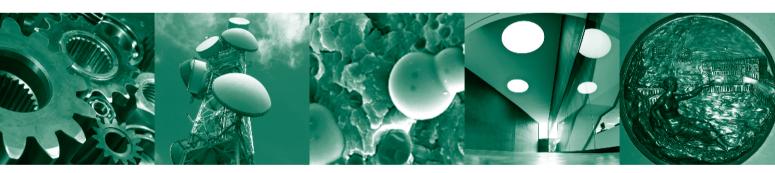


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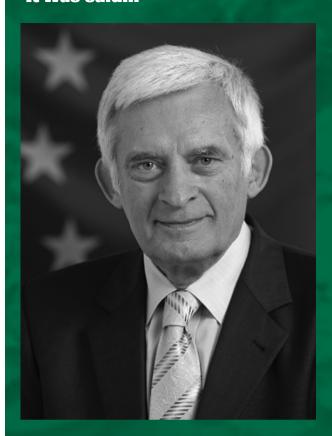
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« (...) I spent most of my life in an enslaved country. Twenty years ago Poland was a very different place. But change had already started to come to Poland, we had already managed to be a free country by the time the Berlin Wall symbolically fell in 1989. The demolition of a wall which had for so long divided a city in a divided country was in many ways the end point of a huge surge by the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe. A surge for freedom. For basic human rights. For liberty. This desire for freedom that resides in every human heart, could be found in the Solidarnosc trade union in my own country, in the writings of artists and intellectuals such as President Vaclav Havel (...). The people to the East of the Iron Curtain only had big hearts and great faith and determination to face the tanks. But they won! It started in front of the gate of a Gdansk shipyard and ended at the Brandenburg gate. November 1989 also was a fresh new beginning.(...) »

From the speech "What does Europe mean to me?" on the discussion between 89 young people born in November 1989 in Brussels at 11th November 2009

