

Debate questions

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1. What does a country need to prove before it can join the EU? Do you think these requirements change over time?

2. Why is it important for a country to be stable – both politically and economically – before joining the EU? Could a country with problems still be accepted, or would that cause issues for everyone?

3. How do the countries that are already in the EU influence who gets to join? Do these countries ever focus more on their own interests than on the values of the EU, like democracy and human rights?

4. Think about the job you'd like to have in the future. How might EU enlargement affect your job opportunities? Consider both the chance to work in new EU countries and how your local job market might change.

5. What do you think it means to have a 'European identity'? Do you think joining the EU is about more than just being in the same region or having a similar economy?

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7. How do you think the EU changes when more countries join? Could having so many countries make it harder to make decisions or get things done?



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8. Some people say the EU is too big already and others say we should welcome more countries. What do you think about this? How would you explain your position to someone your age from a country hoping to join the EU?

9. The EU has programs like Erasmus+ for young people to travel and learn. Based on your interests, how would you want to use these opportunities if they expanded to new countries? What would you hope to learn or experience?

10. How does enlarging the EU affect its relationships with countries that aren't part of the Union, like Russia or Turkey? Do you think adding new countries changes how the EU deals with its neighbors?

11. Looking at Brexit (the UK leaving the EU), what do you think the EU can learn about the challenges of adding new countries? Should the EU rethink how it enlarges because of what happened with Brexit?

12. Do you think the opinions of people in existing EU countries should matter when deciding whether to accept new countries? Should public opinion play a big role in this decision?

13. Digital technology is a huge part of young people's lives. How could the EU use digital tools to help young people from current and future EU countries connect better? What ideas would you suggest?



14. Your generation will live with the consequences of EU enlargement decisions made today. What role do you think young people should have in these decisions? How would you like to be involved?

