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Finding European security without Europeans

The degree of bewilderment in the Global South at European policies is one of astonishment and incomprehension. Its unrestricted alignment with American foreign policy, the sanctions, the economic/energy obsequence that brings it closer to deindustrialization, the resurgence of war and the increase in military spending, make no sense. All the political reverences towards the United States are surprising because they have no benefits in sight. In fact, every decision by Brussels looks more like a step towards suicide than a move towards autonomy, regional development or benefits for the Union.

The logic is perfectly described by the Vice President of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, who published an anecdote on his Telegram channel using the example of a dialogue between two Finnish children for their entry into NATO.

Pekka: Why did our country join NATO?

Matti: Because the Russians are threatening us.

Pekka: "Why are they threatening us?"

Matti: Because we are joining NATO.

In an article in <u>El Salto, Wolfgang Streeck</u>, Director Emeritus of the Max Planck Institute for Cologne's study of societies describes what is happening in Italy called *dietrism*. Dietro means behind, or what is Designed to hide what's really in front of you. The idea divides the world between the stage and behind the scenes. "*You read something, or you hear it on the radio. or on TV, and as a well-versed dietitian you wonder not so much about What they are telling you, but why they tell you and why they are doing it now.*"

The dietrist image would be then. Why does the United States take the decisions it makes and Brussels immolates itself with them? It might seem like a Simple act of vassalage of the pro-European leadership, but the explanation of Such a gross loss of autonomy on all fronts is a little more complex than What you see on stage, or at least is the convergence of various sources intertwined at the same time, defense, corruption and the political thought of his leadership.

One could start by exposing those who face the measurement. The Von der Leyen, Borrel or Lagarde are characters who have so much Dishonesty to hide that, beyond its pro-American ideological position, believe it is better to get along with power to preserve their own and Avoid ending up in prison. They're just actors on stage, not behind Scenes. The United States is pushing for a security structure by Cold War style in Europe, where fear is the leading indicator that drags the actors of the European scenario to justify a story of servility.

Now the United States would seem to be delegating the defense of Ukraine in Europe. This idea is given, given the lack of war capacity and the Need for American weaponry. Added to this idea is the law of reduction of Biden's inflation, which is filling up the corporate giants Americans with hundreds of billions of dollars in subsidies, undermining its European competitors, threatening deindustrialization through The European Union's long-term prosperity, without that the health of the transatlantic alliance is in question. The United States has made incredible gains from energy, only for the sake of disrupting the German business model, dependent on the cheap energy Russia, and to ensure the acted, sabotaging Nord Stream, and completely discard European relations with Moscow. While the idea The American is being followed to the letter, a protectionist agenda that discriminates against its allies has not received complaints within more than a year political or defensive initiatives on the part of the EU. Emmanuel Macron was One of the few who complained about the high prices of energy sold by The United States claiming that they were not "*friendly*" and the Germany's economy minister called on Washington to show more "*solidarity*" and Help reduce energy costs for Europeans. But the law of The reduction in US inflation was a blow to the European economy or for *strategic sovereignty*.

The concept is not new. In fact, strategic autonomy it has been part of the EU's conventional lexicon for quite some time. Was born in the field of the defence industry and, for a long time, its use has been limited to defense and security issues. For some time the debate has been limited to a confrontation between those for whom strategic autonomy it was a means of regaining political space vis-à-vis the United States, and others, most European States, according to Josep Borrell, for which it had to be avoided, precisely for fear of speeding up the United States. disregard Europe.

When you talk An important issue is the Union's relationship with NATO. and, in particular, with the United States. At the same time no one questions the vitality of the transatlantic relationship and that NATO remains the only viable framework for ensuring Europe's territorial defence. These are the words of Josep Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, that is, they assumed their dependence. Then a lot of things start to make sense. "Europe is a giant economic, a political dwarf and a military worm." That phrase, authored by the Belgium's former foreign minister, Mark Eyskens, approaches the reality in 2023, but now it's not even an economic giant.

The behind-the-scenes game begins to emerge. German media They reported last year that their country's military capability was as fragile that, in the face of an intense attack, its armed forces only had <u>ammunition to withstand two days of combat</u>, so surprisingly announced that the Government will allocate <u>a Extraordinary one-time 100,000 million</u> <u>euros</u> to equip to the German armed forces with American weaponry, among others, the F35 aircraft, stealth aircraft.

The German need for the most expensive aircraft in the world is that, in if necessary, they would carry the atomic bombs of the United States. stationed in Germany until their target. "*The F-35 fighter jet could be one of the transport aircraft*," Scholz said in a statement from government before the German Parliament. With this, he surprised many experts in Security: Is there a hypothesis of nuclear conflict in Germany?

Since 2019, when Trump rebuked the Europeans that the U.S. it would not be NATO's ATM and President Macron was rushing to certify his "brain death", the planning of the European Defence. In 2022 alone, according to <u>NATO's own estimates</u>, the United States provided the 70% of the total budget of the agency, with more than 821,830 million dollars. According to the same estimates, the five countries that devoted the most resources to defense issues are **Greece**, **USA**, **Poland**, **Lithuania and Estonia**, although the one that contributes the most money is still the United States.

One of the criticisms faced by countries such as France and Germany is that they do not contribute the minimum of 2% of their GDP to the military industry, which it leaves any security issue in the hands of NATO. *In exchange for the American protection, they will guide all policies, not just defense*. Europe is unprotected and completely vulnerable, to the point of being silent. when Australia informed France that it would terminate its contract for build 12 of the conventional submarines, and now buy five from you. nuclear-powered submarines to the United States, within the framework of an ambitious Plan to strengthen the West in the Asia-Pacific region, the new turn thought by the U.S.

It is then understood that the concept of strategic autonomy is expanded since Macron gave a debate at the Sorbonne six years ago, not only the Defense is at stake but energy, industrialization, economy, technology and commerce. But as we saw in the concept of autonomy Strategic, prioritized its security dimension that conditioned the other vectors of decision, despite the fact that it was thought to establish a joint force of intervention, as well as a common defence budget, after the invasion Russian to Ukraine, but late to revive the idea of European sovereignty.

Before the U.S. imposed its force, it was crucial to achieve some This type of decisionmaking autonomy which, as we have seen, was overcome by the safety. The past three years have exposed the vulnerability of Europe. The Covid-19 crisis <u>highlighted the</u> <u>lack</u> of essential personal protective equipment, which already they did not produce but imported from China; As a consequence, the interruption of supply chains led to a shortage of semiconductors, especially in the automotive industry, which hampered the recovery Economic. War, energy and inflation, plus sanctions, the only thing What they did was hurt Europe and benefit the United States. The Money was directed to pay exorbitant sums of alternative energy to the Russian or subsidize U.S. gas bills. Germany increases by 200,000 million euros its package of energy aid trying to cushion the impact on the economy and households.

Even as the largest German companies moved their plants to China or the United States, either because of energy needs, such as BASF, or because of the law of reducing inflation, like Volkswagen, to protectionist policies The EU lacks a <u>comprehensive European</u> approach, accompanied by a Adequate funding. How Brussels was co-opted by fear of states United, individual countries, such as Germany or France, are moving forward from Independently, it increases the allocation of public funds over Indebted European states that could not reduce the inflationary impact, which hinders joint solutions that benefit everyone.

Germany faces energy substitution problems. France which currently has 70% of its energy generated by reactors nuclear power, depends on uranium imported at trinket price from Niger, which is rebelled and now questions its 16% French import at prices of the spurious CFA currency. The energy crisis is particularly acute for sectors such as glass, chemicals, metals, fertilizers, pulp and paper, ceramics and cement, which require the greatest amount of energy to boost their industrial production and which together employ 8 millions of people.

Destatis, the German statistics office, revised downwards The figures and the surprise jumped: GDP contracted by 0.3%. Enough, that's Yes, to be a technical recession as it is the second quarter of decline, after -0.5% at the end of 2022. The engines of contraction are the Weakness of private consumption due to inflation and sluggish inflation industrial activity, high energy prices and uncertainty. The European Central Bank follows American logic and cannot stay far away of the Fed by the difference in rates, to each increase of the Federal Reserve one from the European Central Bank follows. Monetary policy aims to dampen demand to lower inflation.

The United States adopted two instruments in August 2022 to relocate within their borders key industries in the double Digital and green transition. First, he passed the chip and science law, endowed with 280,000 million dollars to strengthen the ecosystem of semiconductors, create regional R+D centers in digital technology emerging and developing human capital *STEM* (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Secondly, it adopted the law of Reduction of inflation, with a budget of 370,000 million

for investment public in clean energy technologies. Both initiatives destroyed the European industry.

Europe has strived to emulate its transatlantic partner Lighting two twin tools, the regulation of ecosystem reinforcement European Semiconductor Act (EU chip law) and regulation for strengthening the European manufacturing ecosystem for zero-emission technology products (Net-Zero law). The central difference with respect to regulations The absence of a budget of its own in the two instruments is the absence of a budget of its own. Community. The consequence is a loss of European coherence on Industrial relocation actions, with the decentralization of effort and decision towards Member States. In addition, they have to finance with their national budgets projects, leading to unequal competition among them.

Europe lost with security and all actions are designed not to disturb your bodyguard, who moves forward with the burial European by leaps and bounds. Europe is no longer a competitor, it is now just a buyer of weapons to the United States so it substitutes social security or Industrial development by military budget. The European target imposed by The United States is dealing with the war in Ukraine and containing the careerists Poles who are already aiming to keep a part of what Russia leaves behind. Ukraine. And on top of that, they will have to finance and put men and weapons in the new American initiative: Taiwan.

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