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0'02 Reporter:

What do the young ones at the gymnasium, the elderly at the foster home, the families in the mall or people on the football field about the European Union? We gave them a microphone and let them talk about the Union and the environment.

0'13 Carsten Bojesen

“How will you make a balance between the new and the old countries? We all know, that most of the problems about the environment are in the new member states.

0'24 Pernille Frahm, member of the European Parliament, Denmark:

That we are doing by assuring that the new member states have to live up to the same criterias as the old countries. Of course they have to have some time to implement it. It's of big pleasure for the environment, that all Europe is getting better

0'43 Thor Skov Larsen, Denmark:

“Compared to Denmark, the European Union is not doing enough for the environment. It's a problem that the Union can decide more than the Danes themselves about the standards

1'00 Henrik Dam Christensen, candidate the European Parliament, Denmark:

When we are doing something about as an example our drinking water, the Union has started a directive about drinking water. The Union has forced us to do more, than our politicians actually wanted to. Actually the European Union is doing a lot for the environment – also in Denmark

1'20 SIGN:

The new member states have less environmental problems caused by farming but have poorer wastewater treatment than the old countries

1'28 Anne Juhl, Denmark:

I am very worried about, whether Denmark is able to help the new member states to get better regarding the environment. Cause I think, we are among the best dealing with environmental problems? I am afraid that we have to compromise in some issues, which we actually already have done.

1'51 Henning Bech Larsen, candidate the European Parliament, Denmark:

I hope this will not be the fact. We have to implement all countries, so we will all be at the same level in Europe. This is also the reason for the European Union, I think.

2'10 Anne Sofie Sørensen, Denmark:

“The European Union has for a long time been dealing with other matters than actually only economic. I would therefore like to ask, what areas within the environment, you would like to fight for”

2'26 Henrik Dam Christensen, candidate the European Parliament, Denmark:

We have to fight for a lot of areas making a difference in our daily lives. I'm thinking at transportation for an example. If we could get more transportation moved from trucks to railways, this would mean a lot for the environment. Another area is chemicals. You see that all the time, and the European Union has now started to examine the consequences of 20,000 different chemicals. Stuff you meet when you're dusting up your homes, plastic and stuff like that. There are a lot of areas, where the Union should be more aware of. Hopefully it looks like, the Union actually has realised that

3'10 SIGN:

18% of the people in Europe live in countries with shortage of water

3'15 Sofie Neergaard, Denmark:

A lot of the new member states has other environmental politics than Denmark. How are we going to change that? In order to have the same environmental politics?

3'30 Pernille Frahm, member the European Parliament, Denmark:

It will take some time before being at the same level. But already at this state, the new member states have done a lot to live up to a higher level. And please don't forget it's just not bad things you see in the new countries. Their way of agriculture is much better for the environment than ours.

3'55 Kristian Lauridsen, Denmark:

“I think the farmers should use less fertilizers. And less slurry.”

4'06 Henrik Dam Christensen, candidate the European Parliament, Denmark:

I think he's right. Our Parliament is also discussing a new plan about dealing water environment. Unfortunately it looks like a majority has now decided for a plan, which I don't think is good enough.....But the fact that we have to deal with water environment is due to the demands from the European Union

4'26 SIGN:

Pollution of drinking water caused of pesticides and heavy metals is a problem in many European countries

4'33 Martin Andersen, Denmark:

“When I'm travelling around with my football, I can see there are big differences between the environment. I would like to know, what demands the Union makes on the new countries”

4'45 Pernille Frahm, member the European Parliament, Denmark:

The Union makes demands on what to lead out with the sewage, how the quality of the drinking water is supposed to be, what kind of filters on the chimneys, what you are allowed to use as fertilizers, what to do about waste. What is pollution waste and what's not? How are you supposed to deal with pollution waste? It will be the same demands as we have, the new member states have to live up to

5'22 Tommy Schram, Denmark:

“How will you preserve the things, which are protected? I'm thinking about our nature and special animals living in Denmark. Things being part of the historic in Denmark for many years

5'42 Henrik Dam Christensen, candidate the European Parliament, Denmark:

This is actually something we have to work for in Denmark. We have signed some international conventions securing, that we will live up the same standards as countries with rainforests. It an internal, Danish fight for the environment