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## The European Union

### VOCABULARY

#### 1. Complete the chart with words from the box.

<i>currency</i>	<i>citizen</i>	<i>custom checks</i>	<i>right</i>	<i>budget</i>	<i>passport</i>
<i>commissioner</i>	<i>member state</i>	<i>common market</i>	<i>border controls</i>		<i>constitution</i>
<i>travel insurance card</i>		<i>representative</i>	<i>fund</i>	<i>politician</i>	<i>referendum</i>

economy	politics	travelling	people

#### 2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of one of the words from the box in ex. 1.

- The first right of a European \_\_\_\_\_ is the right to travel, work and live anywhere in the union.
- There are no \_\_\_\_\_ when you travel between the EU countries.
- To fund its policies, the EU has an annual \_\_\_\_\_ of more than € 120 billion.
- One of the symbols of the EU is the single European \_\_\_\_\_, the euro.
- There are 27 \_\_\_\_\_ of the European Union today.
- The EU \_\_\_\_\_ programmes in the fields of education and culture to bring EU citizens together.
- Many member states decided to hold a \_\_\_\_\_ on the European constitution.
- The Czech Republic has 22 \_\_\_\_\_ in the European Parliament in Strasbourg.
- It is a good idea to have a \_\_\_\_\_ in case you fall ill while in another country.
- You don't need your \_\_\_\_\_ when you travel to Germany, an ID will do.



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### 3. Match the following words with their definitions.

*interpreter*      *speech*      *regulation*      *policy*      *body*      *vote*

a)	a written rule which controls the way something is done or made
b)	an organised group of people who are responsible for something
c)	a set of ideas or plans officially agreed on by people in authority
d)	a person whose job is to translate in different languages
e)	a method of making a decision in which each person says yes or no
f)	a formal talk which someone gives to an audience

### 4. Write definitions of the following words.

government	
consumer rights	
grant	
guarantee	
election	
bureaucracy	

### 5. Read the text and complete it with the following words.

*legislature*    *running*    *nationality*    *citizens*    *responsible*    *seats*  
*member*    *elected*

The European Commission and the European Parliament

The European Commission acts as the EU's executive arm and is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for initiating legislation and the day-to-day (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the EU. It operates as a cabinet government with 27 Commissioners for different areas of policy, one from each (3) \_\_\_\_\_ state. One of the 27 is the Commission President, currently Jose Manuel Barroso, appointed by the European Council. The 27 Commissioners as a single body are subject to a vote of approval by the European Parliament.

The European Parliament forms the EU's (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The 736 (soon to be 751) MEPs - Members of the European Parliament – are directly elected by EU (5) \_\_\_\_\_ every five

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years. Although MEPs are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on a national basis, they sit according to political groups rather than their (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Each country has a set number of (8) \_\_\_\_\_, the Czech Republic now has 22.

### SPEAKING

#### 6. Work in pairs. Go through the list of advantages and disadvantages of being a member state of the EU. Which are advantages and which are disadvantages?

- There are no customs barriers for tourists between The EU countries.
- All students can enrol in universities in other EU countries on the same conditions as local students.
- There are many European Union regulations telling us and our governments how to run our lives.
- The EU has a scheme to fund international student exchanges.
- Guarantees may only apply in the country where you bought the product.
- There are no immigration controls for EU citizens in EU countries.
- Consumer rights are similar in all EU countries.
- Free movement of workers in EU countries is not limited.

#### 7. Free movement of people, workers and goods is usually considered to be the biggest advantage of membership of the EU. What negatives might it bring?

- Think of terrorism, drugs, unemployment ...

#### 8. Discuss the following questions about the EU with your partner:

- How do you feel about the European Union? Is it a good thing, or not?
- Do you think it is a good idea to study in a foreign country? Why? Why not?
- Have you ever thought of working and living abroad?
- Would you like to work for the EU? (interpreter? politician? ...)
- How do you think the EU influences our everyday life? (think of different regulations, funding reconstructions of roads, buildings, public places ...)
- Can you see any effects of the EU funding in your school?

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### 9. Work in pairs. How are the following pictures related to the EU?



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4)

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### Answer key:

1. **economy:** currency, budget, common market, fund **politics:** right, member state, constitution, referendum **travelling:** custom checks, passport, border controls, travel insurance card **people:** citizen, commissioner, representative, politician
2. 1 citizen 2 border controls/custom checks 3 budget 4 currency 5 member states 6 funds 7 referendum 8 representatives 9 travel insurance card 10 passport
3. a regulation b body c policy d interpreter e vote f speech
4. students' own answers
5. 1 responsible 2 running 3 member 4 legislature 5 citizens 6 elected 7 nationality 8 seats
6. students' own answers
7. students' own answers
8. students' own answers
9. students' own answers

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