



Citizen's Voice: Street debate on "What would you change in Europe?"

In Marseille during the 4th International meeting of the project we prepared a street about the change that citizens would propose for the future of Europe.

These answers had been collected by the SPACE street facilitators in 09 different countries: Austria, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Estonia, Slovenia, Greece, France and Italy.

"Achieve the climate goals!"
quote Greta, 16 y.o

More solidarity especially concerning refugees.
Stefan, 27 y.o

More youth in EU decision making bodies.
Gabriela, 58 y.o

More freedom for citizens that means more rights to decide.
Nicole, 24 y.o

Europe it's like the world, the law of the jungle. The weak against the strong, but I myself am like a small hummingbird and I try in my small way to promote solidarity. Be in solidarity it's the only way or one day will be found a scapegoat or someone weaker to blame, such as migrants... as if all problems arrived on a boat from Mediterranean Sea.
Francesca, 42 y.o

I'm more worried about mosquito bites that Europe's future. For me, there's nothing concrete. In order to be credible, Europe should have an impact on our everyday life or people... and so do I... we'll continue not to vote or to vote more and more for a right-wing party.
Roberto, 53 y.o

I think the biggest problem in Europe is corruption, but I think this problem will never be solved because the ordinary people can't fight with the governments and the rich people (who are corrupted)
Valentina, 23 y.o

There is nothing to change in Europe.

Tatev, 24 y.o

Europe is our future and that is why it's important to change and reduce the mistakes made in recent years. "Freedom is participation", used to sing Gaber. Citizens' need change quickly and Europe is not currently able to satisfy them. The institutions should communicate, eradicate themselves from their elite status and face the citizens in public in trying to solve their problems. We must remember that it is the people who make Europe and they need to be part of a common sense by removing the division of social classes which have contributed to impoverish Europe as a union.

Elena, 29 y.o

Nowadays, Europe is managed by money and by lobbies of large multinational companies. The whole thing makes me sick!

We are the ones who choose these people whose policies, both the right and the left, use Europe to soften the situation. We citizens we have to wake up and get in front of this!

Elisa, 26 y.o

I'd change our policies for the reception and integration of refugees. Several southern European countries such as Greece, Italy and Spain cannot manage this alone. Immigration it's a recent thing and has not been accepted yet. Now more than ever is the time for solidarity to combat racism.

Stefano, 35 y.o

To address the problems, Europe should become a single state but that's impossible: there are too many differences!

Luigi, 71 y.o

Europe is very important and can be the driving force of change and of civilization, as it was in the past. Of course, it wasn't always all positive... don't forget the colonization and slavery. The Industrial Revolution changed our lives despite the difficulties. In the same way, a united Europe could lead to a world with solidarity and more durable. For example, people might follow us in the fight against global warming!

Andrea, 29 y.o

I wish there were no differences among people. I'd like to see this Europe as a Union, real union of people and countries able to love each other.

Asya, 21 y.o

I would like to change the slowdown of Economic grow and also high level of unemployment.

Narek, 20 y.o

Freedom and permissiveness are identically the same in Europe, which is challenging and full of a lot of bad consequences.

Anahit, 31 y.o

I would like European people to be more enthusiastic and warm.

Annie, 21 y.o

To make education more qualified and available for everyone, because in some of European countries education is very expensive.

Mane, 20 y.o

I am all for empowering and people rights. I think it doesn't matter how you look, what's your religion or where you from, we need to focus on people's actions and personality and if they are good or bad. Europe needs to start respect people, no matter where they come from or what they are. So the eyes of Europe needs to be changed.

Maria, 25 y.o

Reduce the gap between north and south; Less influence of big countries over smaller ones; More tolerance; Less racism and right wing ideology.

Dimitris, 28 y.o

I would improve the educational system to rise the same high quality standards in every countries and to give equal opportunities to study, wherever you live.

Céline, 18 y.o

Support the culture and languages of minorities.

Murva, 22 y.o

I believe that practically every countries in Europe urgently needs to improve their hospital conditions.

Daniel, 18 y.o

More decision making power to European Parliament.

Anonymous

I would apply the euro as a common currency in all countries and the Parliament should have bigger authorities

Vladan, 35 y.o

Increase the presence of women in EU institutions

Nicole, 20 y.o

Less complexity. Less institutions. Better EU laws and law enforcement.

Flora, 25 y.o

I would change the educational system. I propose that the EU must take care that every town, every village in Europe would have a school. Education it's very important.

Biki, 50 y.o

There are so many unhappy people who live in terrible conditions. The EU wants to let these people like that. This has to change. We are human beings. We are not refugees. We are not immigrants and we have the right to live in normal conditions. The policy toward refugees has to change.

Mina, 40 y.o

It should be done more throughout all years, not just before the elections.

Nejc, 14 y.o

I would change the salary, the cost of life. I think there are a lot of inequalities in Europe. Many people, especially from the poor countries, have to leave behind their families, their home and they have to move to others countries because they can't make enough money to have a normal life.

Giannis, 42 y.o

More facilities for working mothers!!

Maria, 38 y.o

Shift in the competences of the European Commission and European Parliament, rising of salaries in the poorest countries or at least decrease the disparity between salary.

And more visibility for women in important work role, like politics.

Isabel, 21 y.o

I would apply the euro as a common currency in all countries and the Parliament should have bigger authorities

Vladan, 35 y.o

Equal obligations for all EU members in the refugee issue.

Dimitris, 44 y.o

Make efforts to reduce the differences between North and South and take step towards the "Unites States of Europe".

Mirhalis, 45 y.o

As citizen of the Europe, I demand to the EU to have opinions and to decide together for our future. I don't like that only few countries take the decisions and the other must obey to these decisions. Is that democracy?

George, 49 y.o

Instead of raising wages for European politicians, they should raise it for European citizens.

Gaja, 15 y.o

I think that this is pointless and that nothing would change.

Dragoje, 21 y.o

I would like more forest to be planted.

Lenka 10 y.o

I would like to change work hours, to be shorter.

Nada, 71 y.o

I am old to change something, I give it to the youth.

Ljiljana, 72 y.o