Why is the European Union’s foreign and security policy important for your daily life?

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I live in Belarus, a country which borders 3 EU countries. It may seem that the problem of the European Union's foreign and security policy does not concern me at all. But it is not so!

The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) governs the EU’s relations with 16 of its southern and eastern neighbours including to the east: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. From this point of view the international relations consist of: political association, economic integration, increased mobility for people. Indeed the situation in EU and the state of Belarusian economic and politic development affect each other. A key element in EU foreign relations is a joint policy initiative – the Eastern Partnership – was launched in 2009 to deepen relations between the EU and its 6 eastern neighbours including Belarus. Belarusian security, stability and prosperity affect EU and vice versa. The cooperation between to region is building on favour democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

Now we live in a world of endless changes and challenges, high-tech and we meet with an uncertainty every day. Everything that has happened in recent months in Europe (terrorist attacks in Paris (France) and New Year's Eve event in Cologne (Germany)) has troubled me much. I was touched…

I like to travel, to meet and to interact with people, to be acquainted with the traditions and culture of peoples. Every summer, I dream to visit Paris, the city I know well but never have been in (I learned French since childhood at school and then at the university). Now, due to instability in the world, acts of terrorism, local wars, migration flows from the Middle East, I am afraid! I believe that the EU policy towards migrants should be more rigid:

1. It is impossible to come to European countries and to try to completely change such an ancient and rich culture, it is necessary to adapt, it mean to work for the benefit of the host country, to pay taxes, to know and to make better European culture, we need to respect the traditions.

In this regard the EU and policymakers have to develop a clear mechanism for adaptation and migrant’s socialization.

2. It is necessary to reduce the flow of migration by starting to create workplaces in the country (or neighbour countries), from where people go to Europe.

3. A system of open borders leads to uncontrolled movement of large masses of people, reduces the security in cities and in the streets, to launch the appearance of uncontrollable and violent communities, reduces the life quality in relation to urban ecology and health. It is important to develop the instrument of regulation this process.

In conclusion, I want to note that it does not matter where we live (in Belarus or Europe) we are all involved in the processes of globalization and therefore are responsible for solving urgent European problems. I believe that it is important to carry out democratic foreign and security policy: to create workplaces both in the EU and other countries – the source of migration, to reduce social benefits for migrants who do not want to work, but at the same time to give the opportunity to earn, we need to cultivate the spirit of European traditions.

The situation in the EU is extremely difficult, but together we can always solve any
problem and reach an agreement.

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