



EU VALUES AND PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC LIFE



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Democracy has the power to quickly spread, but its erosion can happen just as fast.
Democracy is freedom.
We need to stand up for it.

Ursula von der Leyen
2021



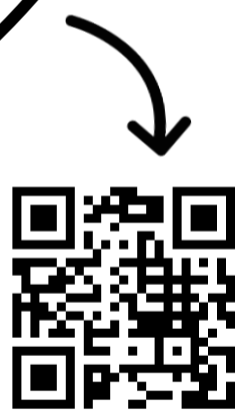
January

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The **EU Charter of Fundamental Rights** ensures the **freedom of movement** and gives citizens the right to move and reside freely within the Union.

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2012
[adapted]*



February

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**The EU Charter of
Fundamental Rights**
protects individual freedoms
such as respect for private life,
freedom of thought, religion,
assembly, expression and
information.

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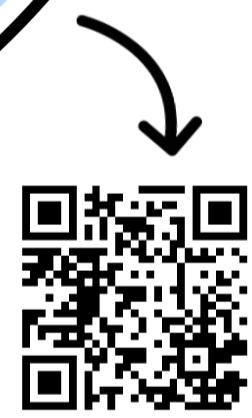
March

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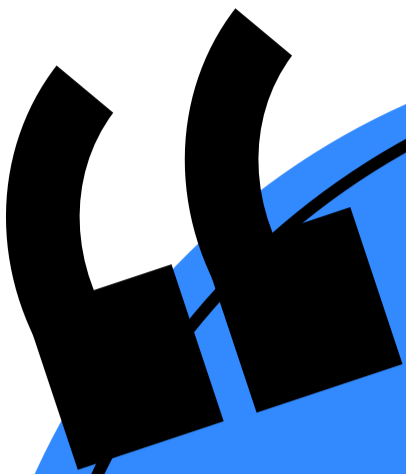
Human dignity is inviolable.
It must be **respected, protected**
and constitutes the real **basis of**
fundamental rights.

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April

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A European citizen automatically enjoys **political rights**.
Every adult EU citizen has the **right to stand as a candidate** and **to vote in elections** to the European Parliament.

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May

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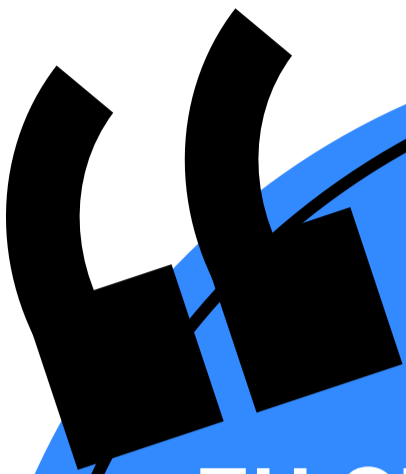
Europe was founded as a
**community bound together by
solidarity.**

Martin Schulz



June

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The
EU Charter of Fundamental Rights protects human rights;
the right to be **free from discrimination**, the right to the **protection of your personal data**, and the right to **access justice.**

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July

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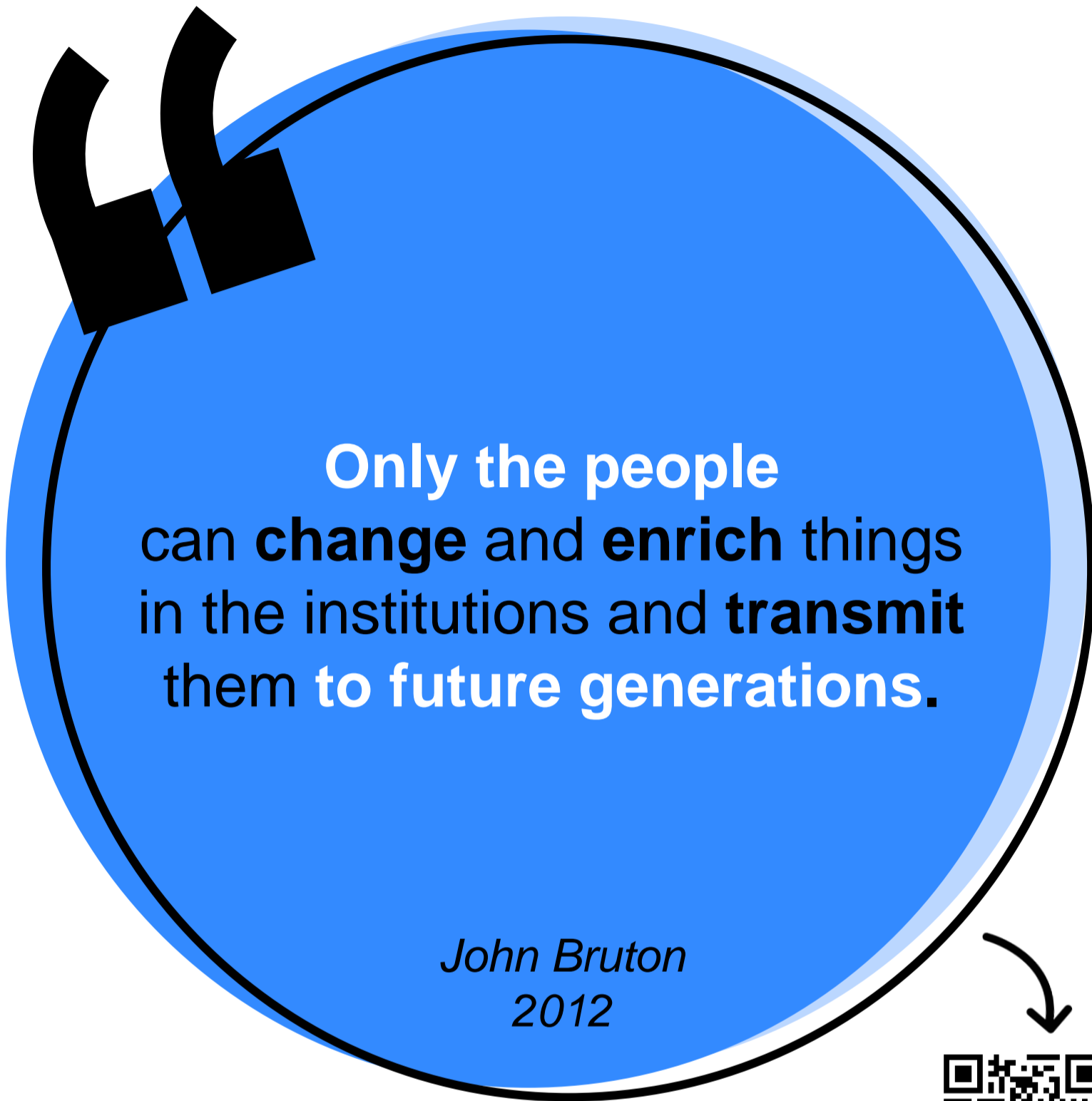
The
European Union
is the world's most successful
invention for advancing
peace.

John Bruton
2012



August

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Only the people
can **change** and **enrich** things
in the institutions and **transmit**
them **to future generations.**

John Bruton
2012



September

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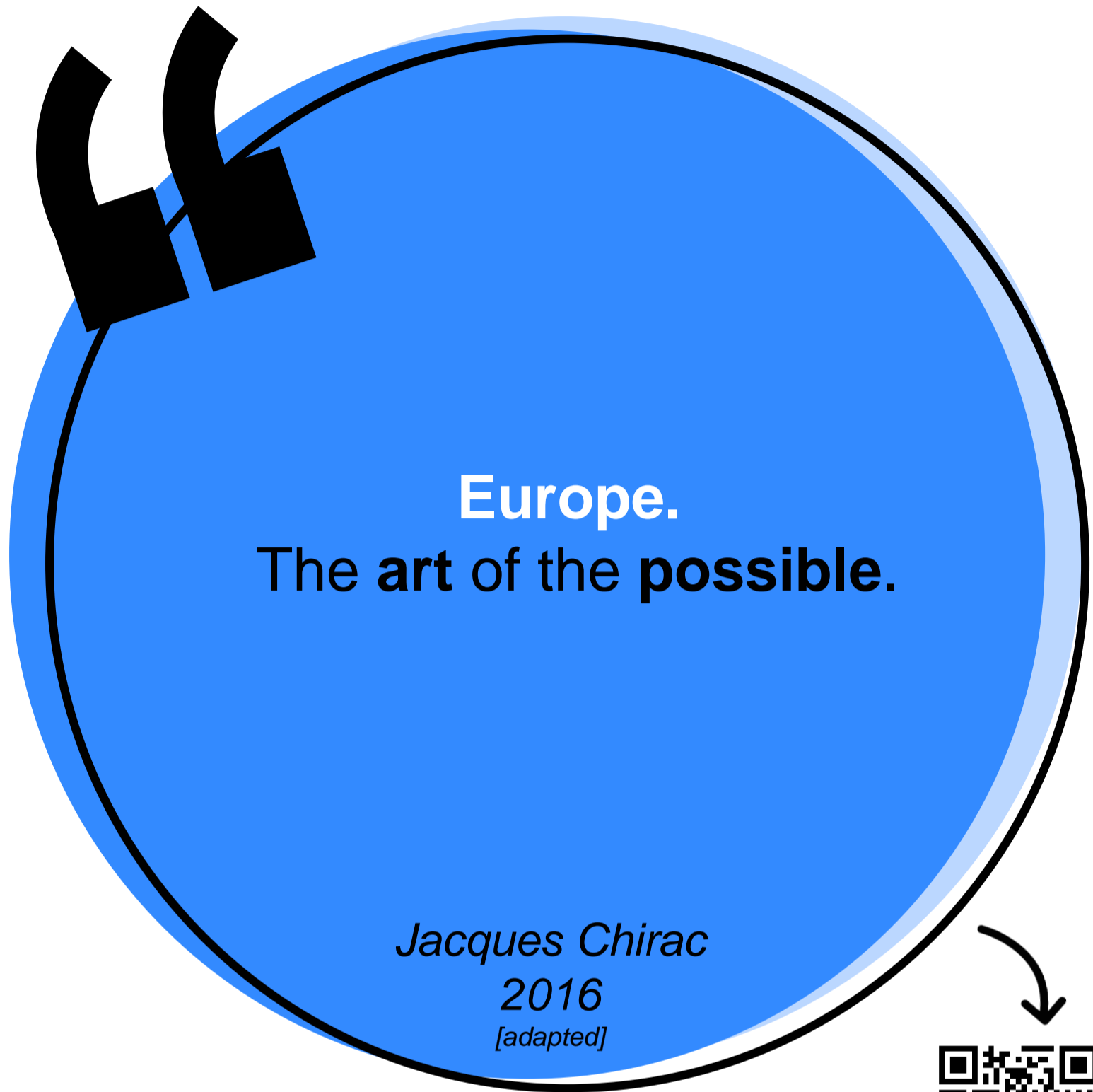
Europe's Destiny and the
future of the free world
are entirely **in our hands.**

Simone Veil
1982



October

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Europe.
The art of the possible.

Jacques Chirac
2016
[adapted]



November

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The future will not be built through force, nor the desire to conquer, **but by the **patient application of the democratic method, the constructive spirit of agreement, and by respect for freedom.****

*Alcide De Gasperi
2020*



December

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