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0'02

Question, Karsten Andrup Pedersen, Kolding, Denmark:

Of course it's very difficult to discuss at a language, which is not your native language. At the beginning you have to concentrate more on translating inside your head instead of being creative. If we could get an education in one common language – which in my opinion should be English – then I think, this would be easier

0'50

The EU is 25 independent countries and we have around 22-23 different languages. If we should get this co-operation into action, it's absolutely necessary, that everybody be allowed to talk his or her own native language. In many years from now, we'll still have a lot of different languages, but this does of course not mean, that you should not have one language at the official meetings, we have. It should be English, and already today you couldn't work down there, if you're not talking English.

1'29

SIGN:

After the 1st May 2004 there will be 25 official languages within the European Union

1'33

Question, Claus Andresen, Kolding, Denmark:

Was it possible to make one united university in Europe? To be able to get a united know how within science?

1'50

Answer, Pernille Frahm, former Member of the European Parliament, Denmark:

We already have such European universities. Mostly at the fields of social science, European politics and things like that.....Economic and stuff like that. But I could imagine we were expanding that and exchanging more experience and inspiration. This would really be a good idea. The universities should then be placed around Europe – Denmark perhaps

2'31

SIGN:

1994 every 5th Dane had a further and higher education. 8 years later this figure was every 5th

2'40

Question, Jette Wangslew, Kolding, Denmark:

How will you make sure the new member states get the same terms within education, as we have?

I don't think the terms for us in Denmark should be better, I think the countries having poorer conditions should get some better

2'58

Answer, Henrik Dam Kristensen, Member of the Parliament, Denmark:

The European Union shouldn't decide what to do about education in each national state. Each state should decide that themselves. As the new member states have become part of the Union, they have got better possibilities in strengthen their economic and probably they will use some of the finances on their education system. Of course it's necessary to develop within education – and the membership should give them the possibility to develop a Welfare State

3'36

SIGN:

Different European co-operations within education are supported By the Socrates Programme of the European Union

3'42

Question, Julie Skovsby, Odense, Denmark:

I think a good question would be to ask, why we have that big differences within the level of education in the different countries? Why don't you do more to harmonize the level – also because of the connection between education and labour market?

4'04

Answer, Pernille Frahm, former Member of the Parliament, Denmark:

I don't think the European Union should harmonize education. I think each member state should make their own system after the needs, traditions and experience in each country. But still we could exchange experience and inspiration by exchanging students and teachers. Then they get the possibility to learn from each other and pass on their ideas. But common European politics about education would be very stupid