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Tomorrow... and beyond

One of the challenges facing Europe today is how to make sure that young people can have jobs and a good future. It's not easy, because European firms have to compete for business with companies in other parts of the world who may be able to do the same job more cheaply.

There are other big problems today which can only be tackled by countries around the world working together. For example:

- Pollution and climate change
- Hunger and poverty
- International crime and terrorism

The European Union is working on these problems, but it's not always easy for 27 governments and the European Parliament to agree on what to do. It doesn't help that the EU's decision-making rules are rather complicated.

What's more, many people feel that just voting for their MEP once every five years doesn't give them much of a say in what gets decided in Brussels or Strasbourg.

So we need to make the EU simpler and more efficient. We also need to make sure that everyone can have their say in what the European Union decides.

How can we do that? Do you have any good ideas? Do you have any good ideas? What are the most important problems you think the EU should be dealing with, and what would you like it to do about them? Why not discuss your ideas with your family, your friends and teachers... .Then tell your MEP! You can also contact the European Commission or Parliament at one of the addresses on the next page.



We are today's European children: before long we'll be Europe's adults. The future is for us to decide – together!