

## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A EUROPEAN? theoretical introduction**

We all know that we are a part of the European Union. But how many of us have thought what it really means? What are the real proofs of being a EU member? In what aspects of our life are they most visible?

Do we know the laws we have to obey or the benefits that we have from being in the EU? There are certain issues that we should be aware of, that influence our lives. We are a part of European family, but how big is our knowledge of it? We would like to focus on the subject of European Union to find out more about its history, symbols and most important structures. European Union has a long history dating back to post-war years in 1950s.

The main goal of the founding fathers was to create peaceful Europe where countries cooperate to achieve prosperity. A lot of time has passed and now we can see how it all turned out to be. The number of EU members has grown with time as being a member of it gave opportunities for better future. European Union has changed now and is facing different problems in modern times than in the past. However, being a part of it we should not only know some basic information about EU but also be aware of our influence on it. We are the future of the EU.