

## Report from working group "The EU in a globalising world"

### Why do we need a European foreign policy?

The EU is a major global actor, because of its broad competences in the area of trade and the size of the EU economy, however, the EU also plays an important role in international development and humanitarian aid, conflict prevention and the promotion of human rights. In its external relations policies, the EU puts a special focus on relations with neighbouring countries. We, young people, are convinced about the need to have a holistic approach to a common foreign policy as we are committed too in the processes we are involved<sup>1</sup>. On a lot of areas we can get better results when we cooperate with each other and take a common, firm and clearly position to the outside world. If we optimise the foreign policy the EU will get a better image in the outside world. In this way we can promote our combined values and interests. Besides that the European cooperation will be an example for the rest of the world.

### *What are our goals?*

With this document we want to give a handout to youth organizations on national level to trigger the discussions about a European foreign policy. This bottom up approach is important because youth will start to think about how Europe should look like and hopefully get more involved in the European processes. Besides that it is the only way we get to know what the youth opinion is about the way EU foreign policy should develop. Should we promote European values, human rights, democracy and rule of law? We want to hear from them how the idealistic European foreign policy should look like in the future. For this we want to focus on a few main topics on which the European Union should better cooperate.

### *How do we want to reach these goals and which values do we base based on which values?*

The base of our policy on foreign affairs should have their base in European values of democracy, equality, solidarity and respect for human rights.

We also suggest that an EU constitution would give a greater credibility and coherence to the external relations of the EU. One single policy for the entire EU, so that we can speak with one voice. The mosaic of particular strengths and competences of the EU Member States should be made use of.

We feel that some important issues are generally regarded as.. soft and need to be included in the external policies for the added value and new approach. External relations affect the people of Europe in their everyday life, however it is generally considered to be (too high for the normal people and that discourages them to actively participate in the construction of an external policy). Therefore, it is our opinion that there is a need for a new approach to connect the dots between the external policies and the everyday.....For the credibility of such a policy it is crucial to combine.....

Credibility of the EU and

Our partners have expectations of the Responsibilities to our partners.

Coherence EX WESTERN SAHARA

Effectiveness use of the internal policies to external policies EU institutions.

In an increasingly interdependent world it is also important to be able to foresee Leading role in global governance organizations

Agreement among the Member States ,

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<sup>1</sup> In this regard the Policy Paper on UN & Global Youth Work development of the European Youth Forum and the Final Text adopted by the European Youth Convention can be taken as reference.

Provide stability

Fair trade and coherent with ucu values

Present trade policies agricultural subsidies open markets

ENP used as a tool to promote

What are the rules of the

*What should be the priorities of the external policy?*

We have identified several policy areas that particularly need to be addressed and prioritized.

- Sustainable development, environment and energy

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Firstly, the sustainability of the world's economic development, the... protection of our environment and the growing need of energy are issues that ...today we see the results of .... And must be a priority in the foreign policy of the European Union. Today, international terrorism is a very current issue and a threat that can only be solved through global cooperation. The EU must stay committed to combat international terrorism as it is a threat to our democracy, freedom and security. In order to succeed in this task, it is important to treat the causes of terrorism and not its symptoms. Furthermore, in order for a lasting peace to be possible, important elements to actively work for the of respecting the anti proliferation treaty and to actively seek new nations to make sign it.

- Anti-proliferation and disarmament of nuclear weapons

The promotion to disarmament of condition of our goal to have less conflicts resolution prevention and increasingly lasting peace in the world. set an example in Security

**Global youth policy** in accordance with the European Unions aim to work for the inclusion of youth in Europe and it's recognition of the important asset that the youth are, a promotion of a Global Youth Policy is crucial to the success of the external policy. A priority in all

- Gender equality and the rights of women

The endorsement of gender equality and the rights of women have It is necessary that the EU strongly p in its external policy priority to not the ...resolutions... regarding gender equality acknowledge and make certain that the rights of women are respected in all over the world. around the world or as important in the internal as much as it is an external affairs of the EU. See to it that the resolutions Beijing can we Needless to say, gender mainstreaming in all of the areas related to the EU external policy is regarded as

### Our Assets

Within the European Union we have already a Common foreign security policy(CFSP), a European security and defence police(ESDP) and a European neighbourhood policy. Besides that we have our trade policy and a common framework and principles on development.

Within this frameworks there are great opportunities to develop our policy. They can implement our plans inside their policy and focus more on the topics which youth want EU to work on. In the case of the CFSP we can ask the question if we need for example a rapid reaction force? Or in the case of the ESDP we can ask; Do we need an European army when we are taking in consideration the implications it would have at national level defence, the impact on the budget of the EU and the impact of an common army on the outside world.

For example they can pay more attention to environmental questions and try to promote these outside Europe. Should we bring over competence over naar Europees niveau voor een Europees Should we need a Rapid reaction forces Quick response forces, een gemeenschappelijke minister, vredesoperaties. Should we have one EU minister of foreign affairs. Do we need an European army taking in consideration the impact national implications, budget of the union impact outside. Can you rid of the unanimity veto right Besides that the European countries can implement the visions of the youth inside the negotiation of a renewal of the constitution. Unique coherent trade policy 1 minister, soevereiniteit overdracht voorbeeld van hervormingen, we hebben een sort van constitution nodig. Heeft een buitenlandse minister voordeel has it sence do you want it or not. Gemeenschappelijk veiligheid beleid zou uitsluitend moeten behoren tot de core business of the EU

Follow up and implementation

Do you think the neighbors deserve a special relations status with th EU? Then what about Inandia and china?

Distinguish between political and economical member ship criterias? Intergration of new countries.]

One voice in international organizations?

Competency of MS, budget EU, external impact ?

Should unanimity voting be replaced by quality majority voting?

If we should have a Rapid Reaction Forces ?

For peacekeeping issues: diplomatic body, representation? European foreign minister?

European army?

Implement control systems in follow up and evaluation to prerogatives taken by ? Subsidies

- What for?
- What with?
- How?

Should the european neighbour hood polici as a tool to bring our interest over to that countries.

What are the rules what kind of values we want to bring over. Do you think the neighbours deserve a different relations ship with the European union.

No Different disitniction between the economic and the political criteria, leading rol in international organisation changing, what kind of role

Short reference to documents....Bulletpoint, Influence on finance and influent

also pay attention to a common foreign policy in the negotiation about a new constitution. The plan to want only one minister of foreign affairs instead of two or even three is for example a point we are in favour for.

Speaking with one voice will be in the benefit of our member countries and for the

## Assets

- CFSP / European security and defence policy how far should it be developed. Should we have the tools
- Trade policy, tool for other policy. In coherence with other policy
- Neighbourhood policy, more consistent and not shift of interest
- Enlargement

Promoting global, European values, human rights, gender values  
(HR, rule of law, democracy)

- One voice, EU in international organisations.  
Optimising the foreign policy, better image

How do we want to achieve it, in discussions.  
Institutions we need

Why do we want an European policy. What for

- Because we want to promote our values, all foreign policy should be based on, human rights, promoting democracy, equal rights for women, law making. Promoting European values.

Goal why do we want.

We want an European role and want to implement it in the areas, What with.

1. Sustainable development, environment, energy/
2. Terrorism
3. Anti nuclear proliferation
4. global youth policy
5. Gender policy
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With the asset

- Neighbourhood policy
- International organization

And the goal is, like solidarity, peace one voice

Basic common approach on one European minister at the European debate on global development.

Concentrate 1.5 page

Open question.

Put some proposals, give on some points an opinion.

Focus on main institutions.

What for! What with! And how!

#### Policy Areas

- Focus on – sustainable development
- Environment
- Energy, key role. Relations with other countries and other types of energy
- Global youth policy, building projects and exchanges
- Global peace, Anti nuclear proliferation
- Preventing terrorism
- One European minister.