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# What our live would be like without the EU?

The European Union was founded in the 1957 and since then has been offering many benefits to its member countries. Although sometimes we do not realize its benefits, it contributes significantly to improving the quality of our lives. But the question is what would our life be like in a country outside the E.U?

To begin with, without the E.U there can be no security and peace. Countries outside the E.U are much more vulnerable to being in a state of war than any other European country. There is no external support from other countries and because of this if they are at war it can take a long time to come to an end. Apart from that, a country that does not belong to the E.U has more financial costs as it is not part of the single market like other EU countries. Due to this, the import and export of products in the country is done by paying higher taxes and duties. Also if someone wants to stay permanently abroad for work he can not move freely and has to apply for citizenship which is very time consuming and takes forever to be completed.

Furthermore, the countries that operate on their own and do not belong to the European Union do not have a great global power, as a result of which they are not heard on important issues of global prosperity. They do not have enough political influence. Another point worth mentioning is that a country outside the E.U has its own national currency and because of this its cross-border transactions are not facilitated as there is no common currency. There are devaluations or fraud of the currency and a constant increase in prices and wages. Businesses and product purchases are also carried out with difficulty.

In case a country is facing an economic crisis it does not receive financial support from other countries, as is usually the case with countries that belongs to the E.U. Thus it becomes even more difficult to manage to overcome its difficulties and it is hard to manage to get out of such a situation unscathed. There is no Community funding offered by the Union in order to achieve growth and improve the living standards of the people living in the country and the recovery from such a difficult situation it doesn't come easy. Last but not least, The EU defends the observance of human rights and the equal treatment of all human beings, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender, religion or nationality. Unfortunately, this is not the case with other countries that do not belong to it. So many people are discriminated against and treated unequally, for example in some countries homosexuals do not have the right to marry just because they have different sexual preferences from the majority.

I would say that life outside the European Union is quite difficult for most countries because they already facing difficulties that they often do not manage to overcome without the help of other countries. A country needs to have great power and a good standard of living in order to achieve it on its own. For instance, England which decided to leave the European Union was already very strong as a country. Nevertheless, researches have shown that the UK economy will be affected in the long run after its exit from the E.U.

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# The EU is great because...

Nowadays we live in a peaceful world but there were two bloody wars that the Europe had fought in just one generation, with both conflicts escalating to global status. Many of the relationships were strained. The leaders at the time decided that the best way to prevent a third conflict would be to find a way to cooperate. Six nations came together to start cooperating in the product of steel and coal to create more economic opportunities for one another. Nowadays 27 countries cooperate in the one of the biggest International organizations.

The past 50 years in Europe have been some of the most peaceful out of the last 1,000 years of history. The European Union achieved its main goal to create stability because all of the nations belonging to the agreement (or NATO) work together for their mutual good. The European Union also creates a security profile that helps to share resources, including intelligence and military training, which proactively prevents other countries from taking advantage of the smaller size of most countries on the continent.

There are more jobs and higher wages across Europe because of the EU. Even with the uncertainty of the Brexit circumstances ongoing, there are more employment opportunities, better wages, and a higher-skill workforce available in Europe today because of the EU.

The advantage which the International trade gives also makes the situation easier for local producers to export their items at a fair price while receiving imports as needed that don't

break their budget. The EU also makes it easier for people to travel all over the world. If you live in the European Union, then you may have access to what is called a Schengen Visa. About 15 million people currently use this travel document to visit other countries on the continent. With this documentation, you can travel to any other country or territory in the EU which recognizes it without the need for a more formal passport.

Last but not least there is more consistency in the protection of human rights. The European Union has a mandate to protect all vulnerable groups and minorities on the continent. It works to stand up for those who may feel oppressed to ensure that every person receives the same vote, equal rights, and a chance to pursue whatever opportunities they desire. Equal treatment for all in the EU means you get to use this advantage regardless of your gender, nationality, culture, disability, profession, or sexual preference. No form of government is perfect because humanity is an imperfect race. We will make mistakes more often than not. When we come together in the spirit of cooperation, then there are higher levels of accountability present in society. It becomes easier to avoid problems or correct issues so that everyone has a fair chance at success. That is what the European Union do

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# Everyone should vote that...

Before the elections, many people often think that it does not make sense to participate in the elections, because nothing will change. But even our one vote can be the decisive factor that causes many changes. By participating in elections, we select specific leaders and ideas that will have a major impact on our daily lives, the general situation in the country, the quality of the education system, infrastructure, and so on. Therefore, participation in such an act should be important for everyone.

Voting is both our right and our duty. The voting process takes only a few seconds, but the voting results last for years. In fact, voting is our weapon, with which we try to fight for a better life in a healthy way. It is one of the pillars of democracy, which gives people the chance to decide for themselves what kind of future they want.

If we do not go to the elections, then someone else will make the decision for us. Moreover, at such times, the people in power have more leverage to make the election results in accordance with their wishes. It is much easier to falsify the results and perform various manipulations. In this regard, I remember, George Jean Nathan once said, "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."

When you have something, you seem to not realize how important it is. Imagine waking up one day and not having the right to vote. I will immediately have a sense of fear because I can do nothing as if no one can reach my own voice. The government will be able to make decisions in its personal interest without taking into account the opinion of the people. This will probably be the scariest nightmare for everyone. Especially for EU countries, as the EU's main value is to implement democratic processes and act according to the will of the people.

Democracy is the rule of the people and democracy can't function if citizens don't vote. Without the people, power defaults to special interests and their money. We cannot take democracy for granted. The right to vote is one of our most important freedoms as individuals. It ensures we have a voice and it ensures that our voices are heard. We need to stand up for the idea of democracy and one of the best ways to do this is to vote in elections.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

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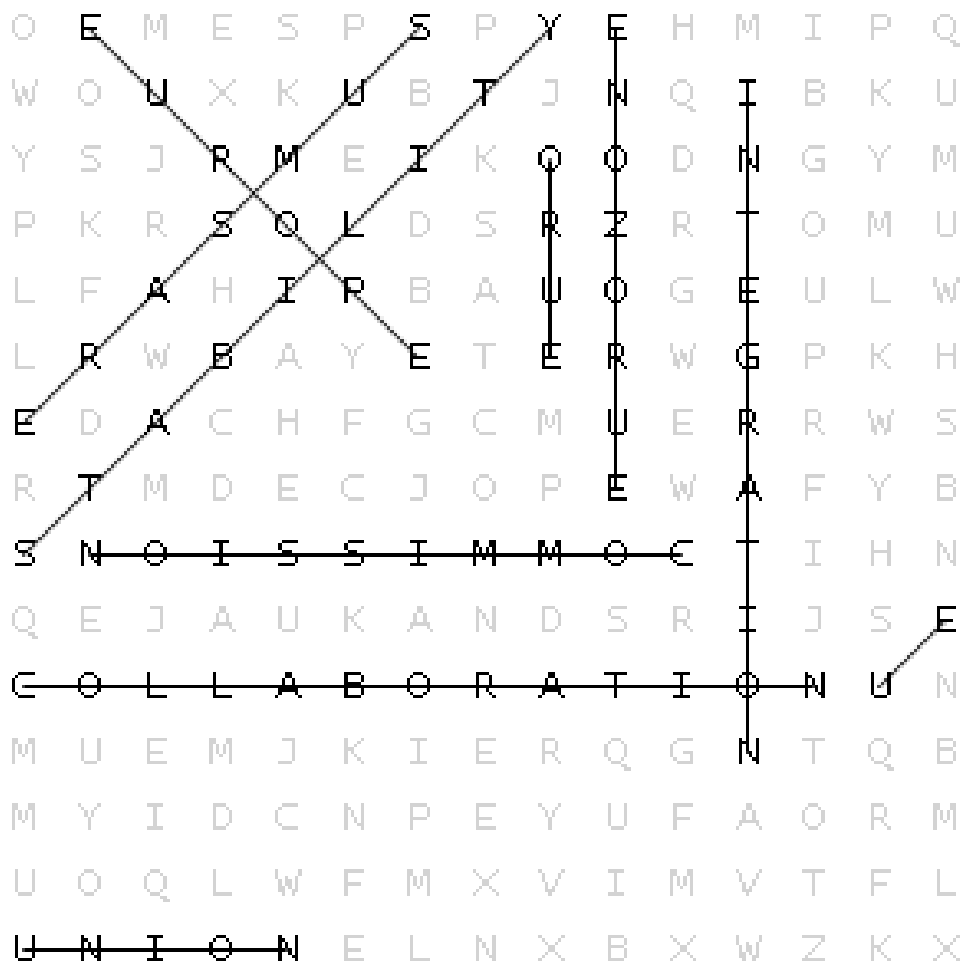
# EU Word Puzzle

Find 11 words **connected to the EU** in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

O	E	M	E	S	P	S	P	Y	E	H	M	I	P	Q
W	O	U	X	K	U	B	T	J	N	Q	I	B	K	U
Y	S	J	R	M	E	I	K	O	O	D	N	G	Y	M
P	K	R	S	O	L	D	S	R	Z	R	T	O	M	U
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M	Y	I	D	C	N	P	E	Y	U	F	A	O	R	M
U	O	Q	L	W	F	M	X	V	I	M	V	T	F	L
U	N	I	O	N	E	L	N	X	B	X	W	Z	K	X

# Answers for EU Word Puzzle

Here you can see the answers of EU Word Puzzle.



COLLABORATION  
COMMISSION  
ERASMUS  
UNION

EU  
EURO  
EUROPE

EUROZONE  
INTEGRATION  
STABILITY

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