



ODE TO JOY EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL FOR STUDENTS

BOOK N° 1

INTRODUCTION

Let's talk about European Union!

This educational material is a result of a cooperation of five partners coming from France, Croatia, Greece, Poland and Italy, involved in "R-EU Connected" project. The partners are represented by teachers, trainers, experts in non-formal and formal education.

The purpose of this project is to make you sensitive to the matter of European Union its history, values and symbols.

European Union is an international organisation made up of 28 countries. After World War 2, few countries decided to cooperate to stop conflicts in Europe.

They made the decision to build the European Union little by little. Then, the French foreign minister Robert Schuman, proposed to start with the economic sector, in particular the pooling of steel and coal production.

They found that this worked very well wished to strengthen their cooperation: in 1957, six European countries signed a treaty creating a large area where people and goods could circulate freely. It is the common market, created by the Treaty of Rome. These six countries are: Germany, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Italy.

This Union has become progressively more political. It means that the member countries are also united in other sectors than the economic sector. For example, in 1992, the heads of all the States members signed a treaty that created the euro, it is a single currency for the european countries. This treaty has also created European citizenship: all the citizens of Europe, in addition to their original nationality, are now European citizens !

Throughout this evolution, other European countries have wanted to join this organisation. Initially, these countries were only six; Today, we are 28 to be part of the European Union! The most important enlargement took place in 2004: 10 Eastern European countries joined the Union.

Today the European Union is confronted with the forthcoming departure of one of its members, whose citizens have recently voted out of the Union, this is the United Kingdom

Chronology of events related to European construction

Europe is not a new idea! Victor Hugo had already invited to form the "United States of Europe". However, European leaders waited until the end of World War II to implement this project.

1945 : End of WW2

1950 : Statement by the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, **Robert Schuman**, speaking for an economic Union in Europe. Robert Schuman proposes that Union in Europe should take small steps, gradually, starting from the economic field of coal and steel.

1951: **The European Coal and Steel Community** is therefore established in Europe. The production of coal and steel is pooled in Europe. The choice of these raw materials is very symbolic since it was these materials that had once been used to build weapons.

1957 : **The Treaty of Rome** creates a common market in Europe: the six countries have signed this treaty will be free to trade together. Countries were : Germany, Belgium, France, Luxemburg, Italy and the Netherlands.

1979: In order to make Europe a more democratic Union, the members of European Parliament will be elected by all citizens from different EU countries by direct universal suffrage.

1981: Accession of Greece

1985 : **The Schengen** agreements are signed. European citizens will soon be able to travel anywhere in Europe as they wish, without hindrance.

1992 : With the Maastricht Treaty, **the Euro**, European currency, is being created, as well as European citizenship. This citizenship allow us, for example, to vote everywhere in Europe for the elections of the European Parliament, whether or not we have the nationality of the country in which we vote.

2002 : **Euro** become currency of most member countries

2004 : The European Union is widening considerably: 10 Eastern European countries are integrating it? This is the beginning of several other integrations, such as Croatia and Poland.

2009 – Lisbon Treaty

The myth of Europe

Europa, Phoenician Princess (from present Lebanon territory, cities of Tyre and Sido), was picking flowers by the sea with girl-friends, where she is spotted and desired by Jupiter-Zeus.



To seduce her he turns into a white bull and make Mercury be the leader of a proper herd towards the girls to gets closer.

The girl is fascinated by the beautiful and gentle animal, she caress it, put a crown on it and finally she climbs on its back.

The bull dives into the sea and swam towards the island of Crete bringing her along. After reaching the beach Jupiter reveals his real identity and lives with her giving birth to three children Minos (future King of Crete), Radamanto and Sarpèdone.

Generally the Myth represents a movement of **civilization from East to West** and the name Europa, given to western territories, witnesses this movement.

ACTIVITIES

QUIZZ

Thanks to everything you have already learnt about the European Union and with the help of your teacher, surrounds the right answers ! You can also help you with the chronological timeline that follows.

1/ How many States members composed the EU?

A 6

B 15

C 28

2/ Which of this country is not a member of the EU?

A France

B Ireland

C Russia

3/ What is represented on the EU's flag ?

A An eagle

B A cross

C Stars

4/ Who is considered like the father of the EU?

A Robert Schuman

B Margaret Thatcher

C Theodore Roosevelt

5/ Which sentence does not illustrate one of the original goals of EU

A Building peace in Europe after the Second World War

B Making Europe an area where all countries can trade together

C Putting the European football cup in place more easily

6/ In 1957, a treaty has initiated an economic union, where was it signed?

A Bordeaux

B Roma

C Hamburg

7/ What rights obtain the European citizens in 1979?

A The right to elect their representatives directly to the European Parliament

B The right to come and listen to concerts for free in Berlin

C The right to participate in the writing of a Constitution for Europe

8/ What is the purpose of Schengen zone ?

A Taking plane without pay

B Travelling around EU

C Organising easily events every year

9/ What is the European Union currency

A Dollar

B Euro

C Yen

10/ Which was the last country to join the EU?

- A Croatia
- B Poland
- C Austria

11/ Who is leaving the EU?

- A Italy
- B Greece
- C United Kingdom

12/ Which European institution is like a european government ?

- A European central bank
- B European commission
- C European Parliament

13/ Which town is considerate as the EU capital ?

- A Berlin
- B Brussels
- C Dublin

14/ From where the name Europe comes?

- A Mediterranean Island
- B Phoenician Princess
- C Spanish Queen

15/ According to the greek mythology this paint represents?

- A Aphrodita
- B Europe
- C Athena



Word Search Game

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

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

1. Second smallest continent
2. Animal who stole Europe.
3. Day of Europe is celebrated in____.
4. The integration of Europe started after _____ World War.
5. One of the first promoters of the common union among European countries.
6. A musical composition of celebration, usually used as a symbol of unity.
7. Composer of the European anthem.
8. The feeling to which Fridrich von Schiller devoted his song which later became a european anthem.
9. First word of the European union motto.
10. European Court of _____.
11. At the European flag there are 12 _____ -
12. Members of the European _____ are directly elected by EU citizens.
13. European Union citizenship is established by _____ Treaty signed in 2009.
14. Official currency of most European Union Countries.

EU VALUES:

„Moral principles or norms that describe certain standards of human behaviour and are regularly protected by national and international law.“ _____

„The importance and value that a person has, that makes other people respect them“. _____

„The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants.“ _____

„A system of government that literally means *rule by the people* (from the Greek words: *dēmos* and *kratos*). _____

„The state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.“ _____

„The authority and influence of law in society; the principle whereby all members of a society (including those in government) are considered equally.“ _____

EU values: Connect definition with the explanation:

HUMAN RIGHTS	The importance and value that a person has, that makes other people respect them.
FREEDOM	A system of government that literally means <i>rule by people</i> (from the Greek words: <i>dēmos</i> and <i>kratos</i>).
EQUALITY	The authority and influence of law in society; the principle whereby all members of a society (including those in government) are considered equally.
RULE OF LAW	The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants.
DEMOCRACY	Moral principles or norms that describe certain standards of human behaviour and are regularly protected by national and international law.
HUMAN DIGNITY	The state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities

Listen to the Hymn of European Union - Ode to Joy

How do you feel? Write it down:

Draw a picture inspired by this music!