

Global Trends to 2030

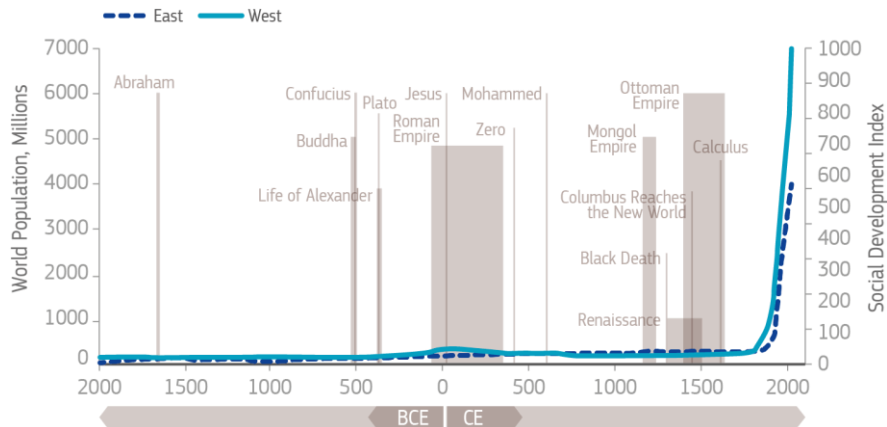
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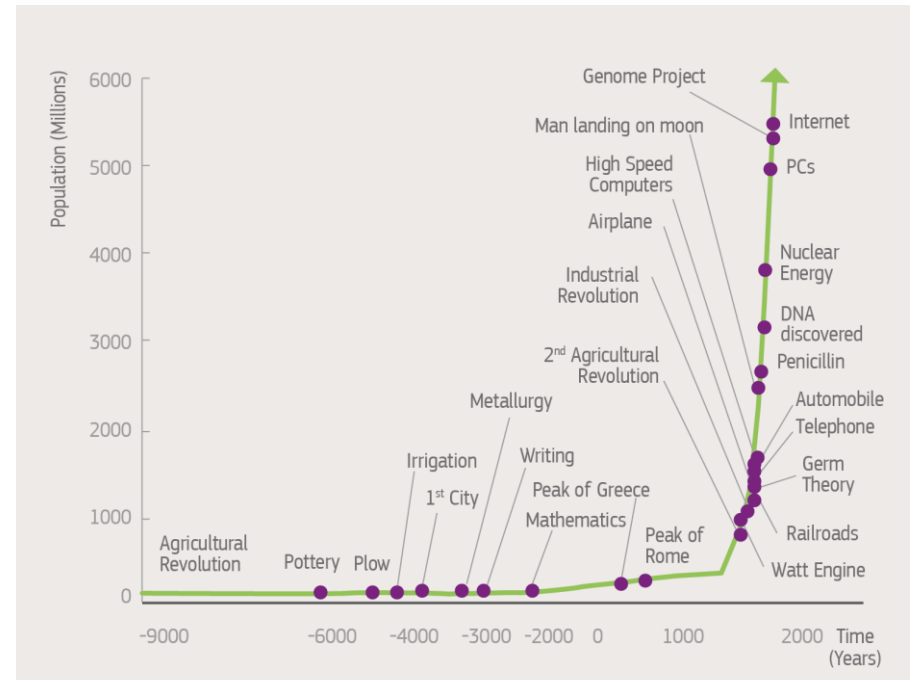
We stand at the cusp of a new era

World population growing rapidly



Source: Morris, 2010 and Brynolfsson et al., 2014

Technological advancement



Source: adapted from Atlantic Council, 2017

FIVE KEY GLOBAL TRENDS TO 2030

Global trend 1: Richer, older and more urban human race with an expanding global middle class and greater inequalities

Global trend 2: A more vulnerable process of globalisation, shift to Asia

Global trend 3: A transformative industrial and technological revolution

Global trend 4: A growing nexus of climate change, energy and competition for resources

Global trend 5: Changing power, interdependence and fragile multilateralism

Intersections of global trends

Paradoxes of progress

New challenges



1. Technology and Employment: Friend and Foe?

2. Demography and Sustainability: Reconciling the Trends



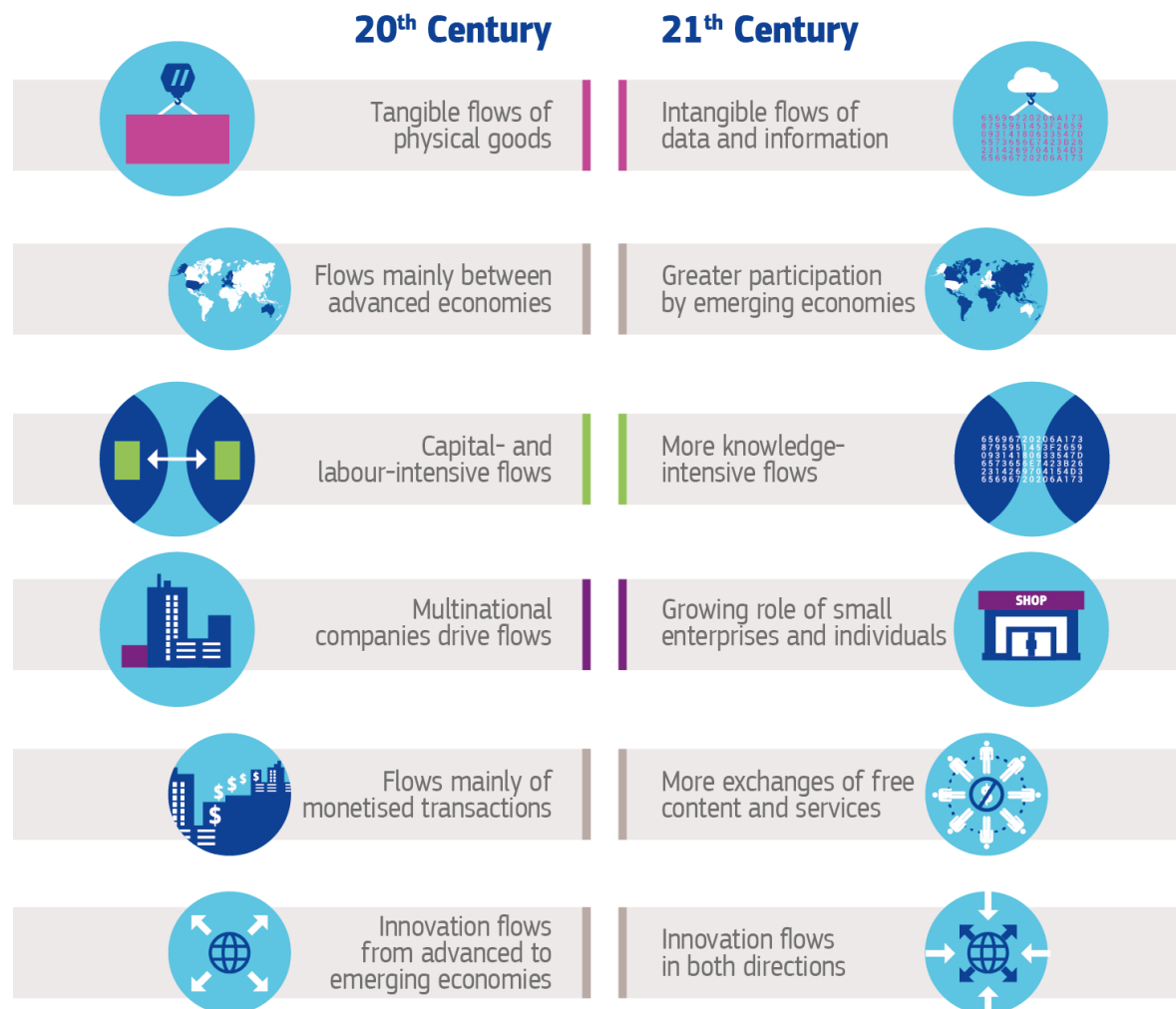
3. Globalisation : It's a New World



4. Democracy and Digitalisation: When Paths Cross



Globalisation is changing in nature



THE CHALLENGES FOR EUROPE

- (1) Reshaping the economy during a continued period of low growth**
- (2) Towards a society of change and innovation and maintaining Europe's leadership in knowledge-creation**
- (3) Ensuring fairness within and between European countries and dealing with inequalities**
- (4) Restoring trust in democracy**
- (5) Retaining an influential and attractive global role**