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The completion of the final draft of our book coincided with the 2019 European Parliament elections. The results of the elections show that in all the member states of the European Union there are present those populist, xenophobic, nationalist and extreme right wing phenomena that we examined sociologically in this volume. We see in the elections results the confirmation of the validity of our analysis, as the results showed that in the societies of Europe—with a few exceptions—those forces that envision survival and the guarantee of development through human rights, democracy and the strengthening of the rule of law form a majority. These results further encourage our expectation that by maintaining the path of cooperation in achieving the economic, political and cultural goals the European Union will be able to face the challenges of globalization.

A comparison of the election results with the analyses in this volume also reveals that in certain member states the extreme, xenophobic, populist and nationalist tendencies form a majority, and as such these countries find themselves contradicting the mainstream established through the results of the European Union parliamentary elections. This is a challenge the European Parliament, Council and Commission must master for the Union to be influential in the globalized political, economic and cultural playing field.