



European sovereignty

What does it mean to President Juncker?

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‘Geopolitics teaches us that the time has come for European sovereignty, for Europe to take its destiny into its own hands. [...] This belief that “united we stand taller” is the very essence of what it means to be part of the European Union [...] Sharing sovereignty where we need to makes each of our nation states stronger.’



Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 12 September 2018

European sovereignty...



...means developing Europe’s **‘Weltpolitikfähigkeit’** = the capacity to play a role, as a Union, in shaping global affairs



...enables us **to offer collective solutions** to collective problems



...**emerges from the national sovereignty** of our Member States



...enables all of us to **better protect, defend and empower** our citizens



...is created by the belief that sharing sovereignty **makes nation states stronger**



...can **never** be an excuse for withdrawing from the world, but is rather **an encouragement for our continent to assume more responsibility** — Europe is a continent that **can never be an island**, but will only prosper if we are connected to the world



‘Together, as a Union, we can plant the seeds of a more sovereign Europe.’

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