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This is an exercise using combined knowledge and reflection to allow participants to reflect on different EU initiatives and decisions in a playful way, as well as on how these initiatives and decisions have had an effect at different levels, from the life of an individual to the world.

The exercise consists of a list, or a set of cards, with some of the initiatives undertaken by the EU on issues relating to the environment and living standards. Using the same card, it is also possible to do the exercise: *Ranking the EU's Bucket list*.

Who for?

The exercise is suitable for collaboration between young people of upper secondary school age in the classroom, at the recreation centre, or the youth centre.

Time required

Approximately 30-45 minutes.



This is how the exercise works

1. **Print the list or set of cards (below), cut them out separately.**
2. **Divide the group into smaller groups (3-4 people). Share out the cards containing the EU initiatives.**
3. **Allow the groups to each create a political game plan from a piece of A3 paper, or print a finished game plan (below).**
4. **Allow the groups to read through the cards and discuss where each EU initiative has had the greatest influence: on the individual, the municipality, Sweden, Europe, or the world. (Approx. 15-20 minutes.)**
5. **Finish the exercise with a joint discussion in a large group. At what level has the influence of the EU been greatest? Which initiatives have been ranked at which level/in which box and why? Were any of the initiatives difficult to find a place for? Can certain initiatives be placed on several levels/several boxes?**

Tip!

Read more about various EU initiatives and decisions on the European Parliament's website "What Europe does for me" – and draw up your own list: what-europe-does-for-me.eu



The exercise is based on the project: So You Think You Know It All (SYTYKIA). This is a project developed by the European information network, Eurodesk, to increase knowledge about the EU among young people. (eurodesk.eu/projects/past-projects)

Examples of EU initiatives and decisions

1. Ban on animal testing in cosmetics manufacturing.
2. Introduction of regulations to limit the harmful content of products, and labelling requirements so that you always know exactly what you are buying.
3. Providing young people the opportunity to study, do internships, or participate in exchange projects abroad.
4. Contribution to preventing war between EU member states for 70 years.
5. Implementation of rules that women and men should have equal pay for equal work.
6. Making it possible for European citizens to travel and work in all EU countries on the same terms as the citizens living there.
7. Leading role in the UN process to reduce the emissions causing global warming.
8. Success in achieving substantial price reductions on phone calls and airline tickets.
9. Creation of free roaming throughout the EU which, means phone calls, web browsing, SMS and MMS while travelling to another EU country are exactly the same as in the home country.
10. Has become the world's largest donor of development aid.
11. Ban on single-use plastic items such as straws, plastic plates and plastic cups.
12. Investment in green transition/research so that the EU can achieve carbon neutrality.

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The World