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## What are the key components of democracy ?

- Participation of citizens

This can mean citizens vote directly on the laws they live under.

- Equality

This means that they are not discriminated against because of their ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

- Accountability

Politicians are accountable to the people, must act consistent with their will and have a duty Not to abuse their power to enrich themselves and their friends.

### Conceptual Framework: The Global State of Democracy



# What is the role of the European parliament?

- Legislative

Deciding on international agreements.

Deciding on enlargements.

- Supervisory

Election observation.

Questioning commission and council.

- Budgetary

Establishing the EU budget, together with the council.





Youth Exchange is an exchange program for secondary school students.

Students travel to other countries to learn about the culture and the language as well as act as a cultural ambassador for their own country.

Long-term exchanges only in District 5390.

# How can young people engage in the EU?

Here are some examples of how young people engage in the EU:

- Youth exchanges

The meetings of group of young people.

- Volunteer

If you are between 18 and 30 you could spend between 2 weeks to 12 months as a volunteer either at home or abroad

Here is an example of volunteering abroad;

- Wolf conservation in Portugal

## Permission to vote in the UK

In my opinion the voting age in the UK (18) is correct because younger people may lack experience and political education which may impact their vote. People need to be properly educated before voting for the future of their country.