

Short versions of the visions that form the basis for or are related to the 30 policy recommendations

7. Being allowed to die in dignity, a companionship of dying in a network of family and relatives

A chip implant enables monitoring the process of dying by a socio-psychological hospice. This vision points at the importance of the process of dying in an aging society. It includes a supervisor, acting as a companion for the dying persons and their families and friends.

9. Disabled people as fully valuable members of the society

Integration of disabled people should be achieved through affordable tools and involvement of disabled people in daily life as well as more research on the treatment and prevention of disablement even before birth.

10. TV for the creation of a European identity

An independent and advertisement free TV channel will broadcast from all EU countries. There will be rules and facilitators, acting as an incorruptible objective virtual institution to ensure neutral information without manipulation. All broadcasts should be available in all EU languages.

11. Death passport

Respect for autonomous decision about one's own death should be possible through a voluntary personal death passport for passive euthanasia. It should include the individual conditions and should easily be renewed with a minimum of bureaucracy and free of charge.

12. Smart society

Everybody can afford to be surrounded by a smart environment equipped with robotics and technologies that simplify the organisation of everyday life.

13. Endless energy (independence of fossil fuels. Local and environmentally friendly production of energy).

A world without the need for fossil fuels. Every home has its own energy-generating system (solar cells, wind turbines, home trainers,...). Solar energy is stored and used for heating. Cars run on electricity with batteries that can be recharged at home.

17. Where there's a will, there's work (Employment for all. A vision about the balance between work and private life, voluntary work and full employment).

By redistribution of work, everybody has a job and can choose their number of working hours according to their own family/health situation. Voluntary work is rewarded and you get a fixed wage when you stay home to take care of the children.

19. Make me human! (A dream about health and wellness, technology and ethics)

Improvement of the quality of life using technologies that focus on health, food quality, smart clothing, leisure time. Physicians also pay attention to ethical aspects of medical matters.

20. A Contemporary European City in the Year 2050

A constructive scheme of a future city outlook with high residential areas, terraces with flowers and greenery, pedestrian zones and oases. New light-weight designs and materials are used. Transport systems are noiseless due to their location in environment insulating transparent canals and going when necessary underground.

21. Bulgaria – the Garden of Europe

Recovered traditions and successful transformation of Bulgaria into a major nutritious ecological and bio-resource centre in Europe based on the unique climate and the geographical location, as well as on the scientific potential in this field. In its essence Bulgaria regains its proud position in the production of fruits and vegetables that it used to have more than 100 years ago and it becomes famous for being the European Garden of Eden.

22. Eco-techno Future

The vision represents a perfect balance between ecology, health and technology in terms of different manufacturing processes and technological products. "Smart" electronic cigarettes which are healthy and assist breathing are manufactured. Digital paper is a substitute, made from recyclable ecological materials, while cars run on water fuel or electrical engines.

25. Link among the Generations, Space and Time

The vision portrays the happy life of a middle-sized European family in 2049. It is unique that people could participate in part in the European online referendum for the new generation of solar power-plants, take longevity pills (developed by the research laboratory in Osaka), learn twenty new words in the language of the Basques and go to the beach for the traditional series of yoga exercises. No obstacles, neither in space, nor in time, exist anymore that can separate people from their beloved ones.

26. One Bulgaria, One Europe, One World – one whole!

The vision is about harmony and unity of people who change the world together. Bulgaria is described as a piece of Heaven, a pure and enchanting part of Europe which attracts and fascinates tourists every day with the greatness of its nature, the cultural-historic heritage and most of all with its benevolent people.

27. Sofia – the Green Capital

This vision encapsulates respect to the development of a contemporary green European city and a social integration in terms of people's gathering in the skirts of Vitosha Mountain, in the South Park. Their transportation is achieved via electric cars and bicycles that do not pollute the air.

30. The EU president touring Africa

Africa has been changed from development country to industrial- and knowledge society based on a fully developed educational system from start of school to end of university. The health conditions of the population are comparable to European standard. Growth of population is under control. The African countries now have democratic governments and a well functioning public administration. Infrastructure now is sufficient.

31. Responsible animal production in the EU

Animals are kept under conditions respecting their natural behaviour. Live animals are not transported unnecessarily and are always butchered locally. Infectious diseases transmitted from animals to humans are eradicated through improved animal welfare and responsible handling of the animals.

32. EU for the people

Through close dialogue, in which citizens get a sense of being listened to and having a say in democratic processes and development of visions, the EU now feels like an institution close to the people. Citizens feel this closeness through a shared identity and through a vision, also shared, by citizens and institutions.

33. The ageing man/woman is a resource

Europe's share of elderly people has increased. Now elderly people have become a resource rather than a "burden", which was a concept generally used in years around 2000. Society is gaining economically, socially and culturally from this new role of elderly people. It benefits the younger generation and improves the quality of life for elderly people.

35. Environmentally sound transportation throughout Europe

In 2040 all transportation in Europe will be environmentally sound and there will be many environment friendly means of transportation for both countryside and city: bicycles, electric cars, electric buses, trams and metro. Public transportation is the most attractive choice and the most used transport method. Public transportation is fast and easy to use day and night.

36. Mass communication replaced by masses communicating

The multimedia environment is so developed that no economic, political or other interest are controlling it. Everybody can use it freely and seamlessly in the interest of him-/herself and the recipients. Physically remote – yet close. Dialogue is seamless although there are still numerous languages. Intercultural bridge building – everyone is stranger, no one is stranger. – Private and public "communication drones" are reality.

39. Food production in the EU is sustainable

Europe's agricultural production takes place in a closed circuit, supplying exactly as many nutrients as are lost in production. Agricultures do not pollute, pesticides are not used and there is no leaching of nutrients. The yield from agriculture is at optimum level.

40. Strengthening of language and culture

The immigrants and refugees come to Europe from all continents because of ageing of original population and decreasing birth rates of Europe. They need to be assimilated into the culture through language as well as the "mainstream" population must adjust to the immigrants with respect and support for their difference at the same time preserving own culture.

42. Europe-TV

A common European TV channel is established to report on EU operations and other European current affairs and to introduce e.g. the cultures and events in the EU countries. The channel is open and free for everyone and interactive e.g. via Internet-based opinion polls. The channel should be as neutral as possible in every possible way.

44. The worst environmental threats have been beaten

The environment remains habitable and healthy for humans and other forms of life. This can be realized through bringing global warming under control, new transportation solutions, decreasing use of toxic substances, development of technologies and overall more sustainable development.

45. Finland as a pioneer of innovations

With investments to better education creating innovations can be consolidated. The benefits of innovations are distributed equally between industrial and developing countries. Inventions are advanced in workshops that involve both educated and unschooled people.

49. Go countryside!

The value of living in countryside is “re-understood” and it is made possible for everyone through e.g. public transportation. Living in countryside lessens introversion and spiritual individualization, improves security, health and children’s growth environment and raises the value of community and family.

53. A happy day – Tuesday, 16th April 2045

As fatal diseases and pandemics have been combated and health care prevention functions well, life expectancy is between 120 and 130. People work four days a week, thus, unemployment rate is under 2 percent in the EU. There is no significant environmental pollution, discrimination, nor inequality between social groups. Ageing took an opposite trend: there are three children in every family. Modern technology is everywhere: bird-tweeting robot in the morning, maglev, and interactive telephone conferences are just a few examples. ‘World-English’ is an official language of the EU.

56. Traditional, multigenerational family model in the Union

A multigenerational family lives and run their ecosystem together. Grandpa repairs the solar collector while grandma does bio-gardening. Schools integrate all minorities of the society, e.g. gender, ethnic groups, and disabled people. Citizens of the EU know how people live in other member states through TV commercials and a single holiday exchange program in the EU.

59. Tranquil elderly period – actively

There is a Single Pension System in the EU; half of the pension comes from the states and half from personal pension savings. Preventive health care examination is obligatory from the age 40; thermal bath can be visited for a reduced cost from the age 55.

Pensioners are still active: they take part in the Elderly Council at their former workplace once a week and do voluntary work for a civil organization. Adult children are obliged to contribute to the costs of institutional services for their parents in accordance with their economic capacities.

60. Outer Space Exploration for Future Solution

To alleviate the explosion of the world population we will be able to send people to live in other planets. Working on new discoveries on resources such as deposits of hydrocarbon, to re-develop of surface land, underground space, climate, magnetism, etc.

63. A Brighter Future – or Just a Dream?

A true cooperation between peoples and nations, with the sole purpose of achieving justice, peace and serenity. This entails mankind to put aside any egoistic attitudes and start to genuinely feel responsibility and respect for those experiencing inequalities and injustices created by society itself.

69. Natural Access to ICT Services Everywhere!

Technology in the form of a voice interface or neural system, enabling one's data to flow freely and securely, always there when you need it. The technology is invisible, used only where it makes sense in the holistic context of improving our quality of life.