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In its research, advanced training, cultural dialogue, advice activities the European dimension has always been of the utmost importance, due to its character of "democratic experiment" which consists in the attempt of building a democratic system beyond the nation-state model.

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