



6<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch  
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## **“The future relationship between EU 27, the United Kingdom and the USA”**

At a the June-session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg the Kangaroo Group focused on the future relationship between the Member States of EU 27, as well as their relationship to the United Kingdom and the USA. The new and fresh French government was seen as a progress to rethink the teamwork within the European Union and to improve its image for its citizens. The recent election in France showed that especially youth voted for Europe.

A lively discussion came up on BREXIT. The possibilities of a hard exit or a smoother transition were discussed. A participant of the discussion stated that the possibility to come back should not be excluded.

Great Britain ´s leaving the Customs Union and the Internal Market will pose serious problems for future cooperation in the production of goods. The production of parts of airplanes by Airbus was mentioned. At least for ongoing projects it will be necessary to find constructive solutions.

Looking at the economy of EU 27 it was stated that countries like Spain, Portugal or Greece have made good progress in economic development.

Further questions concerning foreign policy, security, migration and climate were discussed and especially our relationship with Africa was a further subject in the debate.

