



### THE EUROPEA IDEA DEVELOPPED BY COUDENHOVE-KALERGI AND ITS ACTUAL APECTS

The figure of Count Richard de Coudenhove-Kalergi represents an example of work and intellectual clarity whose life and work is a continuous effort to achieve unity in Europe.

For this reason you can be considered as one of the pioneers of the reality that today is the European Union and should be placed on the list of so-called "Fathers of Europe". His most important work is "Paneuropa" in which he offers the main lines to reach a federation of European states in the search for balance and peace in this continent. It is not surprising that his proposals were made in the period from the first Great War to the Second World War and that when his views are ignored, Europe faces a fratricidal war that predicts itself not to achieve a true union Between the European States. That is why his work "Paneuropa" published in 1923 is still valid in our days where the neglect of the essential values on which the European Union is based seem to fade away from the populist and totalitarian tendencies that threaten the European balance in the twenty first century. We must not lose sight of the fact that a Europe in peace must be based on the values of democracy, the rule of law, freedom and the defense of human rights.