

Voice of the People

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0'02 What do the young people at the gymnasium, the elderly on the residential home, the families in the shopping centre and the sport enthusiasts on the football field about The European Union?

We gave people a microphone and let them ask questions about EU and handicapped.

0'14

“I don't think, we talk enough about, what handicap actually is. You don't have to sit in a wheelchair and be unable to use your legs to be a handicap”

0'22

“We would be able to make a better society, if we didn't think at handicapped as a special group, which is just supposed to get some food, a place to live and then just shot up. If we thought about what resources they have instead. Why don't they get an education, why don't they go and work? A lot of the handicapped could do that!”

0'49 SIGN:

50% of the handicapped in Denmark are working. This figure is much lower in the Southern European countries and especially in the future member states

0'59

“I would like to know, whether the politicians are going to fight for minimum demands for handicapped within the European Union?”

1'06

“I think, every country and therefore also the European Union, has to make some rules about handicapped. Regarding how to get some money and to get a job, if you are a handicapped”

1'34

“I think, it would be a great idea, if handicapped from Denmark and from other countries met and started to co-operate”

1'44

“Yes, this, I know, actually is already happening. Handicap organisations within the European Union and from countries as far away as from South Africa are already working together. And I think we have a lot to give those people, we are experts in Denmark to make societies. Such a co-operation, I think the European Union should support, and I would like to make an effort for that”

2'12 SIGN:

February 2004 a new bus directive was affected. It says, that all newly bought buses within the European Union have to be suitable for handicapped

2'22

"I would like to say, that the politicians do not do enough to help handicapped people"

2'34

"One thing you could say, that the European Union should discuss, was the accessibility for handicapped. Handicapped people travelling around within the European Union should be able to use the elevators as an example"

2'55

"We could use some common rules within the EU in order to make the lives better for handicapped"

3'04

"We already have some rules within EU about handicapped, but we could use some more. One of the most important rule, EU has made, is the accessibility directive. All new buildings and newly renovated buildings are supposed to be available for everybody."

3'22 SIGN:

Every time you have 10 handicap organisations in Denmark, you will have only one in one of the future member states

3'29

"How will you assure, that Denmark can maintain the high standard within rules for handicapped, when you'll get 10 new countries with other standards?"

3'43

"You have misunderstood something, if you think that all countries within the Union should have the same standards. We have co-operated since the 50ties and if you look at the present 15 member states, you will find very different standards. And this is supposed to stay like that. It's up to every single member state to assure the standards"

4'20

"How about sports for handicapped, what will happen to that? And how about the financial support?"

4'26

"We are talking about a group of people, that have problems paying for sport activities themselves. Especially when you talk about Europe in general, where not every country has the best terms for handicapped. Therefore we have to assure, that the society will support this area and give the handicapped the possibility to make some sport"

