

Film Script – Videoclip – „What has the EU ever done for us?“

Objective:

- to communicate to young people the benefits of the EU membership
- to convey arguments to young people against populist messages
- target group: 17–19 year old people

Setting:

- table in a bar or pub (alternative: home of one of the actors/actresses)

Equipment:

- 5 actors/actresses (age: 17–19 years)
- 1 video camera (alternative: smart phone camera)
- Tripod

Approach:

5 chairs shall be placed around the table, two at each side, the 5th chair at the front of the table. The camera shall be placed on the tripod on the opposite side of the 5th chair either on or in front of the table so that every chair is visible when the camera is switched on. To achieve this, the filming shall be done in landscape mode. The camera may be switched on the whole time during the act. Unsuccessfully acted scenes can be cut out afterwards (see below for applicable cutting programs).

It should be ensured that as few people as possible are in the bar or pub during the performance to avoid background noise. It is therefore advisable to record the scene during a time when there are typically few people in the bar or pub. Additionally, the bar or pub owner should be asked for permission, if filming the video clip is possible in his/her premises. If you don't get the respective permission, an alternative setting could be the home of one of the actors/actresses.

When the preparation is finished according to the aforementioned, the camera shall be switched on and the scene acted on the basis of the film script below. Once this has been conducted to the satisfaction of the actors/actresses, the camera may be switched off.

In the days following the act, the unsuccessfully acted scenes shall be cut out of the video. The following free cutting programs may be useful for this purpose:

- DaVinci Resolve
- Shotcut
- VSDC Free Video Editor
- Lightworks
- Simple Video Cutter
- Windows Movie Maker

(Source reference: https://www.chip.de/news/Videos-schneiden-Die-besten-Kostenlos-Tools-2020_101877394.html, see also: <https://filmora.wondershare.com/video-editing-tips/free-video-cutter.html>)

Overall, the video clip should not contain too many cuts so that the narrative flow is not lost. 3 to 4 cuts should be sufficient. Therefore, during the act, it should be ensured that the successfully acted periods are long enough to achieve this goal.

In total, the length of the video clip shall not exceed 2 to 3 minutes to create a fresh impression and attract potential viewers to watch. If you like to put music to the video clip (e. g. for the intro or outro), please make sure to use music, which is not protected by copyright. You may find such free or open music on the following websites:

- www.freemusicarchive.org
- www.freeplaymusic.com
- www.mixkit.co/free-stock-music/
- www.audiyou.de
- www.bensound.com

Film script:

Scene opening: Four of the five actors/actresses are sitting on the chairs at each side of the table. The fifth actor/actress is entering the bar/pub and sits down on the chair at the front of the table looking angry.

Actor/actress No. 5 (angry): Did you read the news today?! I heard they want to transfer 750 Mio. EUR to the eastern and southern European member states due to the Corona crisis! I can't believe they spent all this money we pay so many taxes for to other countries while our own economy is on its knees as well!

Actor/actress No. 1: I agree! Those people should build a descent economy system for themselves as we did in [Germany]! All because of that stupid EU membership! Why did we have to establish the EU in the first place?!

Actor/actress No. 2 (surprised): But aren't you guys both students? Have you ever paid any taxes at all? Have you even made any contribution to our economy system yet?

Actor/actress No. 4: Well I have! I did an apprenticeship in my father's automotive workshop after my school-days and have been working there ever since. It is my money they are spending there and I want to have a say in it! What good does it do for us, if we give our money to other European countries? What has the EU ever done for us?!

Actor/actress No. 5: Yes! That's the right question! I can't remember anything that the EU has done for us other than giving us enormous bills to pay for!

Actor/actress No. 3: Well they certainly implemented the right that allows you to return the numerous shoes you bought online within two weeks if you don't like them or if they don't fit.

Actor/actress No. 2: ...and that enabled you to get your money back for the broken TV you returned last week even though it broke five months after you bought it!

Actor/actress No. 1: Maybe... but we surely could have established these rights ourselves. We definitely don't need the EU for that!

Actor/actress No. 3: But European wide internet at the same conditions as at home seems to be quite practical from my perspective.

Actor/actress No. 2: ...and that thing where you get back 25% of your ticket price when your train is late 1 hour and 50% if it runs late 2 hours seems like a good idea to me.

Actor/actress No. 4: Yeah, but we wouldn't need that if the trains were on time!

Actor/actress No. 2: But this is hardly the EU's fault. It's rather the problem of [Deutsche Bahn]!

Actor/actress No. 5: Ok, but besides giving us the Right of Withdrawal, the 2-Year Guarantee for faulty products, the European wide Roaming and various passenger rights, what has the EU ever done for us?!

Actor/actress No. 3: Don't they finance your semester abroad within the course of their Erasmus+ program that you plan to do when you are at university?

Actor/actress No. 5: Yes, but I'd like to go to Sweden. Do you know how expensive alcohol is in Sweden?! 500 EUR per month is barely enough to do appropriate partying there! I'm afraid I have to stay sober the whole semester and actually have to study and get to know the country.

Actor/actress No. 3: Perhaps, but at least your studying will be worth it since your grades will be recognised by your home university.

Actor/actress No. 4: But what good does this do for me? I do not plan to go to university at all!

Actor/actress No. 2: Well maybe you'd like to work abroad someday? If you choose a EU-member state, you won't need a work permit and you are entitled to the same benefits as national workers from the day you start working there.

Actor/actress No. 4: Well I do like those Italian girls/boys... I might go to Italy someday...

Actor/actress No. 3: ...and if you don't, EU law at least provides you with a proper health care if you drunkenly fall of the table again on your annual Mallorca vacation.

Actor/actress No. 1: But I don't like to go abroad, there is no place like home! What does the EU do for me?

Actor/actress No. 2: Well you do care about the environment, don't you? Did you know that the EU implemented the largest coordinated network of protected areas in the world stretching over 18% of the EU's land area and almost 6% of its marine territory? In fact, they do a lot of species protection including lovely animals like the European hamster.

Actor/actress No. 1: I do like those plushy creatures...

Actor/actress No. 3: And they at least try to do something against climate change with their new "European Green Deal"...

Actor/actress No. 5: Ah ok... But basically, besides implementing the Right of Withdrawal, the 2-Year Guarantee for faulty products, the European wide Roaming, various passenger rights, the Erasmus+ program, work and health benefits and environment protection, the EU has done nothing for us! (*to the viewers, breaking the forth wall*) Or can you think of anything else?

The End

Closing credits:

At the end of the clip, you could have a page displayed that points out more information about the benefits of EU membership for young people. The page could include the following text:

“For more information about the benefits of the EU membership, especially for young people, visit <https://europa.eu/youth/>”