

Spring Day, Denmark

Presenter :

All over Europe teenagers have a lot of questions regarding the European Union. We have been in Horsens in Denmark, where politicians visited a Danish primary school

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Duration : 3'15

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0'02 Some hundred students are gathered to learn about the EU. It's Spring Day – all over Europe.

0'12 “I think it's a great idea to celebrate one day, when we talk about Europe. Especially these days when the future of Europe is being discussed, and we're about to create a constitution for Europe. The young people have to live with this constitution, therefore it would be useful, if they were made aware that they too have a say in our future. “

0'33 Everywhere, both in the present and the future EU-countries they have Spring Day in order for future EU-citizens to get a grip on all about the EU.

0'42 : “The good thing about the EU is, that you have such a large community. That so many countries can agree on things. It's not always sensible, however, you can agree on it.”

0'52 Three politicians showed up to answer the questions the students spent days preparing.

0'57 “Do you think, that the EU-economy will improve or deteriorate, when the ten new countries join the EU?”

1'03 “They were extremely committed and had a lot of good questions. It was obvious that they'd been discussing the subject and received a lot of information on it. Are you surprised at their interest? Yes, I am, really. As many people, not just students, perceive the EU as very distant and bureaucratic. I think their questions showed that this concerns their everyday lives and their future.”

1'36 “If Denmark was going to participate in the war against Iraq, would you take responsibility for the war?”

1'45 Prior to the big gathering students got together in groups to discuss what they would like the EU to consider.

1'53 “Presently many Eastern European countries from the former Soviet Union are joining. We have to be careful that they aren't suppressed by the big, rich countries like France, Spain and Germany. We have to make sure that the Eastern European countries aren't constantly overruled but are permitted to voice their opinion.”

2'14 All the suggestions, both from the students of the present EU-countries and those made in the future EU-countries are now passed on to members of the European Parliament.

2'22 "In any case we'll read them. I try to illustrate that we work very openly, and this is rather easy these days with the Internet and e-mail. People can easily write to us when they've got anything on their minds. Maybe the things they suggest are things we've thought of already. It may also be something new and different causing us to think that this is a very good idea. In any case, something is happening."

2'50 And future EU-citizens, well, they got something to take home from the meeting as well.

2'55 "I don't know if I can use it. However, I'll go home and consider what they said. Sometimes it is of course difficult to understand politicians, but there were some useful things, where they managed to bring it down to a normal level, where ordinary people could follow. So there were no doubt something useful in it. "

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