

*Voice of the People*

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## **Translation**

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#### **1. I would like to know how the European Parliament functions?**

Answer, Borut Ambrožič (SMS/Slovene Youth Party):

To answer this question it is necessary to have some general knowledge about the institute of the European Union itself. At any rate the European Parliament is at the top of this organ, in which, as was seen at this election, members of parliament are elected from member states who are proposed by a political party or by the electors themselves. Parliament functions similarly to our National Assembly (19:31:06) ... (19:31:10) it has a limited legislative function, but functions in direct connection with the Council of the European Union, which has a legislative function, that is to say in the eyes of some - greater competence than parliament alone. (19:31:23)

#### **2. I am interested to know in which way will they represent us in Parliament? Will that be purely extreme left or purely extreme right?**

Answer, Borut Ambrožič (SMS/Slovene Youth Party):

Personally, I think that that division of left and right is not even shown here in our National Assembly. Consequently I am convinced that the members of parliament, who have been elected, who have already been defined in one way or another by the media as being left or right, I at least hope, will represent the interests of the Slovenes as a whole and not only as a political option.

#### **3. I would like to ask, if they be able to represent well enough the interests of a small nation in such a big community as the EU?**

Answer, Borut Ambrožič (SMS/Slovene Youth Party):

Smallness can also sometimes be an advantage or as the saying says: Small can sometimes also be big. But the viewers also probably noticed that prior to the elections some of our political representatives were quite successful in drawing attention to themselves as well as Slovenia and our customs; so I think that also in the future with steadfast and conscientious work in the organs where they will represent our interests there should be no difficulties. (19:32:37)

#### **4. What in point of fact could be solved in the European Parliament?**

Answer, Borut Ambrožič (SMS/Slovene Youth Party):

In the European Parliament, possibly this is linked to the previous question, definitely interests will be solved, let me say national interests, via our representatives in this huge body or European Union family respectively, in to which of course we entered united, expressing the mood of the referendum for which I should say the majority of Slovenes wanted to enter. Thus by all means, also from my personal point of view, the first task of our members of Parliament would be to achieve faster relaxation of the time limit on the free flow of working forces as one of the basic principles of the European Union.