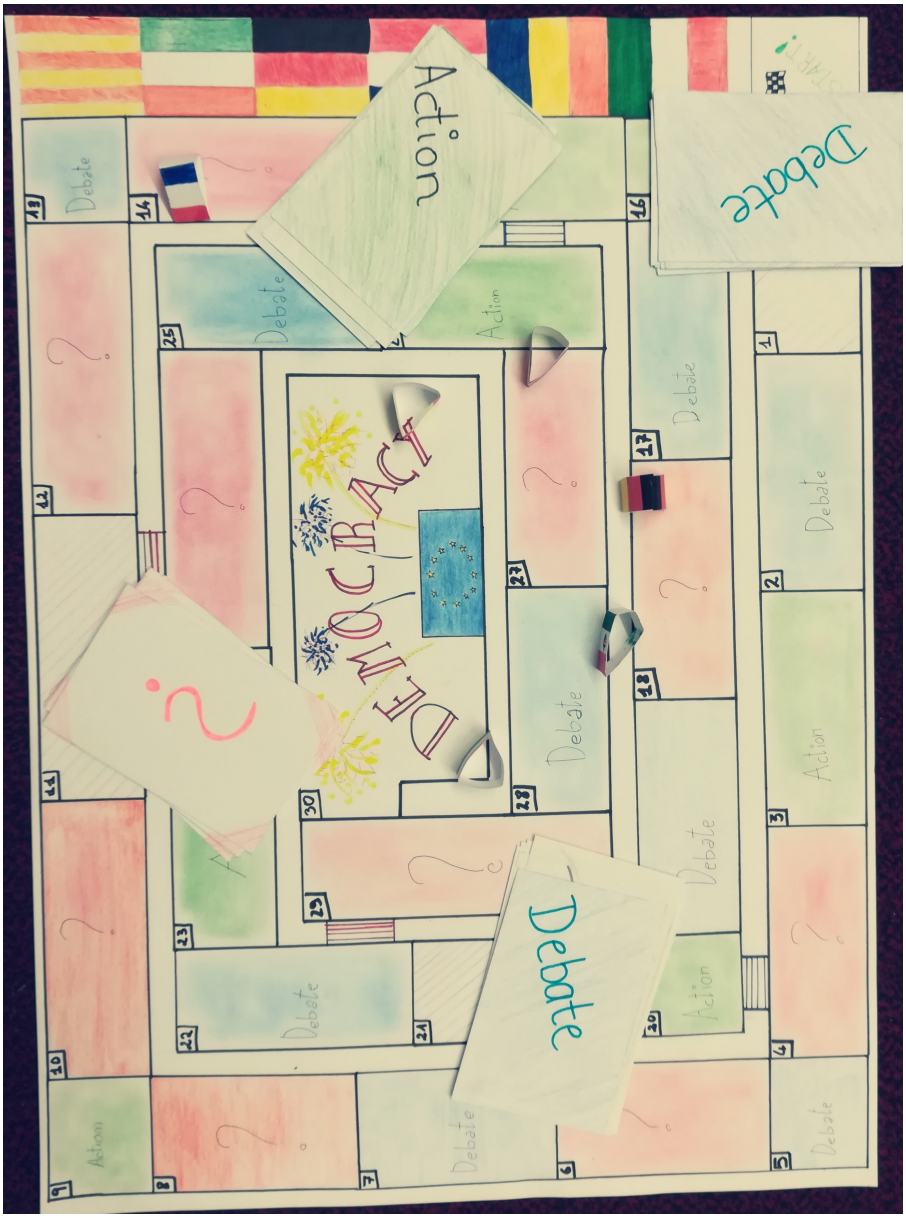
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HOUSE OF EUROPE
The values of the EU
The EU (back then called the European Coal and Steel Community) was founded in the 1950s, primarily not to create economic growth after World War II, but to ensure one of the most important values: peace!
Five years after this devastating war, which had brought calamity all over Europe, politically involved persons noticed that coming together could only happen based on a democratic basis!
In 2000, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which has validity until today, was recently proclaimed. It starts with the same sentence as the German Grundgesetz: „Human dignity is inviolable!
The contract of the EU (in the version of the Treaty of Lisbon, 01.09.2009) shows that the EU is primarily a community of shared values. These values are declared in Article 2:
The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.
Article 3 proclaims: „The Union's aim is to promote peace, its values and the weell-being of its people.“
The meaning of this European foundation of values is not to be underestimated because it is the foundation on which the EU has evolved today's form.
On the other hand it also means that a state which feels that it isn't obliged to these principles doesn't have the right to be a member of the European Union. Only a European country that accepts and enforces these values will be able to request a membership. Article 49 in particular confirms that.
Our conclusion
It is worth standing for common values! We, the people of this earth, have to wake up and have to become aware of our responsibility, so that democracy and human
dignity will not get lost on the way. They are the most valuable things that we own! That is what our "House of Europe" stands for. So stand up for the right values!
Have your say!!!
EU-definition of a
democraticState
Values of democracy
The beginning of the EU – from war to peace
The second world war took place from 1939 to 1945. In this war 60-70 million people died. The war changed nations and political relations around the world. The UN was founded and the USA and the Soviet Union became great powers.
Europe was destroyed. Politicians asked the question, how can we avoid war in future? Germany, as a country, was divided into two states: the (new) EU and the USSR.