

Former CNN Host Larry King Comments on the Greek and European Fiscal Crisis

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Larry King, the retired CNN host talked to *New Europe* on the sidelines of the Crans Montana Forum in Azerbaijan “Addressing a Changing World: Which Energy for Which World?” in Baku. In an exclusive interview with *New Europe* journalist Kostis Geropoulos on 30 June, King discussed the EU economic crisis, US elections, and Greece.

Asked to express his opinion over whether Europe will make it out of the crisis he said, “Well, I got some hope yesterday [29 June] when Germany kind of recounted and they’re gonna help out Spain and Greece. I hope that works. I think the world is more interdependent now than ever before. I think what happens in one country affects what happens in other countries, like for example they made that announcement [at the EU leaders’ summit] and the American stock market went booming today, and I’ve always wondered ‘Why would what’s happening in Greece affect Wall Street?’ But it does because the world is small and even smaller with Twitter and Facebook and social networks. And also we’re all part of it, we’re all on that planet together, the planet is smaller, we are interdependent, so everything that happens in one place affects what happens in another.”

After an extensive reference to the upcoming presidential elections in the US, Larry King answered as to whether he believes there’s a lack of leadership in Europe saying “I’m not that... I think the lady in Germany is very strong. I don’t understand the situation in Greece, I don’t... it’s all confusing to me (laugh) but as someone said, ‘It’s all Greek to me.’”

Commenting on Obama’s political campaign and the fact that he dealt with the European crisis perhaps more than he had with the presidential elections, King commented that this was merely obligatory and that no country should remain “isolationist.”