



Trans European Policy Studies Association Launches Book on European Solidarity

*TEPSA continues to provide excellent analysis of the state of play
of the most important shared value among European states*

BRUSSELS, 23/02/2022: The latest book in the “Future of Europe” series has just been published by Springer. The book, edited by Michael Kaeding, Johannes Pollak and Paul Schmidt, and featuring contributions from leading academics in the TEPSA Network and beyond, analyses European solidarity in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The book provides different perspectives on the post-COVID future of the European project from authors in 41 European countries within and beyond the borders of the European Union. Paul Schmidt has referred to it as **“A political travel guide, where authors from 41 European countries take you on a tour through the political diversity of Europe”**.

The spread of COVID-19 appears to have turned the world upside down. The pandemic has put enormous stress on the global economy. Its impact on the European Union, its Member States and neighbouring countries poses the biggest challenge since its existence. It is the latest stress test of Europe’s solidarity after being pummeled by the eurozone debt turmoil, the migration crisis of 2015-16 and Brexit. Whether the EU can bounce back and what shape the recovery will take depends on what actions the Member States are willing to take individually and collectively in the days, weeks and months to come.

The book includes a Foreword by the Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament **Katarina Barley** and **Othmar Karas**. The volume reveals how European countries experience and perceive solidarity from and towards the EU in different policy dimensions, such as intra-EU mobility, healthcare and financial and economic aspects of Europe’s recovery.

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