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Core argument: in future, the EU will be a much stronger and tighter Union than it ever was, and this will happen much faster than many currently expect.

- The Eurozone already implemented various structures and instruments which enforce a “tighter” Union, although of multiple speeds.
- The UK referendum will remove, one way or the other, one of the biggest obstacles to a closer political and economic cooperation.
- The Arab spring, the Syrian civil war, but especially the implosion of Ukraine will lead to a much closer military cooperation.
- Less obvious, but similarly important, will be the impacts of these crises on other EU politics, for example on migration and border controls as well as energy politics.
- The borders of Europe are not unclear anymore – the EU stays as it is, besides integrating slowly all Balkan states, and the limits of NATO are clear as well.

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