

Synthesis of the socioprofessional workshops

Session 2 – Major Challenges of Europe

Here are the main themes that emerged from the session two Socio-professional workshops.

Europeans are aware of their diversity: geographical, legal, institutional, religious, etc. This is a specificity that draws the attention of the Chinese. They are very interested in understanding how Europe has managed to live by its motto: unity through diversity.

Europeans are also aware that constraints such as a liberalised market, immigration and unemployment constitute major challenges that need to be faced.

What could be considered as specifically European is that public policy and government intervention are considered as positive. Also, Europeans tend to view ethics and values as a pillar of governance.

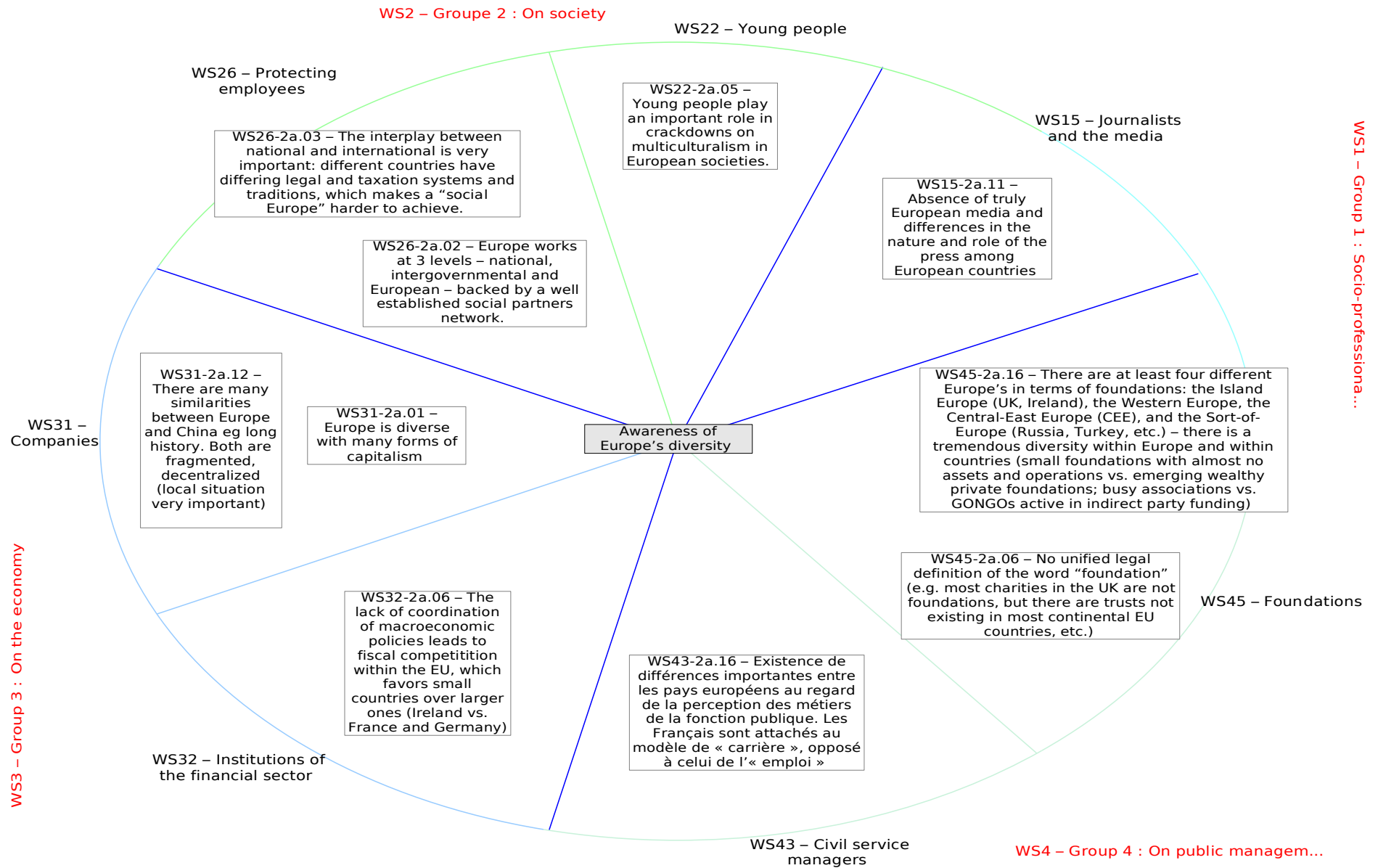
All the workshops agree on the following: Europe as a project is stuck at a crossroads. But they seem polarized on what to do.

Scientific, academics, civil service managers and servicemen believe in a proactive management of constraints.

However the workshops composed of young people, companies and journalists, for example, feel very constrained. They do not believe that the European project is capable of mobilizing social energies. To quote one sentence from the companies workshop: “Europe is living in the shadow of its future while China is looking at a bright future”.

The main points

- **A-** Awareness of Europe's diversity
- **B-** Public and Institutional actions are seen as possible and positive
- **C-** Proactive management of technological, economical and social constraints
- **D-** Awareness of the constraints faced by Europe
- **E-** Europeans view ethics and values as pillars of governance



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