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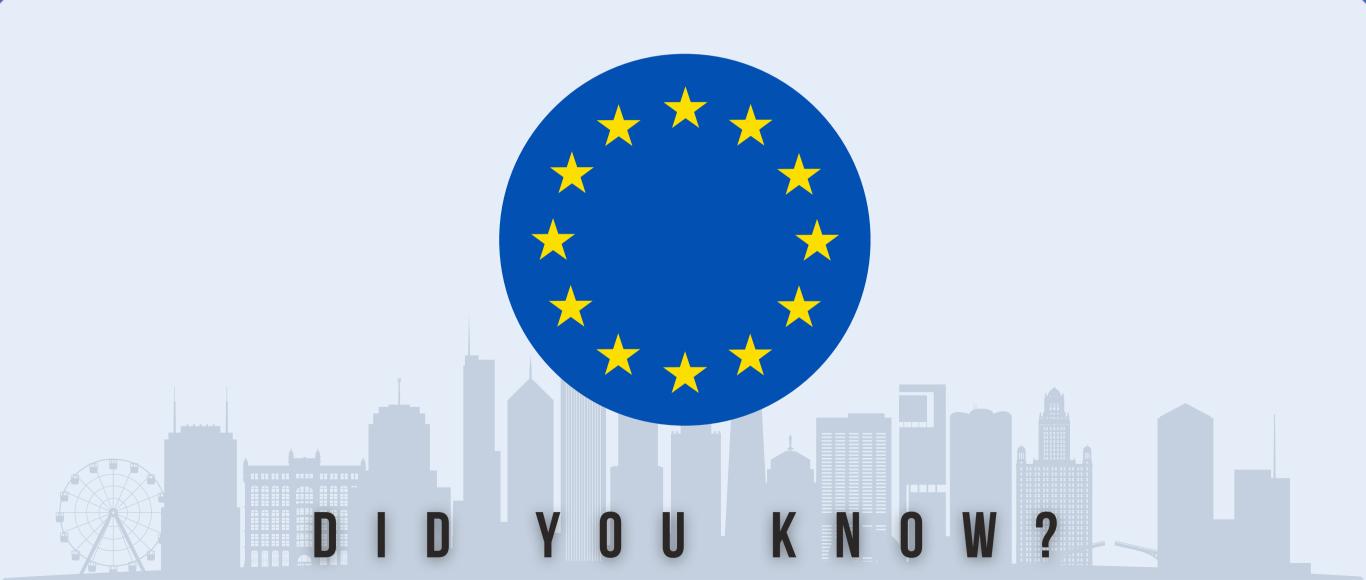
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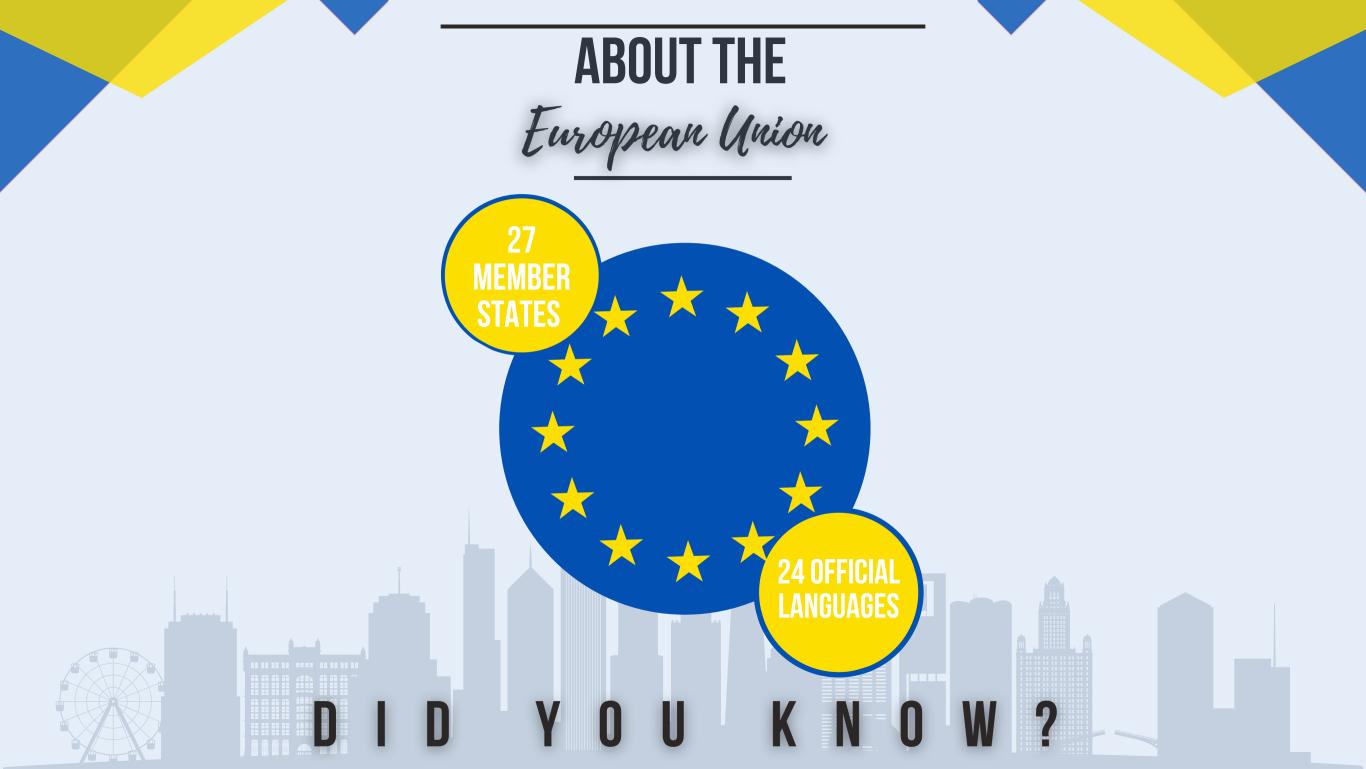


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WHAT ARE THE EUROPEAN VALUES?

"BEING EUROPEAN MEANS RESPECTING THE EUROPEAN VALUES" -Jonathan Scheele I.

All EU countries share some essential values, which form the basis of a free society. The EU protects these common values to ensure inclusion, tolerance, justice and solidarity.



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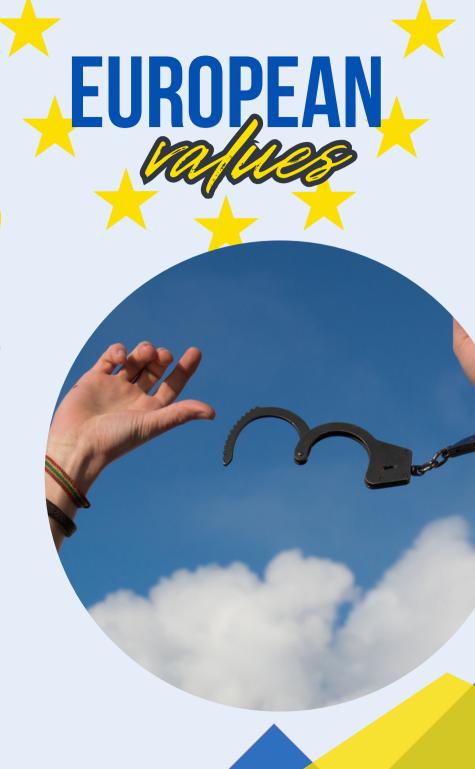


HUMAN DIGNITY

We have the right to dignity, meaning to be recognized as having the opportunity to freely develop our identity and personality, regardless of race, sex, age, social origin, financial status, nationality, ethnicity, religion or anything else that, becoming a criteria, can lead to discrimination. Moreover, we can do this by expressing those thoughts, ideas, options, or adopting those attitudes and behaviors that we appreciate as enabling and beneficial to our own development. And every person enjoys this right, which means that their own dignity cannot "live" without that of any other person.

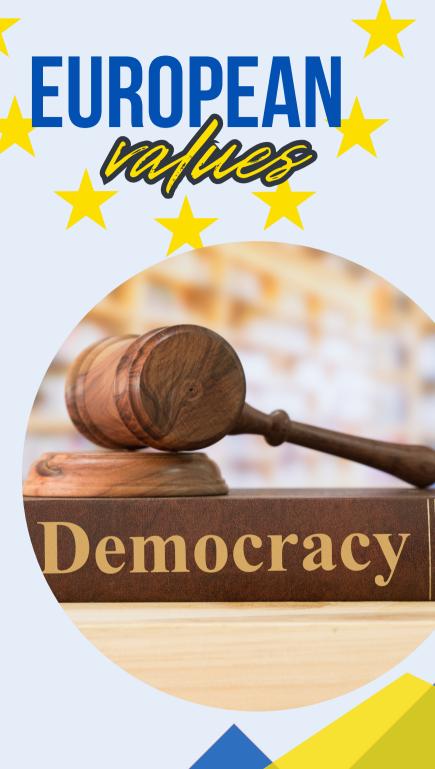
FREEDOM

Freedom of movement gives citizens the right to move and settle freely within the territory of the Union. Individual freedoms such as respect for private life, freedom of thought, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, right to information and freedom of expression are protected by the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.



DEMOCRACY

Representative democracy is the foundation of the functioning of the European Union. A European citizen automatically enjoys political rights. All EU citizens have the right to stand and vote in elections to the European Parliament and in national elections held in their country of residence or country of origin.





Human rights are protected by the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. These include the right not to be discriminated against on grounds of sex, ethnic or racial origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, the right to the protection of personal data and the right to obtain access to justice.





EQUALITY

Equality implies equal rights before the law for all citizens. The principle of equality between women and men underlies all European policies and is the cornerstone of European integration. It applies in all fields. The principle of equal pay for equal work was integrated into the Treaty of Rome in 1957.



THE RULE OF LAW

The EU is based on the rule of law. Everything the EU does derives from the Treaties, which all member states voluntarily and democratically agreed upon. Law and justice are protected by an independent judiciary body. Member countries have conferred final judicial jurisdiction on the European Court of Justice, whose rulings must be respected by everyone.





WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EUROPEAN VALUES?

- to promote peace, European values and the wellbeing of its citizens;
- to promote justice and social protection, equality between women and men and the protection of children's rights;
- to respect the cultural and linguistic diversity of its peoples;
- to create an economic and monetary union whose currency is the euro;
- to ensure sustainable development based on balanced economic growth and price stability.



The fundamental rights every EU citizen has are based on the values of equality, non-discrimination, inclusion, human dignity, freedom and democracy.

The rights are divided by:

Dignity, Freedoms (right to liberty and security, right to education, freedom to work),

Equality (non-discrimination), Solidarity (fair working conditions, social assistance,
health care, environmental and consumer protection), Citizens' rights (right to vote
and to stand as a candidate, right to petition, freedom of movement and of residence),

Justice (right to a fair trial, right of defence)



THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

THE EUROPEAN COMISSION

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EU

THE EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE











EUROPEAN youth programs

ERASMUS+

Erasmus+ is a programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. It creates opportunities for young people to study, do trainings, and gain experience abroad.

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

The European Solidarity Corps programme creates opportunities for young people to engage in solidarity activities abroad or in their country in projects that benefit communities.







European Youth Week allows to discuss relevant topics for young people, showcase EU youth opportunities and celebrate success stories.

EU YOUTH DIALOGUE

EU Youth Dialogue is a dialogue mechanism between young people and decision makers taking place in the framework of the EU Youth Strategy.







DiscoverEU is an initiative offering 18 years olds the chance to travel around and discover Europe. Each year the European Union awards selected young people with a travel pass.

EURES

Eures is the European Job Mobility Portal which will help you find a job abroad.





Our school is part of the European Parliament Ambassador School Programme (EPAS), which aims at increasing students' awareness of European parliamentary democracy, the role of the European Parliament and European values. It also encourages us to actively participate in EU democratic processes.

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