

## **The new Teenage – Europe**

### **Manuscript My Opinion about The EU CYBC, Cyprus**

Presenter: Are the differences between the young people in the present and the future member states as big as somebody thinks? We let our colleagues around Europe ask young people on the street on various subjects. In this item, our colleagues in Portugal ask some youngsters about their opinion about the fact being a Cypriot in the European Union

Participants:

Chara Georgiadou, 16 years old.  
Charis Kountouris, 14 years old.  
Andria Charalambous, 16 years old.  
Charalambos Mirallaes, 17 years old.  
Alexia Chrysostomou, 13 years old.  
Charis Sideris, 14 years old.  
Andreas Charalambides, 19 years old.  
Demetris Shemetras, 15 years old.  
Nicos Constantinou, 17 years old.  
Constantinos Sarres, 14 years old.  
Lefteris Gregoriades, 16 years old.  
Andrea Papazesimou, 17 years old.  
Nicolas Moutafis, 15 years old.  
Sophia Katsamba, 14 years old.

Crew:

Cameramen: Antonis Efthemiou

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Music: T.C.: 1:00-1:16, 4:45-5: 01 "Ode to Joy" from the 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony of Beethoven

Performed by some teen members of the Public Band of Lakatameia

Duration: 4'04

## **Translation**

### **My Opinion about the EU**

#### **CYBC, Cyprus**

0:00 Chara:-I don't think our lives will change by joining the EU.

0:21 Charis:-Of course, it will change for the better!

0:24 Andria: - Of course it will affect the social structure, the financial sector and politics as well, so, if it's affecting life, it will also influence our dreams!

0:35 Charalambos:-I am really afraid about the financial situation to emerge after the accession, a few years after we join, mainly on lower middle classes.

0:46 Alexia:-Generally, in Cyprus, there are many companies, that will not be able to survive after the accession.

0:54 Charis:-It would be easier for us to find jobs in European countries and there would be more control on various services.

1:06 Charalambos:-Unemployment will increase.

1:09 Chara:- There will be a decrease in wages.

1:11 Andreas:-More tourists will come.  
Also, I believe that the states that join the Union, have more security, and this will definitely have an effect on our national problem.

1:23 Charalambos: -(we'll have) Aid from other countries, either financial or political, particularly with the problem that we have in Cyprus.

1:29 Charis: - I don't see a lot of progress being made on a solution of the Cyprus issue, because we will join the EU, but I believe it will bring more security.

1:38 Dimitris: - I believe they will help us solve it...

1:41 Nikos:-We will have the upper hand on the Cyprus issue, with the support of the EU.

1:48 Andreas: -That we are...belong to a family, it is another motive, let's say, to get to know the other members of the family.

- 1:56 Andria: -Yes, we are Europeans, but at the same time, Cypriots.  
We should not forget our roots, which we are, our history,  
protect what's ours, so we can survive and continue.
- 2:14 Constandinos: - I believe that the television networks in Cyprus  
inform people quite a lot about the European Union,  
but the citizens don't seem so interested...
- 2:25 Lefteris: - I don't know anything about the EU and I don't care to  
find out...
- 2:30 Antria: -We don't learn enough, either in schools, or through the  
media...so I believe I am not well informed...
- 2:39 Constandinos: - I haven't been informed and I don't care to know  
anything about it.
- 2:45 Nikolas: - As individuals, we can learn things through various books,  
but there has to be a lesson in schools, or something else...
- 2:53 Sophia: -Perhaps there should be seminars for pupils...
- 2:59 Alexia: -More informative magazines are necessary.
- 3:01 Nikos: -You can find information on the Internet or ask people who  
know.
- 3:07 Charis: - Schools should organize various excursions, let's say trips  
to other European countries, or some of their schools, so  
we can find out some things about the EU.
- 3:20 Andreas: -I believe it would be best for the Ministry of Education to  
introduce a special class for Europe in schools.  
I think it would help students to develop the right  
mentality and ideology, so they can deal with problems and  
various situations in Europe in the right way and be able to  
express their opinion.