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For the past years I have been hearing a lot about European Union, its power and the effort our Country is putting to be part of this great union. Now, as we are all different, its understanding that we have different opinions too, and not everyone would agree with me. Everything has its pro's and con's, and EU is no exception. However, despite its problems and many arguments, European Union has always managed to remain strong, steady and powerful force in global economy and political area.

I see the European Union as one giant political and economical engine were everyone is different but work equally towards life in harmony and constantly pursues for better future. I see those twelve stars in the flag to represent people as symbol of completeness and of unity, together forming one big goal and that is working together for better life.

Unlike the stability of the EU, my Country has faced many challenges since its independence. It is understandable as it is relatively new and there is need to reinforce the rule of law, fight corruption, improve the educational system and strength the economy. This is just tip of the iceberg of the things we have to work towards improving in order to be part of the EU. The lack of an effective legal system presents a major obstacle to potential investment and economic development in Kosovo. While, without economic development, not only at risk of increased social and political instability, but it is also one of the key criteria for compliance to the European Union. Keeping this in mind, I am facing the ugly truth my Country is going through, the poor political leadership we are all witnessing, fights in the parliament, high level of corruption and high rate of unemployment.

I was young when many changes happened in my hometown, and for the most of time I was isolated in the north of the divided town that people already forgot about. I believe that youth is eager for some changes, there is a need for the opportunity to integrate with other states, for free movement and speech, more youth exchange and interactions, just what E.U. provides for its member states. I believe that we are ready for that change, and I want our future to be shaped within European Union. For me the European Union represents an opportunity to raise and reinforcement we need to be free of corrupt politics, better economy and more jobs opportunities.

Considering all this I believe that there are still a lot of improvements to be done in order to be integrated as a part of E.U. and that should be our first priority. Nevertheless, lets not forget that we have to take first steps toward change for improvement, and as Mahatma Gandhi said "Be the change you want to see in the world".