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(2) Simboluri, valori și
cetățenia europeană

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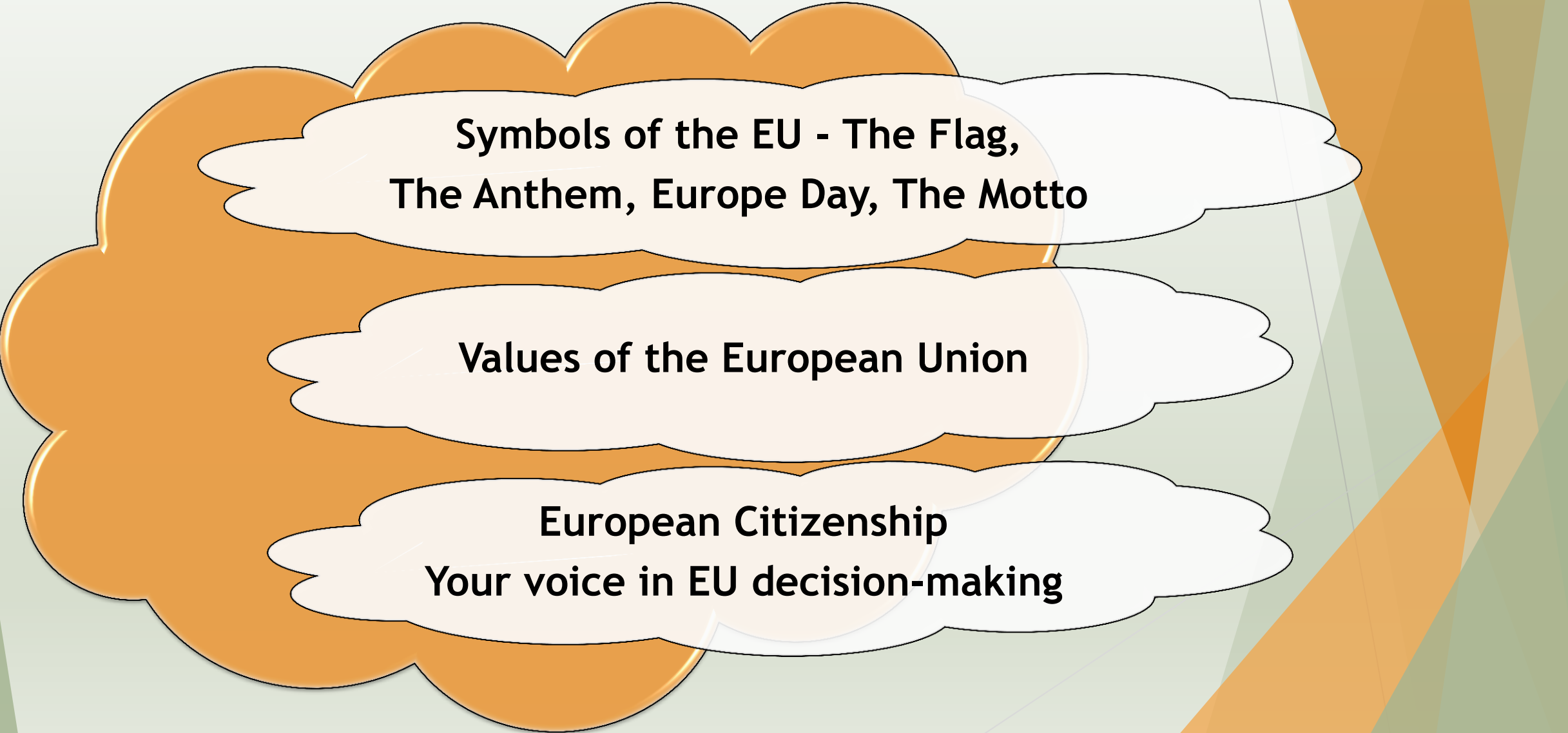
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EUROPEAN UNION CITIZENSHIP

Lesson 2 - Symbols, Values and European Citizenship



**Symbols of the EU - The Flag,
The Anthem, Europe Day, The Motto**

Values of the European Union

**European Citizenship
Your voice in EU decision-making**

Symbols of the European Union

The European Flag



The European flag is made up of 12 golden stars in a circle on a blue background.

It was adopted in 1984 by the European Economic Community at the time.

It now flies above buildings, parks and monuments all over Europe.

The number of stars never changes - it is always 12.

The stars symbolise unity, solidarity and harmony among the people of Europe.

Symbolism and graphic elements of the EU flag



- *circle of gold stars* -
Unity, solidarity and
harmony among the
peoples of Europe

- *number 12* -
Symbol of perfection,
entirety
Not related to number
of member countries

- *colours* -
Golden stars against a
blue sky

The European Anthem

The anthem symbolises not only the European Union but also Europe in a wider sense.

The melody used to symbolize the EU comes from the Ninth Symphony composed in 1823 by Ludwig Van Beethoven, when he set music to the "Ode to Joy", Friedrich von Schiller's lyrical verse from 1785.

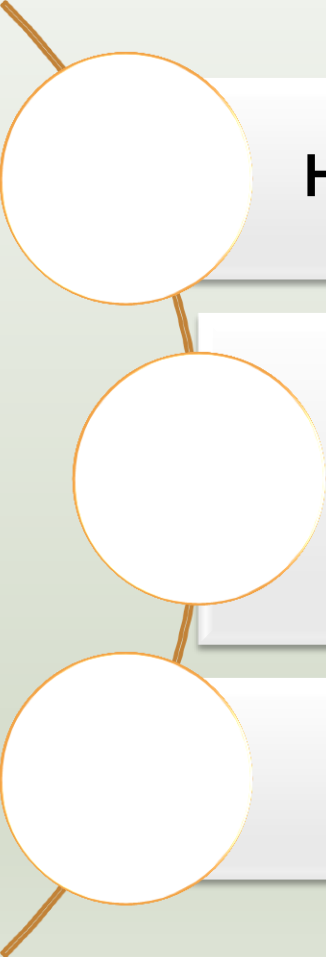
The poem "Ode to Joy" expresses Schiller's idealistic vision of the human race becoming brothers - a vision Beethoven shared.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/about-us/the-european-anthem>



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Europe Day



Held on 9 May every year, it celebrates peace and unity in Europe.

The date marks the anniversary of the historic 'Schuman declaration', which set out his idea for a new form of political cooperation in Europe, which would make war between Europe's nations unthinkable.

Schuman's proposal is considered to be the beginning of what is now the European Union.

The EU motto

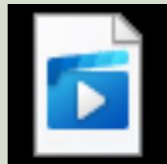
The motto of the European Union is **"United in Diversity"**.
It first came into use in 2000.



It signifies how Europeans have come together, in the form of the EU, to work for peace and prosperity, while at the same time being enriched by the continent's many different cultures, traditions and languages.

EUROPEAN VALUES

While each EU country has its own culture, language and traditions, they all share the same common values which they must comply with as members of the European Union.

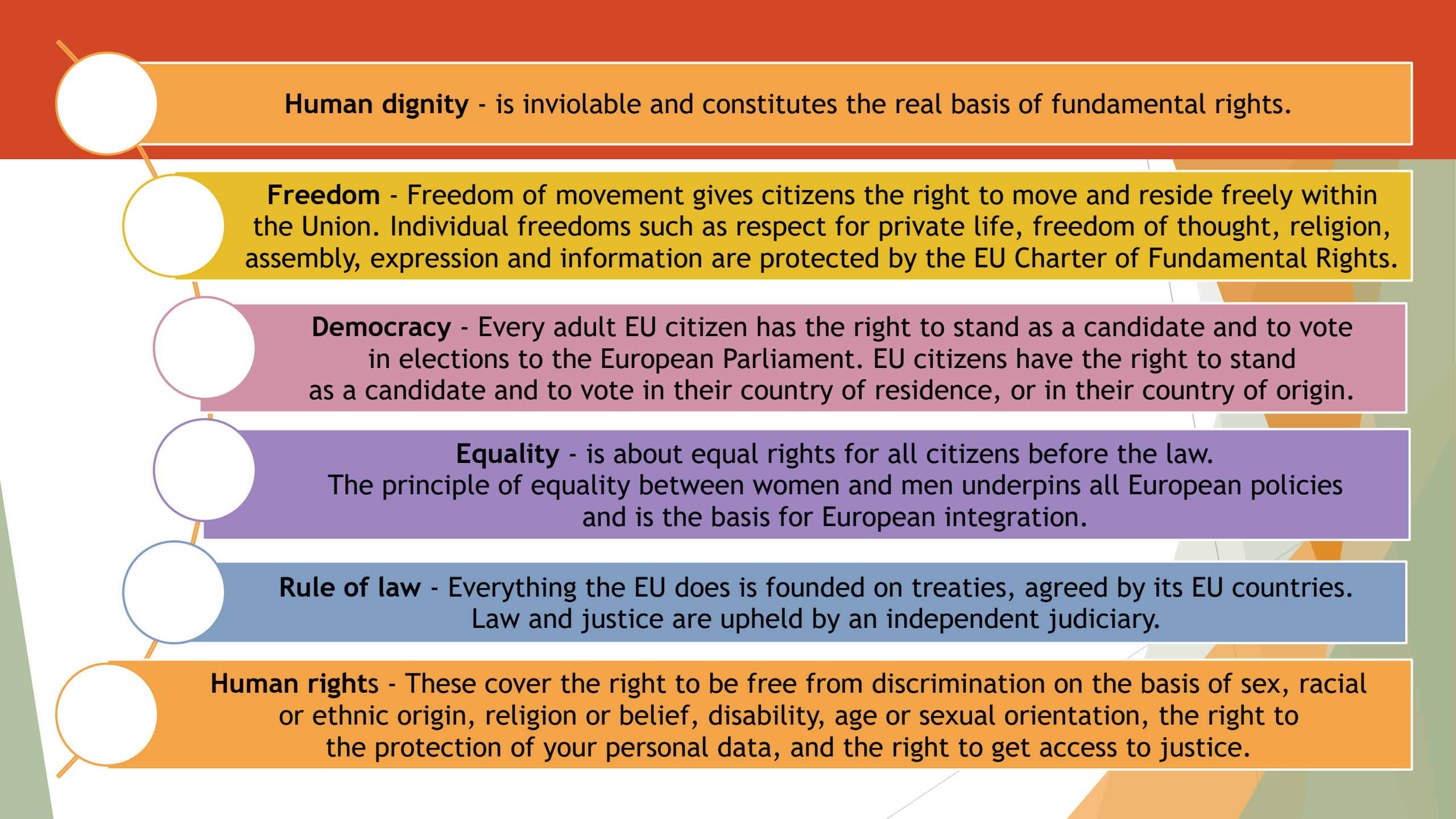


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The EU is founded on six core values that form the basis of our society:

- ✓ respect for human dignity
- ✓ freedom
- ✓ democracy
- ✓ equality
- ✓ the rule of law
- ✓ respect for human rights, including those of minorities.

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Human dignity - is inviolable and constitutes the real basis of fundamental rights.

Freedom - Freedom of movement gives citizens the right to move and reside freely within the Union. Individual freedoms such as respect for private life, freedom of thought, religion, assembly, expression and information are protected by the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Democracy - Every adult EU citizen has the right to stand as a candidate and to vote in elections to the European Parliament. EU citizens have the right to stand as a candidate and to vote in their country of residence, or in their country of origin.

Equality - is about equal rights for all citizens before the law. The principle of equality between women and men underpins all European policies and is the basis for European integration.

Rule of law - Everything the EU does is founded on treaties, agreed by its EU countries. Law and justice are upheld by an independent judiciary.

Human rights - These cover the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, the right to the protection of your personal data, and the right to get access to justice.

EU Citizenship

Any person who holds the nationality of an EU country is automatically also an EU citizen.

This enables you to enjoy certain additional rights and benefits, including participation in the democratic process.

The Treaty on the functioning of the European Union gives EU citizens the right to:

- non-discrimination on the basis of nationality
- move and reside freely within the EU
- vote for and stand as a candidate in European Parliament and municipal elections
- consular protection (help from the embassy or consulate of any other EU country in certain situations)
- petition the European Parliament and complain to the European Ombudsman
- launch or support a European citizens' initiative
- contact and receive a response from any EU institution in one of the EU's official languages

Your voice in EU decision-making

As a European citizen, you can influence EU policies in several ways.

- Vote in your country
- Participate in online consultations
- Debate the EU
- Ask the European Commission to propose a new law



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The European Citizens' Initiative: Your right as an EU citizen

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