

Unit 9 – The European Union: Challenges and opportunities

Are you European?

to be entitled to live / work in any EU country	If you are European, you may be entitled to live / work in any EU country without many restrictions.	das Recht haben, in jedem EU-Land zu leben / zu arbeiten
to (not) need a work permit	Many Europeans do not need a work permit when they move to another EU country.	(keine) Arbeitserlaubnis brauchen
to recognise one's educational and professional qualifications	In the EU, countries often recognise one's educational and professional qualifications from other member states.	Ausbildungs- und Berufsabschlüsse anerkennen
to abolish internal border controls	The EU decided to abolish internal border controls to make travel easier for citizens.	die Kontrollen an internationalen Grenzen abschaffen
to have a common currency	Some European countries have a common currency, which is called the euro.	eine gemeinsame Währung haben
the inconvenience of changing money has disappeared	Thanks to the euro, the inconvenience of changing money has disappeared for many travellers within the EU.	die Unannehmlichkeiten des Geldwechsels sind weggefallen
to be clearly informed of the total price of one's purchase	As a European consumer, you should be clearly informed of the total price of your purchase before you pay.	klar über den Gesamtpreis eines Einkaufs informiert werden
to be free to choose one's energy supplier	In many EU countries, people are free to choose their energy supplier.	frei den eigenen Energieanbieter wählen können
to no longer dump waste in developing countries	The EU has agreed to no longer dump waste in developing countries.	keinen Müll mehr in Entwicklungsländern abladen / entsorgen
the cornerstone of the EU's long-term climate change policy	Reducing pollution is the cornerstone of the EU's long-term climate change policy.	der Grundstein der langfristigen Klimapolitik der EU
to be part of the defence aspect of the EU's common foreign and security policy	Some European countries choose to be part of the defence aspect of the EU's common foreign and security policy.	Teil des Verteidigungsbereichs der gemeinsamen Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik der EU sein

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Advantages of being an EU member state

to be able to trade goods and services without extra taxes	EU member states are able to trade goods and services without extra taxes between countries.	Waren und Dienstleistungen ohne zusätzliche Steuern handeln können
to have the freedom to live, work and study in any EU country	Citizens have the freedom to live, work and study in any EU country.	die Freiheit haben, in jedem EU-Land zu leben, zu arbeiten und zu studieren
to receive financial support for projects like infrastructure and education	Many regions receive financial support for projects like infrastructure and education from the EU.	finanzielle Unterstützung für Projekte wie Infrastruktur und Bildung erhalten
to have more power together with other countries in the world	By working together, EU countries have more power together with other countries in the world.	gemeinsam mit anderen Ländern mehr Einfluss in der Welt haben
to keep peace and good relationships between countries	One advantage of the EU is that it helps to keep peace and good relationships between countries.	Frieden und gute Beziehungen zwischen den Ländern erhalten

Downsides of being an EU member state

to have less control over some laws because of EU rules	Some people say that a country can have less control over some laws because of EU rules.	wegen der EU-Regeln bei manchen Gesetzen weniger Kontrolle haben
to pay money to the EU every year	Italy has to pay money to the EU every year, which some citizens see as a disadvantage.	jedes Jahr Geld an die EU zahlen

to face many rules and slow decision processes	Mark believes that EU countries often face many rules and slow decision processes.	mit vielen Regeln und langsamen Entscheidungsprozessen konfrontiert sein
to get different benefits because not all countries get the same help	In countries like Poland, people may get different benefits because not all countries get the same help from the EU.	verschiedene Vorteile erhalten, weil nicht alle Länder dieselbe Unterstützung bekommen
to worry about more people coming to live and work in the EU, which can make jobs and services harder to get	Anna worries about more people coming to live and work in the EU, which can make jobs and services harder to get.	sich Sorgen machen, dass mehr Menschen in die EU kommen, um dort zu leben und zu arbeiten, was es erschweren kann, Jobs und Dienstleistungen zu erhalten
The political power of youth		
to participate in the political process	Many young people today want to participate in the political process by voting and joining campaigns.	am politischen Prozess teilnehmen
the decline of civics education at schools	Some teachers worry about the decline of civics education at schools, as students learn less about politics.	der Rückgang von politischer Bildung / des Politikunterrichts an Schulen
to actively contribute to community and society	Liam chooses to actively contribute to community and society through youth councils.	aktiv zur Gemeinschaft und Gesellschaft beitragen
to reveal that young people today are more politically knowledgeable than the generations before	Recent studies seem to reveal that young people today are more politically knowledgeable than the generations before.	zeigen, dass junge Menschen heute politisch besser informiert sind als frühere Generationen
to be knowledgeable about something	Being knowledgeable about human rights helps people speak up against injustice.	über umfassende Kenntnisse in einem Bereich verfügen
to guarantee women the right to vote	It was important to guarantee women the right to vote so that democracy became fairer.	Frauen das Wahlrecht garantieren / zusichern
to benefit from a deeper understanding of history	Young citizens can benefit from a deeper understanding of history when they discuss political ideas.	von einem tieferen Verständnis der Geschichte profitieren
to be aware of how the nation's political system works	Sofia believes it is important to be aware of how the nation's political system works.	wissen, wie das politische System des Landes funktioniert
to support civic literacy among youth	Many organisations work to support civic literacy among youth through workshops and social media.	politische Bildung bei Jugendlichen fördern
to influence the future of democracy	By getting involved, young people can influence the future of democracy in a positive way.	die Zukunft der Demokratie beeinflussen
A career in politics?		
to serve as / be a councillor	After university, Jared decided to serve as a / be a councillor in his local town.	als Stadtrat/Stadträtin / Gemeinderat/Gemeinderätin tätig sein
to give up on one's dream career	At first, Mirjam did not want to give up on her dream career in politics.	den Traumberuf aufgeben
the culmination of a lifelong dream	For Paolo, becoming a mayor was the culmination of a lifelong dream.	der Höhepunkt eines Lebenstraums
to ease off	After years of hard work, Amina chose to ease off and spend more time with her family.	nachgeben, nachlassen
to help residents through the cost of living crisis	The politicians tried to help residents through the cost of living crisis in their communities.	den Einwohnern/Einwohnerinnen durch die Lebenshaltungskostenkrise helfen

to be desperate	During the election, Leo was desperate because he was not getting enough support.	verzweifelt sein
to face homelessness	Tomislav saw families face homelessness, and he said the situation was horrible.	mit Obdachlosigkeit konfrontiert sein, obdachlos werden
to be unbearable	For Matilda, the public pressure in politics can sometimes be unbearable.	unerträglich sein
to owe something to someone	Yolanda feels she owes something to the people who voted for her.	jemandem etwas schulden
to be demanding	A career in politics is demanding because politicians must work long hours and make difficult decisions.	anspruchsvoll sein, fordernd sein
Young people's rights		
to ensure access to education	Governments must ensure access to education for all young people.	den Zugang zu Bildung sichern / gewährleisten
to take part in decisions that impact young people	Aleksander believes that students should take part in decisions that impact young people at school.	an Entscheidungen beteiligt sein, die junge Menschen betreffen
to be protected from violence / abuse / discrimination	Every child has the right to be protected from violence, abuse and discrimination.	vor Gewalt / Missbrauch / Diskriminierung geschützt sein
to have the right to privacy	Gerome thinks teenagers should have the right to privacy online.	das Recht auf Privatsphäre haben
to face restrictions on one's freedom of speech	In some countries, young people face restrictions on their freedom of speech.	Einschränkungen der Meinungsfreiheit erleben / hinnehmen müssen
to build confidence	Joining a debate club helped Sam build confidence.	Vertrauen / Selbstvertrauen aufbauen
to develop leadership skills	Group projects at school help students develop leadership skills.	Führungsfähigkeiten entwickeln
to encourage social responsibility	Volunteering can encourage social responsibility among young people.	soziales Verantwortungsbewusstsein fördern
to promote equality and justice	Teachers try to promote equality and justice in the classroom.	Gleichheit und Gerechtigkeit fördern
to stand up against bullying	Lily decided to stand up against bullying when she saw a classmate being treated badly.	sich gegen Mobbing einsetzen, gegen Mobbing aufstehen
to include lessons on human rights	The school plans to include lessons on human rights in its curriculum.	Unterrichtseinheiten zu Menschenrechten einbeziehen / anbieten
to discuss current social, political and ethical issues	In class, students discuss current social, political and ethical issues.	aktuelle soziale, politische und ethische Themen besprechen
to create safe spaces for dialogue	Youth centres aim to create safe spaces for dialogue where everyone feels respected.	sichere Räume für Dialog schaffen
to teach conflict resolution skills	Teachers help students by teaching conflict resolution skills.	Fähigkeiten zur Konfliktlösung vermitteln
to promote inclusivity and diversity	School events should promote inclusivity and diversity among students.	Inklusivität und Vielfalt fördern
to be a role model on this issue	As class representative, Daniel tries to be a role model on this issue.	bei diesem Thema als Vorbild dienen
Verb-noun phrases with <i>government, law, election and vote</i>		
to boycott the / a government	Some citizens decided to boycott the government after new unfair rules were introduced.	die / eine Regierung boykottieren / ablehnen
to change the / a government	Voters hope to change the government in the next election.	die / eine Regierung wechseln / verändern

to criticise the / a government	Hina often criticises the government when she disagrees with its decisions.	die / eine Regierung kritisieren
to elect the / a government	People elect a government by voting in national elections.	die / eine Regierung wählen
to form the / a government	After the election, several parties worked together to form a government.	die / eine Regierung bilden
to lead the / a government	Dawson wants to lead the government one day as prime minister.	die / eine Regierung führen
to resign from the / a government	The official chose to resign from the government after his mistakes were revealed.	von der / einer Regierung zurücktreten
to break the / a law	Anyone who breaks the law may face serious consequences.	das / ein Gesetz brechen / verletzen
to change the / a law	Activists are campaigning to change a law they believe is unfair.	das / ein Gesetz ändern
to introduce the / a law	The government plans to introduce a new law next year.	das / ein Gesetz einführen / vorschlagen
to obey the / a law	Citizens are expected to obey the law at all times.	das / ein Gesetz befolgen
to pass the / a law	The government passed the law after a long debate.	das / ein Gesetz verabschieden
to violate the / a law	The company was fined for violating the law.	das / ein Gesetz verletzen
to boycott the / an election	Some groups decided to boycott the election to protest against corruption.	die / eine Wahl boykottieren / nicht an der / einer Wahl teilnehmen
to hold the / an election	The country will hold an election in the spring.	die / eine Wahl abhalten
to lose the / an election	The party leader lost the election and stepped down.	die / eine Wahl verlieren
to stand for election	Randi decided to stand for election in her local area.	bei einer Wahl kandidieren
to win the / an election	The candidate worked hard to win the election.	die / eine Wahl gewinnen
to count (the) votes	Officials stayed up all night to count the votes.	die Stimmen auszählen
to lose (the / a) vote(s)	The proposal failed because it had lost the vote.	die Stimme(n) verlieren
to cast (the) votes	People lined up early to cast their votes.	die Stimme(n) abgeben
to receive (the / a) vote(s)	Estefania was happy to receive many votes from young people.	die Stimme(n) erhalten / bekommen
to win (the / a) vote(s)	The party managed to win enough votes to stay in power.	die Stimme(n) gewinnen