



# We, the students of the Europeness Erasmus+ project, declare that the following demands on Democracy are vital for the Europe we want to live in:

## **Education**

- We demand a Europe where every person has the same access to quality education. School should teach about the democratic system and politics to clarify its importance for a life with freedom, human rights and free speech in the future. Young people should know about the importance of voting and what to consider when they vote.
- We demand that students learn about the value of life, peace and respect towards every person no matter their look, ethnic group or sexual orientation. Moreover, they should learn how to communicate, collaborate and how to think critically.
- We demand that the general education system is focused more on real-life situations such as doing taxes and "learn to live". Thanks to that education, children will be able to understand more the world they live in and the democratic system.

### <u>Dignity</u>

- We demand that every person should be respected whatever they believe, whatever they look like, wherever they live. No one should suffer from any kind of racism or discrimination.
- We demand that every European country should welcome refugees. Everyone has the right to asylum and the migration policy of the EU isn't efficient enough.

## <u>Equality</u>

- We demand that in the Europe we want to live in, everybody must be treated the same. Every country in the EU should recognize same-sex marriage and love, without hate and prejudice. Marriage for everyone should be supported and allowed by law.
- We demand prevention of discrimination and hate beginning with the young children up to teenagers. The importance of this prevention is increasing because of social media which contains a lot of hate.

### **Freedoms**





- Everyone should have the right to express their opinion without having to fear any repercussion.
- We demand that the right of public demonstrations should be respected and that the people who express their political views in public demonstrations should be listened to.

## <u>Justice</u>

- We demand a stronger common framework for the political and justice systems of EU member states for a better working of EU democracy.
- We demand a more equal justice regardless of gender, religion, origins, social status and wealth.
- We demand better treatments for children and a better oversight of abuse in families, a more effective justice system to protect children.

### **Democracy**

- We demand a strong protection of the democratic system of the EU as a topmost priority, and a continuous strive for its improvement.
- We demand that only democracies [are allowed to be part] of the EU.
- We demand free, democratic and safer elections to prevent influence or manipulation from outside the European Union.
- We demand that corruption becomes a capital offense in the EU.
- We demand that children's opinions and claims are taken into consideration in decision making processes and integrated in the decision making system (e.g. through debates, surveys...), allowing them to be heard.

