

Our Future is Europe - Europe is our Future

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Europe currently plays a great and important role in many people's lives. Whether it is economic, cultural, political, environmental or in other areas, it undeniably affects our daily lives dramatically. Of course, this power over such a numerous society cannot be laid in the hands of a single ruler. Instead, it is held by the citizens themselves, functioning as a democracy. Thus, we have control over the future of this continent, which in turn provides for our own future.

This codependency between the average man and/or woman and society as a whole consequently leads to the formation of a strong unity, fueled by the wish to supply everyone with the kindness and wellbeing we all wish to have as well. Although we've had our fair share of conflicts throughout history, may they be for political, religious or other reasons, nowadays, we care significantly more for one another, and we work towards peaceful resolutions to avoid or reduce our and others' suffering. For this reason, Europe and the European Union that formed is one of the strongest out there, and this has great implications. We have the money and political power to make radical changes that can make the world a better place for everybody.

Although thinking about our present is of course important, I'd like to argue that focusing on the state we leave our continent in for the next generation to inherit is more important. Naturally, we will not be able to achieve everything that we have planned in our limited lifespan. This responsibility is handed to the ones that will come after us: our children. They will have to build upon society from where we left off. Thus, it would be in everyone's best interest to do whatever we can to ease the burden that our future inheritors will bear. This may come in the form of resolving current climate issues, financial declines, ongoing political disputes, moral and ethical conundrums and more.

If you take it at surface level, Europe could seem like a regular continent, but as I have outlined in this work, it has great power and potential that could lay the path to a wonderful future. The missing pieces that we desperately need, especially in trying times as the ones we find ourselves in, is a sense of community, shared kindness and some hard work. With those building blocks, I believe we could achieve a beautiful world, one where people do not have to suffer through war, poverty or famine, and where they will not be discriminated against, regardless of origin, skin color, culture or any other quality, for we will understand that we are all humans at heart.

And so, I invite you all to help us create this world, not only for ourselves, but for everyone who is yet to arrive. Let us work on our continent, for our future is Europe, and Europe is our future.