

A Greek challenge for 'Mr Europe' Juncker

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Jean-Claude Juncker

It's sultry early July and an emotional Jean-Claude Juncker is on the stump, calling for a 'Yes' vote in a referendum on which he says hangs the future of Europe - and his own career.

"A 'Yes' ... would have a significance ... well beyond Europe," he tells voters. "We can show we're getting moving again, that the process of European unification goes on."

Only, the EU chief executive isn't addressing Greeks before Sunday's vote. This was 2005 and Juncker was addressing his fellow Luxemburgers. As their prime minister, he was pleading for support in a referendum he had called - with no legal need - to demonstrate popular backing for an EU constitution. He won, and went on to serve another eight years.

The risks he ran then - puzzling to many - illustrate the depth of Juncker's engagement to a Europe he this week called the "love of my life" and a highly personal, emotional approach to politics that marked his efforts to broker a deal for Greece.

From the moment Juncker grabbed Alexis Tsipras by the hand and led the novice Greek prime minister away for instruction on his first visit to Brussels, to the Commission president's talk this week of feeling "betrayed" by the leftist leader 20 years his junior, the personal touch has marked a roller-coaster five months of mediation between Athens and its euro zone creditors.

But an approach that one Juncker acquaintance said was based on generating a "personal vibe" in the negotiating room, did not always please Athens' biggest creditor, Germany, which feared he was giving Greeks false hopes of securing easier loan terms.

That highlights risks for Juncker in taking on the EU leaders who appointed him last year to run a Union facing a web of crises - Greece and the euro, British threats to quit, Russian aggression, migration from the bloc's poor, violent neighbors.

"Juncker is a very skilled negotiator. He has incredible patience," said

officials whose left-wing views are less alien to Juncker than to many fellow conservatives. Long leader of a coalition with socialists, his political roots among Luxembourg's steel mills lie on the left of the spectrum of European Christian Democrats.

And Juncker, who proclaims an unembarrassed "love" for the Greek people, seems genuinely motivated to help, keeping an ear to the ground throughout Greece's austerity pain by means of regular calls to a small number of personal acquaintances.

Feedback from sources around Socialist French President Francois Hollande, whose former finance minister is EU economics commissioner, has also been positive for the multilingual Juncker, who sees Luxembourg as a bridge between France and Germany and a catalyst for their cooperation in building the EU.

Yet a sense that Juncker, who can justly claim to be one of the fathers of the euro, risked selling short those governments which were actually - unlike the Commission - lending Athens hard cash, irritated German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble.

One Berlin official couldn't resist a note of Schadenfreude after Juncker showed his anger at Tsipras, refusing to take his call and accusing him of misleading voters: "Juncker was really enthusiastic about Tsipras and now he's depressed. We were never enthusiastic about him and so we're not depressed now."

EU sources insist the man who spent eight years chairing the Eurogroup of euro zone finance ministers has a thicker skin than that: "He is very good at engaging people on a personal level," one said. "But Tsipras is not a friend. It's politics."

Germans worried that in his efforts to prevent "Grexit" out of fear it could unravel the euro, Juncker was not helping. As talks reached a climax two weeks ago, euro zone officials said Schaeuble was particularly incensed when Juncker's German chief-of-staff issued a midnight tweet hailing a new Greek offer as a good basis for a deal - before ministers had even seen it.



Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of Eastern Bank, and Farzana Shakil, owner of Farzana Shakil Makeover Salon, inaugurate the salon's kiosk at the bank's Gulshan north branch priority centre in Dhaka recently. The kiosk is designed to offer makeover services to EBL's women priority banking customers.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
District- Mymensingh
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Memo No-LGED/XEN/MYM/2015/2059

Date: 02.07.2015

Invitation for Tender Tender Notice No: 01/2015-2016

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2	Agency	Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).
3	Procuring entity name	The Executive Engineer, LGED, Mymensingh.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Mymensingh.
6	Invitation for	Contract Package No. MYM/PBMC-5.2: Procurement of works under performance based maintenance contract of Late Engrs SM Aminul Haque Road [Tarakanda-Guatala Road] (Phulpur Part of Dhabaura-Tarakanda Road) (Ch 0+000-21+000KM) Upazila: Phulpur, District: Mymensingh.
7	Invitation Ref No.	Memo No. LGED/PD/RTIP-2/PBMC-09/2015/1326
8	Date	01/07/2015.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (GoB & IDA).
11	Development partner (if applicable)	International Development Association (IDA).
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	5057
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP-II).
14	Tender package No.	MYM/PBMC-5.2
15	Tender package name	As stated in SI No. 6
16	Tender publication date	Date: 06/07/2015
17	Tender last selling date	Date: 04/08/2015 during the office hour.
18	Tender closing date and time	Date: 05/08/2015 Time: 2.00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	Date: 05/08/2015 Time: 2.15pm
20	Name & address of office(s) -- Selling tender document (principal)	i) Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Mymensingh.
	-- Selling tender document (other)	ii) Office of the Project Director, RTIP-II, LGED Bhaban, Level-11, Agargaon, Dhaka. iii) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mymensingh. iv) Office of the Superintendent of the Police, Mymensingh. v) Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Netrakona. vi) Office of the Upazila Engineer, Phulpur, Mymensingh.
	-- Receiving tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Mymensingh.
	-- Opening tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Mymensingh.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (compulsory)	Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Mymensingh.
	Date	14/07/2015
	Time	10.00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	i) As describe in TDS. ii) The bidders who participated in training program on Performance Based Maintenance Contract (PBMC)/Output & Performance Based Road Contract (OPRC) will eligible for this bidding.			
23	Brief description of goods or works	Maintenance and Management of road works.			
24	Brief description of related services	None.			
25	Price of tender document (Taka)	Package No. MYM/PBMC-5.2 is Tk 10000.00.			
26	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount	Completion time in months
	MYM/PBMC-5.2	Procurement of works under Performance Based Maintenance Contract of Late Engrs SM Aminul Haque Road (Tarakanda-Guatala Road) (Phulpur part of Dhabaura-Tarakanda Road) (Ch 0+000-21+000KM) Upazila: Phulpur, District: Mymensingh.	Phulpur, Mymensingh	15,00,000/-	60 months after signing of contract

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Sohrab Ali.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer.
29	Address of official inviting tender	LGED, Mymensingh.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 091-64365 Fax: 091-66178 E-mail: xen.mymensingh@ged.gov.bd
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	
32	The invitation for tender is available on the website: www.lged.gov.bd/www.cptu.gov.bd.	

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All other terms and condition shall remain unchanged.

By order,

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