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INTRODUCTION

- “When I hear ‘European Union’, I think about…”

Question for Discussion

- Can I travel to any European country without problems, and can I work there?

Single Market and Legal Framework

The European Union Single Market — Articles 26–66 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) regulate the four freedoms.

Free Movement of Goods

- Customs duties between EU Member States are prohibited
- Quantitative restrictions (e.g. import quotas) are prohibited
- Goods lawfully produced in one Member State may be sold in another Member State
- Exceptions may be allowed for reasons of public security, public health, and other legitimate grounds

Free Movement of Persons

- EU citizens have the right to move, live , study and work in another Member State
- Applies to employees, students, pensioners, and self-employed persons
- EU citizens have the right to be treated equally to citizens of the country where they live in certain areas.

Free Movement of Services

- Companies and self-employed individuals are allowed to provide services in other EU Member States.
- A self-employed person can temporarily work in another EU Member State
- Customers can use services from service providers in other EU Member States

Free Movement of Capital

- Citizens can transfer money to other countries, to invest in companies or real estate in other EU Member States
- Citizens can buy financial assets (such as shares or bonds) in other countries

Institutions of the European Union

- **European Commission** – proposes laws and monitors their implementation
- **European Parliament** – represents EU citizens and adopts laws
- **Council of the European Union** – represents the governments of the Member States
- **ourt of Justice of the European Union** – ensures that EU law is applied correctly

Which groups of people benefit from the free movement of goods, services and capital?

Is it good that foreigners can freely invest capital in EU country?

Thank you for your attention! I look forward to your answers to the questionnaire questions!