A change is needed before Trump becomes the lesser of two evils

In the last couple of days I did not lose the hope that it has all just been a joke. A well prepared satiric comedy show. Sooner or later Donald Trump will drop his mask and the German satirist Jan Böhmermann will appear. As Böhmermann is known for his controversial satire, this would perfectly reflect his sense of humour. I only need to mention his abusive criticism about the Turkish president Erdogan, which caused a lot of international political turmoil. Donald Trump as a fictive presidential candidate made up by a satirist – this wouldn't have been more bizarre than the actual result of the election.

But Instead of blaming America for the choice that half of it's citizens made and boycott the US we should learn from what recently happened. To react in an arrogant and ignorant way would make us look as foolish as all the Americans who voted for Trump.

The result of the election is a final wake up call to all of us. It is a message – to the public, the politics and the media. 60 Million Americans voted for a racist, sexist, naïve, political inexperienced man like Donald Trump. This reflects the sovereign contempt of the current political system. As a result the most powerful office will soon be held by an unpredictable liar who is able to push the button of nuclear power that could kill millions of people.

What lead to Donald Trump's success is omnipresent and not only an American problem. Just take a look overseas, where Britain decided to leave the EU in June or further east to Poland and Hungary. And not to speak of Le Pen in France, Hofer in Austria and Pegida and the AfD in Germany. The growing dissatisfaction is more present as ever before and this is the perfect ground for racism and populism to grow.

Established mainstream media and the well-educated society blindly relied on the polls, which said that it is not really likely that Trump could actually win. Obviously we all just looked for the information that we wanted to believe in.
The election is irrevocable, but what we as Europeans can do now is to learn from the mistake that happened in the US. We need to analyse what went wrong, where we could have done more and what we missed out on in terms of persuading the masses.

People in America and Europe do not differ as much as we might think at the moment. They face the same fears and emotions. Political tools, approaches and educational work are used in the same way as in the US where they obviously failed. Therefore we desperately need to figure out a different way to stop the right-winged movement before Trump becomes our smaller problem.