



Thierry de Montbrial in Bucharest: EU let caution aside for a moment and expanded Euro Area too much

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The European Union lost its forethought for a while and expanded the Euro Area too much, said Thierry de Montbrial on Thursday, May 10, on occasion of launching his book 'Romanian Diary' in Bucharest.

'The example of Greece proves what might happen if the Euro Area crashes down. The collapse might even lead to the division of the European Union. The stakes are high. Romania is obviously not in the middle of this issue which will come to a conclusion regardless of it, but this does not mean it will not affect Romania,' Thierry de Montbrial said.

Thierry de Montbrial, one of the major figures of the European intellectual world and a specialist in economy and political science, launched his book 'Romanian Diary' in Bucharest on Thursday. His book is a description of the post-December Romania from 1990 to 2011.

One of the creators of the concepts which moulded the world over the past decades, Thierry de Montbrial is the founder and president of the French Institute of

International Relations (IFRI). Deemed as 'a factory of ideas,' the institute is known as one of the most influential think-tanks in the world.

A fine analyst of the systems ruling a world in the midst of globalization, Thierry de Montbrial visited Romania and talked to the present day players, from heads of State and Government to Romanian political, economic and cultural figures.

In Romania, Thierry de Montbrial was awarded the National Order 'Romanian Star' in the ranks of Officer, Commander and Grand Officer from presidents Emil Constantinescu, Ion Iliescu and Traian Basescu, as a token of appreciation for his contribution to developing the academic, human, political and cultural relations between France and Romania and for the talent and devotion he proved throughout his university and academic career, for his personal contribution to enrich the universal cultural patrimony.