

**“THE EUROPEAN UNION:
A DRAWBACK FOR YOUNG ITALIANS OR AN OPPORTUNITY?”**

The European Union is an association of 27 countries of Europe. The members can trade goods without paying customs and citizens can travel from state to state without showing passports.

Firstly, at present the EU is very weak and vulnerable: Italy wants to leave the EU because of the public debt and Denmark wants to leave the Euro currency. Maybe due to all these reasons, young people have negative opinions about EU: they think that being a member of the EU is dangerous especially because the state gives up its autonomy and the chances of economic growth will decrease.

On the other hand, as a teenager I see in the European Union an opportunity to find a good job abroad and to meet new people coming from other European countries. I believe the EU could offer us a lot of advantages, especially regarding the economy: we can eat different types of food, tasting dishes of foreign cultures at reasonable prices. Moreover, establishing a sense of belonging to the EU is enriching and stimulating, the right way to become an active and responsible citizen.

Finally, the mission of each of us is to improve the EU government by introducing more reliability, honesty and collaboration among the member states.

OUTLINE:

Introduction: What EU is (32 words)

Argument 1: European Union's weakness (65 words)

Argument 2: EU: an opportunity (82 words)

Conclusion: Basic principles (24 words)

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The European Union is an international political and economic organization. It consists of 27 independent and democratic member states, including Italy. The current dilemma: "Is the EU a drawback or an opportunity for our country?"

According to statistics, only 44% of the Italian citizens would like to continue to be part of the EU. However, joining the European Union is an advantage. Firstly, the EU contributes to the economic growth of our State. Secondly, this organization allows free circulation between member states. In fact, you can travel without passport.

Another point to consider is more job opportunities. You can start a business and open new contacts more easily. Furthermore, schools in the various member states are all recognized by EU. Not less important, if you are good at sports you can join have a foreign team. Finally, EU finances many projects, aimed at reducing the distance between states and institutions.

In conclusion, the European Union is fundamental for Italy and Young Italians. Without the EU we would not be able to develop economy, institutions, businesses. Besides, the EU is vital to learn new languages and to discover different lifestyles.

OUTLINE:

- introduction: the European Union;
- first paragraph: general advantages;
- second paragraph: EU opportunities;
- conclusion: EU importance.

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There are many opinions on the influence of the European Union on young Italians or generally on young people: is the European Union a drawback or an opportunity for young Italians? Is it an obstacle, a brake on youth study and employment?

Obviously it is not. The European Union is a great opportunity for our study and culture. It facilitates the school system and it is a great example for young people: thanks to its international relations, the European Union teaches us what it means to help each other. Secondly, It benefits cultural exchanges, which are significant for growing future European citizens.

However, there are several disadvantages to consider. For example, in Italy there is a lot of unemployment among young people, just because the European laws require to work for many years, depriving many young people of a job. Moreover, university taxes are very high, not allowing many young people to graduate.

In conclusion, being a European citizen can be very helpful for the study facilitations and the scholarships, but at the same time there are a lot of things to fix.

OUTLINE

- Introduction: European Union: a drawback or an opportunity?
- Paragraph 1: Opportunities of the European Union
- Paragraph 2: Disadvantages of the European Union
- Conclusion: Being a European citizen