

Exercise: Factors that will shape Europe's future

Overview

- Grade: from 9th grade
- School form: general and vocational schools
- Duration: 70 to 90 minutes
- Method: analysis of statistics
- Subject: EU in the world
- Subjects: Politics, History, Geography
- Operators: describe, develop, justify
- Group size: from 15 persons
- Social form: group work

Description

- In the exercise "*Factors that will shape Europe's future*", pupils investigate six areas that are relevant to the EU's future development and its position in the world.
- The pupils receive factsheets with graphics on different factors that will shape the future of Europe, which they should first describe and then analyze.
- After this analysis, the students should derive consequences from the developments described and explain why they will be formative for the future of Europe.

Learning objectives

- Pupils can outline six key factors that will shape Europe in the future.
- Pupils can deduce developments and trends as well as their consequences from various information (graphics, articles, statistics) on a topic related to the EU.

Materials

- The accompanying presentation
- The factsheets on the factors that will shape Europe's future

Preparations

1. The factsheets on the factors need to be printed.

Procedure

1. The teacher introduces the topic "*Factors that will shape Europe's future*". The teacher then explains the exercise, divides the groups (one group per factor) and distributes the factsheets.

2. The students read the factsheets assigned to them and first describe the developments they derive from the graphics and summarize the key message(s) of the graphics.
3. They then conclude the consequences that the respective development has on the future of Europe.
4. As soon as the students have finished their analysis, each group should present their findings, including the development, analysis, and examined consequences, to the other groups. The teacher's task is to supplement the information provided by the students and offer clarification where needed.
5. Once all groups have presented, the exercise is finished.

Timetable

1. Introduction and explanation of the exercise - 5 min.
2. Sorting the groups and handing out the materials - 5 min.
3. Factors that will shape Europe's future: the students read and analyze their respective factsheets - 30 min.
4. Discussion of the results: the students present their factor to the other groups in plenary and explain their elaborated consequences for the future of Europe's role in the world - 40 min.