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The main objective of the journal is to analyse problems and actualities considering European integration processes. The articles are brought under the three main themes. These are *Social Evolution of Europe*, *Economics of European Union* as well as *Managerial Aspects of European Integration*.

It is believe that the articles included in the journal, being selected and reviewed, are of high scientific quality were actual scientific problems are solved, deserve a wide distribution. Editors hope that presented new scientific ideas and ways of problems solving will help to develop research not only for academicians and students but and for a wide representatives of society which seek to improve their knowledge in European Integration.

In conclusion, editors would like to thank all authors of the articles for their willingness to share their ideas with others.

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