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***Peace is deserted. Does Europe restart?*
Hans Magnus Enzensberger (1929-2022)**

Gentle Monster Brussels – Or the Disenfranchisement of Europe: «This is how the German essayist and poet Hans Magnus Enzensberger titled his 2011 booklet on the anti-European effects of eurocracy, which erodes the very meaning of the Europeanist utopia and excludes the possibility of a European public opinion (...). It is a selective recovery of the past in order to rework it for another future. It is Anti-European. It expressed in the disintegrating tendencies within the States associated in the European Union, which in turn announce possible aggregations of new geopolitical subjects based on identity representations extrapolated from irreducibly conflicting ancient myths, based on alleged historical rights» (L. CARACCILO, *La pace è finita. Così ricomincia la storia in Europa*, Feltrinelli, Milan 2022, pp. 56-57).

More than ten years after Enzensberger's cry of alarm, the health and geopolitical crises, which have overlapped with the economic-financial ones, are putting the pro-European ideal to the test, showing how the democratic deficit complained on several sides affects the very resilience of the European institutions. It may be, however, that History in Europe is beginning again: will it be a pandemic, will it be a war, or will one more or less than the other determine the unity of purposes of a real and fully legitimised European political subjectivity, which neither a policy of peace and cooperation nor an attempted convergence of economic interests have succeeded in achieving over decades? Current circumstances are stimulating political scientists, jurists, philosophers, sociologists and economists to imagine new cultural and institutional formats to be introduced into the «European project».

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