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Good morning everyone. I can see the future of the European Union is a little bit depopulated this morning. I am hoping that everyone has been properly caffeinated and is ready to go for a very busy day. My name is Steven Erlanger; I am *The New York Times* bureau chief in London, formerly, at different times in my life, in Berlin and Paris and other places too. It is a great pleasure to be here today, with a very good panel, to talk about something that is preoccupying all of us, which is the shock of Brexit, Trump, low growth, migration to the European Union, its solidarity, its sense of the future, its sense of possibility, and Europeans' sense of being part of a project taking them forward rather than ceaselessly back into the past. We have a very fine panel, with Elisabeth Guigou, a former French Minister, and Norbert Röttgen, head of the foreign policy committee of the Bundestag. I am just going to ask them to pick out a couple of things that interest them to get us going, then we will have a conversation and have some questions from you.