

## Unit 15 – The European Union – Europe united?

### What does the EU do for me

to be entitled to live / work in any EU country	European citizens are entitled to live / work in any EU country, and many take some time to work in a different country.	das Recht haben, in jedem EU-Land zu leben / zu arbeiten
to be entitled to compensation / medical treatment	After Greg had a work accident, he was entitled to compensation / medical treatment paid for by his company, as the accident was not his fault.	einen Anspruch auf Entschädigung / medizinische Behandlung haben
to (not) need a work permit	If you were born in Austria and are an Austrian citizen, you do not need a work permit to work in France.	(keine) Arbeitserlaubnis benötigen
to abolish internal border controls	The European Union abolished internal border controls between individual member countries.	Kontrollen an den Binnengrenzen abschaffen
the inconvenience of changing money has disappeared	Within the EU, the inconvenience of changing money has disappeared, which makes travelling much easier.	die Unannehmlichkeiten des Geldwechsels sind verschwunden / weggefallen
to (not) have to pay tuition fees	EU students do not have to pay tuition fees every semester.	(keine) Studiengebühren zahlen müssen
to get an EU grant when studying abroad	Abdullah got an EU grant while studying in Germany with <i>Erasmus+</i> to cover his living expenses.	ein EU-Stipendium erhalten, wenn man im Ausland studiert
to be liable for lost luggage	EU airlines are liable for lost luggage, which is not the case for many American airline companies.	für verlorenes Gepäck haften
to give someone a refund	Kirby's flight was cancelled without warning, and the airline gave him a refund and a new flight leaving the next day.	jemandem eine Rückerstattung / Rückvergütung gewähren
one's calls / data services are charged at domestic rates	As long as Benedikt stays within the EU, his data services and calls are charged at domestic rates.	Anrufe / Datendienste werden zum Inlandstarif abgerechnet
to guarantee the protection of one's personal data	European airlines guarantee the protection of one's personal data so their customers feel save booking with them.	den Schutz der persönlichen Daten gewährleisten

### Speaking about the European Union

to engage in dialogue with young people	The politician made it a priority to engage in dialogue with young people and hear their concerns and ideas.	in einen Dialog mit jungen Menschen treten
to make one's voice heard	The activist wanted to make her voice heard and raise awareness about important social issues.	der eigenen Stimme Gehör verschaffen
to share one's vision	The entrepreneur was passionate about sharing his vision for a more sustainable future.	die eigene Vorstellung / Vision teilen
to take action	The climate activist was more than happy that he had inspired others to take action as well.	aktiv werden / etwas unternehmen
to empower young European citizens	The non-profit organisation was dedicated to empowering young European citizens and giving them the tools to create positive change in their communities.	junge europäische Bürger/innen bestärken
to realise the vision of someone	The team worked tirelessly to realise the vision of their organisation's founder and create a better world for all.	die Vorstellung / Vision einer Person verwirklichen

to foster youth participation in democratic life	The government initiative aimed to foster youth participation in democratic life and encourage the next generation to become active and engaged citizens.	die Beteiligung junger Menschen am demokratischen Leben fördern
to support social and civic engagement	The community organisation was committed to supporting social and civic engagement and encouraging people to get involved in making a difference in their communities.	soziales und staatsbürgerliches Engagement unterstützen
to become an active citizen who is involved in democracy and society	Janin's father wanted her to become an active citizen who is involved in democracy and society to advocate for important issues.	ein aktiver Bürger/eine aktive Bürgerin werden, der/die sich in Demokratie und Gesellschaft engagiert
<b>Is the EU a Nanny State?</b>		
to adopt higher sin taxes and more prohibitions	Some countries have recently adopted higher sin taxes and more prohibitions on certain substances.	höhere Genussmittelsteuern und mehr Verbote erlassen
to legalise e-cigarettes	Tina would have been sad if lawmakers hadn't legalised e-cigarettes when confronted with the topic.	E-Zigaretten legalisieren
to tax artificially sweetened drinks	State governments have been contemplating taxing artificially sweetened drinks similar to the way alcohol is taxed.	künstlich gesüßte Getränke besteuern
to be described as smoker-friendly	Europe has been described as smoker-friendly, because many people still smoke on street corners and the practice is more accepted.	als Raucher-freundlich bezeichnet werden
to introduce draconian smoking bans	A few years ago, many bar owners in Austria and Germany were complaining that the government had introduced draconian smoking bans that would affect nightlife.	sehr strenge / drakonische Rauchverbote einführen
to make it illegal to ...	The EU recently made it illegal to sell single-use plastics in order to reduce the impact of plastic waste on the environment.	etwas illegal machen / etwas verbieten
to raise the cost of living	Critics argued that new regulations would raise the cost of living for EU citizens and put increased financial strain on families.	die Lebenshaltungskosten erhöhen
to fuel the black market	An outright cigarette ban would be expected to fuel the black market for imported tobacco and smoking products.	den Schwarzmarkt anheizen
to reduce taxes on alcohol	When the local government reduced taxes on alcohol in 2003, alcohol-related mortality increased by 16 % among men and by 31 % among women.	die Steuern auf Alkohol senken
to be held responsible for something	The EU is being held responsible for the recent economic downturn and is facing criticism for its inability to create jobs and stimulate growth.	für etwas verantwortlich gemacht werden
to cause serious damage	The economic crisis has caused serious damage to the EU's reputation and to its citizens' confidence in the ability of the Union to manage its finances effectively.	schwere Schäden verursachen
to create excessive bureaucracy	Critics of the EU argue that it creates excessive bureaucracy and halts innovation by imposing too many regulations and restrictions on businesses.	übertriebene Bürokratie erzeugen / verursachen

<b>Talking about Brexit</b>		
the membership was debated	Britain's membership in the EU was heavily debated.	die Mitgliedschaft wurde diskutiert
to hold a referendum	Many citizens called for a referendum to decide the country's future in the European Union.	eine Volksbefragung abhalten
to contribute too much to the EU budget	One of the main concerns for the British people was that they were contributing too much to the EU budget, and they felt they were not getting enough in return.	zu viel zum EU-Haushalt beitragen
to be disillusioned with the EU	Many Britons were still disillusioned with the EU and felt that their voice was not being heard.	von der EU enttäuscht / desillusioniert sein
to (not) have a direct say	The British people did not have a direct say in the decisions made by the EU Parliament.	(kein) direktes Mitspracherecht haben
to dislike the way the EU Parliament decides on rules a member state has to follow	Many citizens disliked the way the EU Parliament decided on rules that the member state had to follow, and felt that their sovereignty was being infringed upon.	die Art und Weise ablehnen, wie das EU-Parlament über die Regeln entscheidet, die ein Mitgliedsstaat befolgen muss
to have more control over one's own affairs	British citizens felt that they needed to have more control over their own affairs.	mehr Kontrolle über die eigenen Angelegenheiten haben
to gain control over immigration / one's own borders	The United States struggles to gain control over immigration / its own borders.	Kontrolle über Einwanderung / die eigenen Grenzen erlangen
the main problem was the lack of precedent	The main problem was the lack of precedent for a country leaving the EU, as no member country had ever done this before.	das Hauptproblem war das Fehlen von Präzedenzfällen
<b>Speaking about the future of the EU</b>		
self-doubt and pressure lie on one's shoulders	It's difficult to make definitive statements about the future when so much self-doubt and pressure lie on one's shoulders.	Selbstzweifel und Druck lasten auf den eigenen Schultern
to not be interested in investing in the health of young adults	The British government doesn't seem to be interested in investing in the health of young adults.	kein Interesse daran haben, in die Gesundheit junger Menschen zu investieren
to (not) be very optimistic about the future	Most members of the younger generation are not very optimistic about the future.	(nicht) sehr optimistisch in die Zukunft blicken
to have to pay tons of taxes	After the financial difficulties and pandemic stimulus cheques, young adults are bracing themselves to have to pay tons of taxes.	Unmengen von Steuern bezahlen müssen
to set goals for oneself	Roland sets goals for himself so that he will actually get the work done.	sich selbst Ziele setzen
to focus on the near future	The key is to focus on the near future and not dwell on the past.	sich auf die nahe Zukunft konzentrieren
the future is in extreme uncertainty	The financial and environmental future is in extreme uncertainty.	die Zukunft liegt extrem im Ungewissen
the financial crisis will not be made up for in the next 100 years	A rather pessimistic view of the current financial situation believes that the financial crisis will not be made up for in the next 100 years.	die Finanzkrise wird in den nächsten 100 Jahren nicht wettgemacht werden
to work towards a more equal society	Feminism is fundamentally about working towards a more equal society for both men and women.	auf eine gleichberechtigte Gesellschaft hinarbeiten
to take advantage of the time that one has	Lucie is determined to take advantage of the time that she has and be thankful for the opportunities that have come her way.	die Zeit, die man hat, nutzen

to turn one's life upside down	The pandemic turned many people's lives upside down, forcing them to re-evaluate their priorities and make major changes.	das eigene Leben auf den Kopf stellen
to make someone lose hope	The news of the layoffs made many employees lose hope for the future and question their ability to find new employment.	jemanden die Hoffnung verlieren lassen
to not have the head for something	My life is going haywire; under the current conditions, I just don't have the head for my studies.	für etwas keinen Kopf haben
to have the say right now	Many entitled people feel that they have the say right now in shaping the future of their countries.	jetzt das Sagen haben
to use one's voice	The activist encouraged everyone to use their voice and speak out against the injustices they saw in the world.	die Stimme nutzen / einsetzen
to face inequalities / disadvantages	Many people are facing inequalities / disadvantages that limit their opportunities and make it difficult to achieve their goals.	mit Ungleichheiten / Nachteilen konfrontiert sein
to be a sincere hope of someone	For many people, a sincere hope for the future is what keeps them going.	jemandes aufrichtige / ernst gemeinte Hoffnung sein
to need some sense of security	In a rapidly changing world, people need a sense of security to feel confident about their future and plan for the future.	ein Gefühl der Sicherheit brauchen
to think positively about the changes ahead	Mo tried to think positively about the changes and see the exciting opportunities that lay ahead.	positiv über die bevorstehenden Veränderungen denken
<b>Discussing controversial issues</b>		
to be discovered to ...	The hidden treasure was finally discovered to be worth millions of dollars.	entdeckt werden, sich herausstellen
to be expected to ...	It was expected to be a long journey, but the team was determined to succeed.	erwartet werden / damit zu rechnen sein, dass
to be felt to ...	People have always wanted to be acknowledged for their accomplishments in a way that is felt to be meaningful.	empfunden werden als
to be found to ...	No widely accepted evidence has so far been found to show that soft drugs work as a "gateway" to harder drugs.	befunden werden
to be known to ...	The famous artist was known to be eccentric and reclusive, but her work was widely celebrated.	bekannt sein für / als
to be obligated to ...	The company was obligated to comply with the regulations set forth by the government.	in der Pflicht stehen, verpflichtet sein
to be proved to ...	The theory was proved to be incorrect after extensive research and experimentation.	bewiesen sein
to be thought to ...	The suspect was thought to be involved in the robbery, but was later cleared of all charges.	als ... gelten, für etwas gehalten werden