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[Étienne Deschamps] You also took part directly in the intergovernmental negotiations leading to the Maastricht Treaty on European Union. Could you tell us what precisely it dealt with?

[Jacques F. Poos] Yes, it is a Treaty whose origins date back to immediately after ... it was first collated, let us say, discussed and negotiated, in the wake of the events of 1989. I believe that the Maastricht Treaty will be remembered as the Treaty which created Economic and Monetary Union. It did. It included other things: there was European citizenship and there were limited improvements made to this or that Chapter of the Treaty of Rome. But what was essential about Maastricht was Monetary Union and the creation of the euro, as well as the dates and criteria to be respected which the countries undertook to fulfil, albeit with the occasional grumbling.

[Étienne Deschamps] This European citizenship that you refer to, do you regard it as a great success?

[Jacques F. Poos] It is a success formally speaking, but there are countries where European citizens who are residents have voting rights and have not, unfortunately, made use of them. They have the right to do so, but they have not done so.

[Étienne Deschamps] What do you attribute this to? Is it lack of information, or is it lack of motivation?

[Jacques F. Poos] It is lack of motivation, but it is also a general disappointment in politics, which is not just true for potential foreign voters but also for national voters. It is a phenomenon regarding the erosion of interest in politics which we are now witnessing.