



# *The Five Freedoms Project's European Think Tank Summit: Which Way Forward for the Single Market?*



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## Free Trade Area

free movement of goods + retain independent trade policy of m-s with outside world



## Customs union

free trade area + single [not independent] trade policy



## Single market

customs union + free movement of capital and labor [i.e. services]



## Economic & monetary union

single market + integrated monetary and economic policy



BORDER Controls?

# The redistribution dimension of the single market

- ▶ A revolutionary element of the SEA (1986) was redistribution as part of the European package deal.
  - *Delors strategy*: link between internal market and redistribution.
- ▶ Delors included economic and social cohesion chapter in SEA, and especially the Structural Funds.
- ▶ Later in Maastricht Treaty, the Cohesion Fund was introduced.
- ▶ **Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund**: regarded as compensation to poorer countries for their support to the internal market program and the EMU.
- ▶ For the COM, a development policy addressed to regions (not countries).
- ▶ EU structural policies have had an effect on devolution, strengthening regions viz. national govt
- ▶ Now Structural Funds also aligned with Lisbon/Agenda 2020 objectives.
- ▶ **1999 Lisbon Agenda** (growth, knowledge based society- economy)

## In a nutshell In April 2016:

- ✓ Instead of openness we have been closing borders
- ✓ Instead of social market economy we have been going through prolonged austerity
- ✓ Populism and nationalism fuel and are fueled by austerity and introversion

# Policy Recommendations

- ▶ Better enforce existing rules before creating new ones
- ▶ Ensure concrete and consistent implementation and application of new legislation
- ▶ When new legislation is needed, use better regulation
- ▶ Remove remaining barriers
- ▶ Address on a case-by-case basis business practices resulting in different treatment
- ▶ Tackle remaining obstacles to free movement of services
- ▶ Facilitate the mobility of citizens, students and workers

Our common aim:

More Europe for Stronger Nations

Thank you for your attention