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The European Marshall Plan in Germany and Europe took place following the end of the war, while the war and conflicts in the region are seemingly dragging on, especially in light of inaction on the part of the US and Europe.

Thus, I suggest a “simpler plan” for the region that could be achievable amidst the ongoing wars, which is “the establishment of safe zones” for investments. Kurdistan is a successful example of such safe zones, designed to create job opportunities and investment projects under international insurances against political threats.

Lebanon is not neutralized in the ongoing regional crises, but “is at the core of the conflict,” whether “we like it or not.” However, Lebanon could play a prominent role in finding economic solutions to the region.