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**EUROPEAN UNION AND WORK**  
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## **Translation**

### **The European Union and work**

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1. I am interested to know whether there will really be so many opportunities for employment within the EU, as they say there will? I think that it will be difficult. (00:27:40)

(19:27:10)

For the time being the possibility of getting work in the EU is less due to the fact that member states, the older members of the EU, anticipated a restriction on the employment of foreigners for seven years. Those seeking jobs in the other countries, in the new member EU states, will have more opportunities. The question is whether our people will look for work there because the living conditions are somewhat different from those in Slovenia, however I think that there is a lot of work there, which is well paid and which would be interesting for our employment seekers. (19:27:55)

2. Where can those who want to work in the EU turn to for help, to whom? (00:34:32)

(19:28:00)

The Labour Exchange of the Republic of Slovenia at the moment has four counsellors who work through the main labour exchanges in Slovenia. They give all the necessary information on where people should turn to and what they can expect. Besides that there is an office operating in Brussels for those who would like to work in Brussels. (19:28:30)

3. I am interested to know if the cheap work force from poorer countries, former eastern countries, threaten our economy or pour workers respectively? (00:41:35)

(19:28:37)

Some problems will probably arise. The target of the EU is also the free flow of work forces, which is actually relaxation of competition on the work market. We are already familiar with this situation from earlier times when Slovenia also employed people from other republics of the former Yugoslavia who were seeking employment. Personally, I think that those who have a higher education will not have any specific difficulty in finding employment, however those with no education will.

(19:29:19)

4. What about employment for young people, will it be any better? (00:31:32)  
(19:29:22)

I think that in connection with employment for young people there will not be any big changes and also things will not get very much better. Young people will have many more opportunities for education, also abroad. They will be able to get new specific knowledge, which is not possible to get in Slovenia and consequently new doors will open for employment abroad. (19:29:54)