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Future and Europe

Europe – the fortress of the world. Culture centre, playground of many fascinating fights and stories. Everyone knows it, the wonderful Europe. It is envied for its beautiful landscape, the world culture heritage and the peace. One might think so, but what's really behind the perfect façade? Dear audience, that's what we want to educate you about today.

First of all, we want to tell you about refugees and migration. Put yourself in the shoes of a human in whose country there's war, a human whose home gets destroyed. A human who has heard of the great fortress Europe their entire life. Those people have the hope to find a new home in Europe. To find work in Europe. So, they flee here to us. They think they're welcomed with open arms. And suddenly they are before our gates. And what do we do? We give them no chance to start a new life. To move on from the loss of their home, friends, and family. Instead, we send them from country to country, put them through procedures and in the end, we reject them. Send them back. Back to a country where there's war, human rights don't matter, women have no voice, and children get send to the army.

Second of all, we want to talk about inflation and the costs of living. The average inflation in Europe is at 2.8%. Food, homes, and the public transports are unaffordable. Our generation, ladies and gentlemen, doesn't know how to afford their own living. Do you remember when you were young students, and life was still affordable, but inflation already was a problem? That life is even harder nowadays.

Third, let's discuss the subject of environment and climate change. It gets harder and harder to live in our world. Climate change affects us all, even though many don't acknowledge it. Glaciers melt, the sea gets contaminated, animals extinct, and so many adults just ignore it. They keep consuming without consideration, contaminate our planet more and more, and ignore the voices that raise against environmental pollution.

Fourth, we need to talk about wars. We have a war within Europe. Between Ukraine and Russia. Ukraine is only 1300 kilometers away from Austria. Because of this war many people lose their home, possessions and everything they have in life. People die. They get brutally murdered. Europe is afraid that this war expands. The people of Europe have to decide to what extent they still want to interfere without getting involved in this war.

Fifth, we want to talk about digitalization in Europe. Europe has to clear some important questions about digitalization in education or privacy policy. Within the past few years Europe has expanded digitalization in schools. But was that really smart? Countries like Sweden, which trusted in digitalization in schools very early, now go back to pens and papers because the students lose a lot of important basic knowledge.

Dear audience, these are topics that have a huge impact on the future of Europe. We, the youth, have to think about the European future to improve Europe and decrease its weaknesses. We have to think today about how we can make up for the

mistakes of the past generations. Therefore, the voice of the youth should matter to the European Union more. We hope that you take our words to heart and try to make a difference. Thank you.