

## UNDERSTANDING THE FUTURE

### Where do we come from, where are we going?

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### From Struggling with Public Opposition to Developing a Shared European Will



## Overview

- ① Europe in Disarray
- ② The Nuclear Experience
- ③ Rational or Reasonable
- ④ Building the Grid



## Let Europe Arise!



1946, Churchill, Zurich



## A Failed Constitution



2005, Giscard d'Estaing, Paris / Brussels



## The Nuclear Experience



## Rational or Reasonable?

**The roots of Europe lie in the practice of democratic debates initiated long ago in Athens.**

**Such debates enable pluralistic communities to take decisions based on reasonable agreement.**

**They are undermined by attempts to identify and impose a single rational solution to practical problems.**

**The future of the grid – and more – hinges on this issue.**



## ECONOMISTS' FORUM of the FINANCIAL TIMES

### EU economy: Black hole or green growth

October 24, 2011 2:09 pm by Financial Times

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“The facts, ma’am, just the facts”: these words, attributed to the

**Ask Google for „Black hole or green growth“ & Join the debate**



## Building the Grid

1. **Engage in a Europe-wide, pluralistic debate on the grid and green growth**
2. **Establish clear and credible liability rules**
3. **Establish independent ombuds-persons**
4. **Give opportunities to shape well-defined aspects of the grid at the local level**
5. **Be open and candid about mistakes**
6. **Let media identify European successes**

