

## The new Teenage – Europe

### **Manuscript** **The future of the European Union** **TVSYD, Denmark**

Presenter: Unusual means are getting used to make young people just a bit interested in the European Union and in politics in common. In Denmark the county of Vejle invited people on sandwiches, music and a talk about politics

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Lene Krüger  
reporter, TVSYD

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Nadja Kalnæs  
singer, Vejle

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Otto Herskind Jørgensen  
county mayor, Vejle

1'27

Kristina Olesen  
19 years

1'58

Michael Brodersen  
18 years

2'20

Matthias Ignatius  
18 years

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David Granild Jensen  
18 years

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Henning Christophersen  
member of the Convent

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Lise Hansen  
19 years

Duration: **4'15**

# Translation

## The future of the European Union

### TVSYD, Denmark

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Torvehallerne in Vejle. The right things are made ready for a different kind of debate about the European Union.

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- What kind of music do you prepare for such a EU meeting?  
- It's all kind of music we are going to perform this time. We have tried to do international things, so we have music from all parts of Europe. Musical, operetta and some yodel, too....

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- Honestly....What do candy and candles have to do with the European Union?  
- Not that much of course. People who come here are not just here to eat that. They are coming to talk with each other and talk about, what EU means to us, and what we mean to EU. Because the future of EU is our future. Whether we like it or not, we depend on the European Union

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First an hour with a speech by the member of the Convent, Henning Christophersen. An hour somebody had problems staying awake, and that is why some few participants made a break outside the hall

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- I am not that interested in politics, so it's difficult to catch my interest.  
- What do you need? Fruit and candy?  
- No, I didn't know it was here before coming here. But....Let's say our teacher in social studies he is so a live, when he talks about politics. This guy (Henning Christophersen) is just talking and talking

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But actually most of the young people we were talking with in the pause found the speech very interesting

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- Then we have meet and bread and so on, is that why you are here?  
- No. I wish to get more information about what is going on in Europe.  
- Why just not look at the internet instead of spending a hole evening here?  
- You don't get the right information when you are just reading things, and EU stuff can be difficult to understand....You learn better, when you hearing things yourself. It's interesting to discuss with other people

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- I think, it's exciting. As you know, it's also my future. I don't think, it's boring
- What do you think about the fact, that you are getting food and drinks and so on?
- I think, it's perfect. Nice food, a nice atmosphere. It's a perfect setting for a debate about politics

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And after some food time had come for the debate

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- We are going to debate, whether we should keep our reservation regarding the military...I think, that's all I know.
- How much do you know about the European Union in common?
- I know only little. I study at the gymnasium and have social studies at a high level. At the school we are trying to follow up.
- How interesting do you think EU stuff is?
- I think it's very interesting. It's important to every Dane, and for every European.

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But it's not that often that subjects about the Union meet that kind of interest. That is why the politicians have to be creative

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- I always try to make my speeches as interesting as possible. But we have to get used to, that some things take time, when you are going to explain it – not everything can be explained within 30 seconds. And EU stuff is very complex so you have to spend time to understand things. But I really did feel a great interest to night. And here are lot of young people, who are used to that things take time

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- What do you need to stay awake during such a EU debate?
- Something that mean something for me. I don't know....Now we are debating the environment in Central- and Eastern Europe....That is far away. It's too easy then to forget all about and just ignore