

THE FUTURE OF STRASBOURG AS SEEN BY VIPs

In preparing the present volume of the European Strasbourg Register, I thought it might be interesting to know how the future evolution and prospects of Strasbourg are seen by a number of leaders in political, administrative, diplomatic, academic and business circles.

With the active support of the city of Strasbourg, I turned to a number of people occupying high-ranking positions in Strasbourg.

Although extremely busy, these people were kind enough to express their views and opinions. I am happy to make them available to readers in the following pages. They are presented according to topics jointly selected with the city of Strasbourg:

Strasbourg, laboratory of Europe; Strasbourg, infrastructure and links of today and tomorrow; Strasbourg and Alsace, a welcome land for foreign investors with special reference to American investments; the role of the European parliament towards more democracy in Europe; Parliamentary government at the European level; the role of the Council of Europe and human rights; Strasbourg, university platform and centre of research and technology; languages and language studies in Strasbourg; the European dimension; introduction to transborder cooperation Strasbourg/Upper Rhine; District Kehl and Strasbourg—a common destiny; Strasbourg, geostrategy and its instruments; Strasbourg, European audiovisual centre.