, we mix European and international contents related to our daily work with topical news from our activities. Maybe this eNewsletter is a bit longer than usual – due to the long time we issued the last one. Your questions, proposals and feedbacks are welcome: hirschburger@libertas-institut.com.

Herzliche Grüße,

*Ute Hirschburger
Managing Director*

20 Years Of European EEIG Information Centre

In 1991, the European EEIG Information Centre was launched – but at that time in a very modest form. The first **European Economic Interest Groupings (EEIG)** have been founded after the EU institutions have adopted the framework law of this legal form for cooperation, and there was a general need of collecting data, of accompanying this legal form, which was not of any interest to anyone but the EU Commission which had launched a programme called “REGIE”, an abbreviation of a network between EEIGs. However, the network idea was not followed as it was not likely that different cooperation schemes would cooperate just because of their legal form. This has proven right. We have started the “EEIG Documentation Centre” as it was called first as loose discussion partnership between some European law experts, and we have integrated this in November 2002 when LIBERTAS – Europäisches Institut GmbH was formally launched into this structure. The main reason was that nobody was ready to house these activities. The European EEIG Information Centre as it is known today has the possibility to accept legal trainees under German law, and it was in the last years in various cases present in research projects, of which the German Ministry of Education and Research project on virtual enterprises implemented by the Institut für Zukunftsstudien merits to be mentioned. Our Website on EEIG is regularly rated as no. 1 in Europe – and it cost us a lot of work indeed! We have a special “birthday offer” until the end of this year, to popularize this legal form. Please see further information on www.ewiv.eu

The EEIG Information Centre Is On Board Of An Italian Research Project: Welcome To Dr. Alessio Bartolacelli



As you may know, both EEIG and EGTC (European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation) are instruments the EU has created to provide an easier cooperation between economic subjects operating in different EU Countries: private and public bodies for EEIG, public bodies for EGTC. Many of these cooperation structures are set by entities operating in areas very close to borders, because of their own transnational nature; when it doesn't actually happen, it can be useful to discover why, and to investigate whether something can be changed to modify the existing situation.

This is the main idea of the project “GEIE/GECT-TN”, approved by the Autonomous Province of Trento (Italy), in the frame of the “Trentino – 7 FP – People – Marie Curie Action – Cofund” project, co-funded by the same Province of Trento and the EU.

The proposing researcher is Dr. Alessio Bartolacelli, Research Fellow at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento mainly in the area of transnational Business and Commercial Law. He is also co-author of the book “*Percorsi di diritto societario europeo*”, edited by Elisabetta Pederzini and published in the Italian renowned legal publishing house G. Giappichelli Editore, Torino, for which he wrote the chapter on the EEIG.

The project is focused on both EEIG, in almost all its features, and EGTC, as concerns its “private-law aspects”; this includes mainly the area of internal governance of groupings and relationships between their members.

The development of the project - which will lead, during the next two years, to the publication of working papers and studies about the different areas of the research - is sub-divided into many sections.

The first fundamental step is the formation of a good knowledge base about the phenomenon of European Groupings. In order to do that, Dr. Bartolacelli will be hosted for three periods of six months each during the next years and he will take advantage of the extremely well-sorted library and of the database about the EEIG and EGTC set up during the last years by the Center. Dr Bartolacelli has also obtained the status of a “Visiting Scholar” at the Juristische Fakultät of the renowned University of Tübingen. Such recognition gives him the possibility of widening the net of research centers involved in the project; besides, he has been given the opportunity to take advantage also of the Universitätsbibliothek of Tübingen and its legal databases.

Once the knowledge base about the legal framework (EU regulations and single States implementation laws) is formed, travels to significant EEIG and EGTC are going to be planned to verify on field their organizations and specific peculiarities (structure, objectives, results, employees etc.). Specific attention will be reserved to the analysis of the socio-economic context where the groupings are set in. The comparison of results of such a research with official data provided by Province of Trento about the context of that area will help to understand whether the lack of EEIGs in the Province of Trento is only due to the Italian legal framework of the institute or if other reasons are present.

As far as EGTC is concerned, it is remarkable that the same Province of Trento, with the Province of Bozen and the Austrian region (“Land”) of Tirol, has set up a grouping on June 14th 2011. This constitution is in the meantime an opportunity and a challenge for the project. The opportunity consists in looking at a grouping in its starting time; the challenge is to find out solutions, possibly already implemented in different groupings, or even new ones, that can be used by this grouping as well.

The final goal of the project, thus, is to make the use easier of these two tools provided by the EU to private and public bodies; for such a purpose, guidelines and specimen contracts will be prepared. It will also be possible to analyze specific projects and to organize seminars and workshops about the constitution of European groupings in Italy.

If ever you have any questions, remarks or proposals for Dr. Bartolacelli, please send them under Alessio.bartolacelli@gmail.com or to the European EEIG Information Centre (ewiv@libertas-institut.com).

LIBERTAS Books for the Future Armenian Library Centre in Germany



LIBERTAS has donated several books from own but also from Armenian production to the Zentralrat (Central Council) of Armenians in Germany, to be used for the future Armenian Library and Archive Centre. We welcome the efforts of the „German Armenians“ to take a special care for Armenia-related books which shall be launched shortly. Armenia has a long history of books, of libraries, and it is an excellent idea to conserve what has been written on this country or was published by its authors. If by the way Azerbaijan would launch a library in Germany as well, we of course would donate all suitable books, too.

The [project plan for the library of the Central Council of Armenians in Germany](#) can be downloaded here (in German language!).

LIBERTAS Publishing extends its e-Publishing programmes



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Collecting Signatures – for the United States of Europe!



Since mid-September 2011 a new European petition is under way, this time launched by LIBERTAS. Signatures can be deposited until 31.12.2011. The editors of European Union Foreign Affairs Journal (EUFAJ), both convinced Europeans and working for the evolution of a European federalism since many years wanted to support the calls for “More Europe!” in the persisting economic or financial crisis. Above all, they wanted to set a counterpart to those who want to return the wheel and would like to reinstall national competences which are a matter of the past, and they wanted to contribute against political populism (“let’s throw the Greeks out of the Euro” etc.).

As per today, we have more than 170 signatures – of a European elite! It sounds very promising: from a very important French member of the European Economic and Social Committee to the chairmen of the Armenian as well as the Azerbaijani European Movements, from Russian web artists to a collaborator of the Val D’Oise *Département* administration and its European Affairs Office, from German managing directors to Belgian journalists, from Italian university professors to French academic teachers, etc. – thank you for supporting this collection of signatures!

We hope there will be more, of course! So, if you want also “More of Europe!”, if you want to mobilize the silent majority, please feel free to sign it: It is either on www.eufaj.eu or <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/europe>

In 2012: Interesting Seminars and Workshops

LIBERTAS is right now preparing a catalogue of seminars and workshops for 2012. Subjects will be out of the specific content of the know-how assembled within LIBERTAS. Please follow our website about the annual programme. We really look forward to this enlargement of our activity knowing well that the seminar business is a difficult one, but we are rather unique with our subjects. This new activity will be held not only in Germany but also in other EU and EU-third countries.

LIBERTAS – European Institute Has Nothing to Do With “Libertas”, a Eurosceptic Splinter Party

In the time before the last European Parliament elections in particular, the patience of us has been tested in a sometimes, let’s say, demanding way: We have been mixed up sometimes with “Libertas” party or institute from Ireland, an attempt of a transnational party, and were called several times from EU journalists who wanted to know our opinion and if we were related in some way. The answer was and is clear: No. LIBERTAS – European Institute GmbH has been launched in autumn 1992 and had existed in another form since 1976, among others with a journal (LIBERTAS – European

Review) until 1992 (this journal can be downloaded for free on our Website). The “Libertas” party has been started in 2008 only. After all, we think we were right in not proceeding into legal action against the other Libertas, as they got only one mandate in the European Parliament, and this from France where party names are not too important and always changing.

It would have been possible to take legal action, because our name is connected everywhere in the business with a pro-European, pro-integration point of view. This is part of our brand. The other “Libertas” does or did the opposite: they were against the Treaty of Lisbon, and this in a not too transparent style towards the outside. While we do not have anything against any other “Libertas” (e.g. there is a pub in Köln called “Libertas”, or hotels in Croatia etc. -they are all welcome!), we have something against a movement – even if failed – to call themselves that way, and being against what we stand for. In this context, we have also written to the European Parliament in March 2009 not to pay out any taxpayers’ money to “Libertas” the party. This has not been done by the European Parliament, mainly as there were signatures from people where it was never cleared how these signatures came under a paper endorsing “Libertas” from Galway/Ireland as a transnational party. What would have hurt us would have been a German participation in the EP election under this name, but this was soon cancelled, as “Libertas” Germany did not even get the necessary number of signatures to stand for European elections. After all, we did not want to end like the couple still dancing while the musicians had already all gone home, pursuing a Libertas party which had already been ousted from participation in the polls. But if “Libertas” as such will come again, we will be on the alert! And we reserve all intellectual property rights, namely the right on company names, toward this strange structure – this we have promised also in the “Irish Times” who had asked us for statements in this context.

“European Union Foreign Affairs Journal” (EUFAJ) Is a Success

EUFAJ is finally here, published and edited by LIBERTAS staff, with the help of a high-carat editorial board from all over the world, which in the next months will be still enlarged. The journal, as an



electronic-only quarterly covers in English language developments, opinions and effects of European foreign policy, foreign trade policy, defense policy, but also development policy as well as regional integration.

Although being partly involved in the EU’s activities in general, it must be expected that the editors will follow an open policy of giving all those a forum who have a say in EU or other countries’ foreign policy in general. “This is necessary, because everyone responsible in the EU should know about the perception of EU policies in third countries, and also people from these countries should inform themselves better on EU foreign policy, for this is in the making”, says Hans-Jürgen Zahorka, the Chief Editor and *spiritus rector* of this new eQuarterly, which was already much waited for in interested circles. The paper wants to work together with all relevant think-tanks and institutes and will gradually approach them in the next months, if it is not reached before by them.

With the help of prof. Olivier Védrine (Paris), university lecturer in several higher education institutions and chief editor of the Russian version of “Revue Défense Nationale”, a renowned French journal, prof. Židas Daslaowski, political scientist from Skopje/Macedonia and there also head of the prestigious CRPM think-tank, author of several books about Balkan conflicts, Dr Martin Pontzen, Director of the German Bundesbank (Technical Central Bank Cooperation with third countries), formerly for the German Federal Bank in Moscow, Viktor Yengibaryan from Yerevan/Armenia, president of the European Movement of this country and a person with a lot of experience in advising national politicians in Armenia, and prof. Sergei Metelev, an economist from Omsk/Russia (Russian State University of Trade and Economy), the first set of editors and the editorial advisory board has been named. Until now, we also have several Assistant Editors: Eka Meskhrikadze, formerly managing among others the Georgian-European Policy and Legal Advice Centre, a former staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Tamara Vatsadze, a pedagogic expert what she applied in various EU projects in Georgia, as well as Meerim Oboskanova from Bishkek/Kyrgyzstan, a M.A. from Strasbourg University in France who worked in EU projects, takes part in a LIBERTAS-run Central Asian integration project and is at present Personal Assistant to the head of a European mining company in Central Asia.

The yearly subscription price has been set to ... zero, as we want this journal accessible to every student, every NGO, every university institute, and we will finance it through advertisements and a reader forum who is offered silent participations. With this, LIBERTAS makes an attempt to popularize EU foreign policy – in a scientific exact and at the same time practically oriented, but also as a forum where also critical voices will be heard.

It is phantastic where the downloads are undertaken: not only within the EU, also in the CIS member states, Central and Eastern Europe, but in general from around the whole world. Russia must be noted in particular. In August 2011, for example, we had almost 100.000 Hits and approx. 6,7 millions of KB downloads. This is very encouraging! Who is interested in EUFAJ is invited to go on www.eufaj.eu. Also all questions, suggestions etc. to eufaj@libertas-institut.com are welcome. These websites are also available via www.libertas-institut.eu. We look forward to many articles – also from you, from scholars and students, university staff, consultancy companies and government advisors.

North African “*Arabellions*” and the EU

Since the very first day of the Tunisian, later Egyptian, Libyan and other pro-democracy revolts in North Africa and the Arab world, LIBERTAS keeps a special archive on these events, enlarged by personal memos and interviews. We held since summer 2011 several excellent lectures, workshops, seminars – these together with speakers from the region – or panel discussions: e.g. in Rostock at the Baltic Sea, in Aachen, in Würzburg (for Continuous Training of Teachers), in the Civic Education Center Sambachshof in North Bavaria etc. Many citizens are interested and concerned for the EU’s engagement in this region which is very close and near to Europe, and where we as EU have also responsibilities.

If you want to see an echo of one of these events: Here is the one organized by the Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC) Aachen: http://www.europedirect-aachen.de/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=759:vortrag-nordafrika-und-die-eu&catid=71:aktivitaeten-2011&Itemid=60

Master Courses for Universities – Ready for Immediate Use

LIBERTAS has prepared several courses for Masters at universities. They have a syllabus, and also the faculty staff is ready to march. The faculty consists of about 40-50 very experienced teachers from academia and practice, as usual for Masters. All the courses are conceived for distance studies plus presence modules; this is called “blended learning”. We also offer a correct calculated number of credit points and can also, if not already existing, provide contacts with EU universities. The study courses are ready to be implemented on short term; any accreditation is possible right before or after the beginning.

Of course, these curricula are flexible and can be adapted easily to local demands, or they can be given a spin. In detail, there are the following ones, which might – if suitable – also be transformed into mainly presence-based Bachelor courses:

- **Master in European Studies,**
- **Master in Minority Studies,**
- **Master in International Management,**
- **Master in Cross-Border Cooperation Management & Studies.**

They all contain a full curriculum with a short syllabus, and they consist of modules: the three latter Master courses can be partly -. But only partly! – based on the first one. If ever you want to contact us from a suitable organization (university or future university – state or private, NGO or chamber or association which intends to launch university programmes etc.) please turn to Hans-Jürgen Zahorka, zahorka@libertas-institut.com

European – Russian University Project



Our French colleague Prof. Olivier Védrine tries at present to enlarge the basis for a specific EU and Russian university, for which the Russian partner would be (at least) the Russian State University for Trade and Economy (RSUTE), a big university with altogether around 80.000 students in more than 25 study centres and with a lot of experience also in distance teaching. The headquarters are based in Moscow. If ever you are interested in this project and/or may contribute to it: Please contact Mr. Védrine (in English or French), olivier.vedrine@gmail.com

“Ideas That Shape” – A Canadian Echo on a Historic Article on Armenia and the EU

<http://ideasthatshape.com/?p=530> is a Website where Christine Maydossian from Toronto/Canada, after she worked in the Canadian Mission to the EU and the Armenian Mission to the UN in New York. In it she quoted an article by Hans-Jürgen Zahorka from LIBERTAS – European Institute who wrote it in 2005 in its first version, advocating an Armenian application to join the EU. If this would have been done, it might have changed history – but there were not enough guts for this piece of leadership in Yerevan at that time, and today it seems not appropriate enough. It might have changed history insofar as then maybe Turkey might have negotiated faster, more compactly and more concentrated with the EU, it might have helped the role of the EU in the South Caucasus, and maybe the Georgian President Saakashvili would not have participated in the short but superfluous war between his country and Russia. The article is also on our website, in English and German (CIS & Enlargement / Armenia, on www.libertas-institut.eu).

Colorful Caribbean Curaçao Culture ...

Not only to Belize where we were involved into the drafting of new laws reach our arms, but now also to Curacao: Ms Dawn Wint, born in Jamaica and now living on Curaçao which belongs to the Dutch Antilles, is heading there a foundation after Dutch-Curaçao law: the Stichting Interculture Organisation. Its object is among others the promotion of intercultural awareness relating to the cultures of different countries, especially those in the Caribbean area, as well as the promotion of linguistic openness. Foundations in Curaçao are registered now in the Commercial Register, and this one under no. 111571 (0). Together with a rep of LIBERTAS – European Institute there are a Canadian and a Danish supervisory director on the board, which is chaired by two ladies from the island, which is among the most colourful and vital ones in the Caribbean, and where the Stichting has started to provide tourists with crash courses in the local language Papiamentu.

An Ombudsman for the Budapest-Based Roma Education Fund



Beautiful Budapest in Hungary is the home for most of the staff of the George Soros donations in the framework of the Open Society Institute, mainly active in Eastern Europe, the Balkan and the CIS. This includes also a proud and very well managed structure like the Roma Education Fund, a 17 country operation with the objective to contribute to the formation of Roma elites in Europe by according scholarships for Roma students. Still today, Roma are heavily discriminated – even in countries like France, UK, Italy, Germany, in the subspecies of administrative discrimination, not to mention many Central and Eastern European new EU Member States. This Scholarship Programme was extended in the last year up to presently more than 1.600 scholarships, with thousands of applications for them. Those applications rejected, however, sometimes bear reasons for rejection not always accepted by the applicants, and this is where REF (Roma Education Fund) needed an Ombudsman for its Scholarship Programme – in this case Hans-Jürgen Zahorka from LIBERTAS – European Institute who is an experienced lawyer and knows the world of universities from many lecturing activities in the years since 1990, and who acts since late summer 2011 as part-time Ombudsman. The REF tries very hard to apply human rights principles in all its policies, and this in a very transparent way. If you want to see how REF works, please look at www.romaeducationfund.org

SME Investment in the Balkan Countries

Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) are the job machine not only in the EU but also in the Balkan countries, all working to approximate to the European Union. LIBERTAS - European Institute has been retained for various investment projects as advisor and facilitator:

E.g. for a local agro-processing company in Bosnia-Herzegovina who wants to expand, set up a second factory and representations in Montenegro as well as in Croatia; here the financing is not a major problem as the existing company has phantastic results, and a local business partner wants to join the company as well. The advice goes also into the direction of exporting to the EU, which is always a bit complicated as agriculture imports of the EU must also overcome the preferential principle.

Another project is a classical FDI investment: Kosovo diaspora business people and German SME investors joined to set up the first conference & convention hotel, under traditional financing, as well as a vocational school for catering and tourism professions within a training centre, which latter will be financed under public-private partnership (PPP) auspices. The relevant feasibility study, the marketing plan and a classical business plan as well as a strategy for the school which is unique in the country are managed by LIBERTAS, as well as negotiation with financing partners.



Training for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tajikistan

EU-Project „Central Asia Invest Programme – Enabling Business Intermediary Organisations to support Small and Medium Enterprises in Tajikistan (Esmet)

A two week intensive course about the information needs of small and medium-sized enterprises from Tajikistan was held in July 2020 in Berlin-Koepenick, above all under the orientation of Tajikistan's participation in the world economy. The programme was run by InWent gGmbH in Bonn, one of the big consultings working on behalf of German cooperation, and supported logistically and for local programmes in Berlin-Brandenburg by Bildungszentrum (Training Centre) am Mueggelsee, and its content had been designed and delivered by LIBERTAS – European Institute GmbH.

InWent is the German partner of a consortium which at present is active in this Central Asian country in a bigger trade and SME project in its capital, Dushanbe. Tajikistan has for a long time been the poorest member state of the CIS and has common borders towards China, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan – in a crisis-fragile region. The more its economic consolidation is of importance, and on this way the country has made some considerable progress during the last years.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry whose delegation has been led by Mr Asanali Karamaliev was represented by five leading persons from the chamber management from Dushanbe and a regional chamber from Khorog. The Chamber is, differently e.g. to those in Germany, France, Italy, Austria etc. not based on compulsory but voluntary membership.



At Savings Bank (Sparkasse) Märkisch-Oderland in Strausberg/Brandenburg. Among the subjects here were the start-up of enterprises, business plans and the practice of credits for SMEs as well as in general the access of enterprises to finances, but also tourism was discussed.

From left to right: Fayz Zanjirbekov (Director of the Regional Chamber of Khorog/TJ), Dr. Karlheinz Berger (Programme Manager of Bildungszentrum am Müggelsee, Berlin), Maysa Karamalieva (Department for Certification/Certificates of Origin), Asanali Karamaliev (Deputy Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tajikistan, head of the Tajik delegation), Tojiddin Jafarov (Head

of IT/Department of International Economy), Uwe Schumacher (Member of the Board of Sparkasse Märkisch-Oderland, but also member of the board of the regional tourism association), Adolat Mizoshoeva (Tajik SME expert and head of trade fair and expositions of the Chamber)

The participants had discussions e.g. on regional integration, the consequences of the future WTO accession, cooperation questions for enterprises, the work of EU information points, export and import questions, financing of start-ups and enterprises, trade fairs and expositions etc.

Their external programme included, among others, visits in the Berlin House of Representatives with talks and meetings with M.Ps and the Speaker, with prefabricated house factories or an agricultural cooperative, but as well as a visit to Slubice/Poland, the training centre of the Frankfurt/Oder Chamber of Crafts, the Savings Bank (Sparkasse) on the Maerkisch Oderland District in Strausberg/Brandenburg, but also the Committee on Trade Fairs & Expositions of the German Economy.

In Slubice/Poland, where Transport Consultant, founder of the East Brandenburg Transport Conferences and Managing Director of a Polish-German cooperation for railway issues (IGOB EEIG), Mr Karl-Heinz Bossan, discussed among others about bonded customs warehouses for international trade in goods, here – at the right – with Mr Asanali Karamaliev, head of the Tajik delegation.



Unfortunately the two weeks of the visit were hardly enough to discuss all aspects of SME-related subjects, but so far the visit of the Chamber representatives of this 8 million country under the Pamir mountains of Central Asia was an excellent appetizer for a further follow-up, at least.

The Tajik economy, where besides Tajik, a Farsi language, Russian is spoken by all economic agents, but also more and more English, registers the need of a catch-up of business contacts towards the EU. Export products are, among others, textiles, agro-processed goods and artisan craft. Tajikistan needs also foreign direct investment, e.g. for added value to extracted raw materials, and to develop tourism which has increased considerably during the last years.

Book Reviews

Karl Riesenhuber: *Europäisches Arbeitsrecht (European Labour Law; in German language)*. 2009, 597 pages, 118,00 EUR. ISBN 978-3-8114-5607-5. In the „Ius Communitatis“ series of C.F.Müller, Verlagsgruppe Hüthig Jehle Rehm (www.hjr-verlag.de)

Karl Riesenhuber, professor at Bochum University in Germany, presents this book with a concise but at the same time detail-oriented overview about the essentials of European Labour Law. There is few, but always more EU Primary Law – no miracle for a Single Market who should also cover social aspects, not only market-related ones. The Secondary Law is more compact. The legal contexts are displayed in a way through which real contexts are made clear, also the values leading to today's EU Labour Law standards. Among the accents the book sets are international law of dispatching workers, i.e. working in a trans-border way which in particular in Germany used to lead to big frustrations, by e. g. Eastern European workers who could not profit from the EU Single Market, by some countries who are still barred from free circulation, by the employers who should act within the Single Market but often feel obstacles. Another accent lies on individual labour law and labour procedure law, including the famous EU anti-discrimination law, transfer of parts of companies to new owners etc., and finally on Collective Labour Law, where the different EU legal forms of companies can play a role. EU Labour Law has also an increasing number of European Court of Justice decisions. All this is described here in a thorough way, for legal practitioners, teachers and students, but also for the interested head of the personnel or human resources office.

Where Is Rangendingen? Here The Enigma Is Lifted:

We have been asked many times: “Where is Rangendingen?”, also in view of the location indicated in the imprints of our publications. It is quite easy: Rangendingen is in South Germany, in the state of Baden-Württemberg, about 60 km south of Stuttgart, near the university city of Tübingen and near the Hohenzollern town of Hechingen. The following map shows a point where the three south German counties of Zollernalb (with Rangendingen), Tübingen (with its famous university) and Reutlingen (with its European Business School) meet. We are not far from there. And about 120 km to Strasbourg, 700 km to Berlin, 700 to Paris, 700 to Vienna, 700 to Brussels, 500 to Milan - somehow in the heart of Europe.



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