

Promoting the Concepts of European Identity and Values in Ukrainian University Students: Insight into the Concepts of European Identity and Values and How to Promote Them among Ukrainian University Students

LESSON 8

PARTICIPATING IN THE EUROPEAN PROJECT

Perceptions of Inclusion, well-being and Identification with the European Union in Ukrainian university students



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In this lesson we will:

- Clarify what participating in the European project means beyond politics
- Explore how well-being and respectful support strengthen engagement
- Identify concrete opportunities available to Ukrainian students
- Outline practical ways tutors can guide students toward active participation



Participating in the European Project

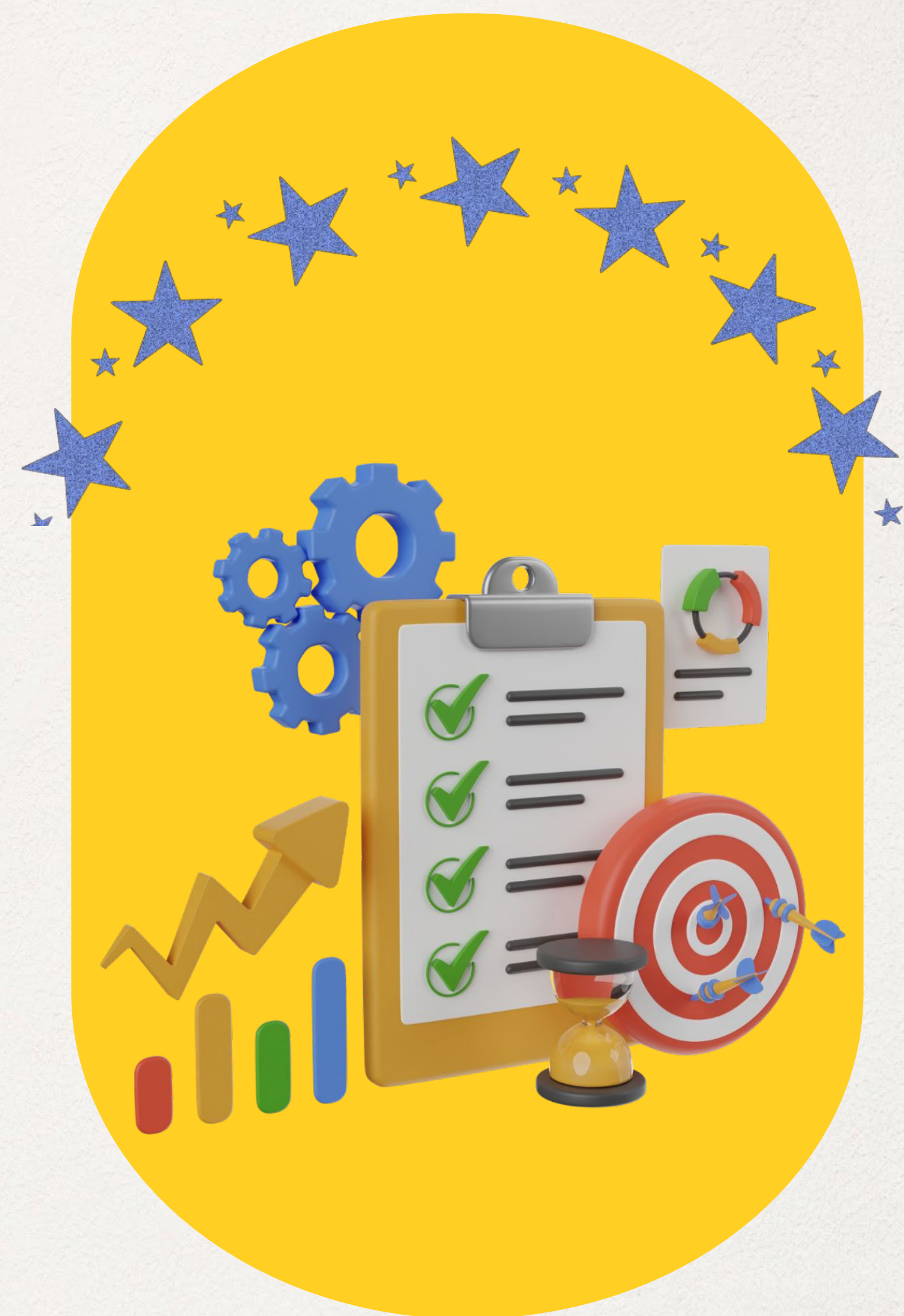
Participation in the European project goes beyond politics.

It includes:

- academic engagement,
- civic and community involvement,
- intercultural collaboration,
- contributing to shared European values.



For Ukrainian students, participation often represents stability, opportunity, belonging, hope for the future.





What Does Participation Mean in Practice?

Students can engage in several ways.

Academic mobility and exchanges (e.g., Erasmus+)

Volunteering and solidarity initiatives (e.g., European Solidarity Corps)

Research and innovation projects

Student organisations and civic initiatives

Cross-border collaboration



What Research Tells Us



Research findings highlight

- Strong support for democracy, equality, and human rights
- Higher well-being → stronger European identification.

□ Feeling respected → greater engagement

□ Need for clearer academic expectations

Supportive environments strengthen both confidence and participation.



The Tutor's Role: Opening Doors

1

Clarity builds confidence.

Provide
clear,
concrete
information

Tutors can:

Explain first
steps and
procedures

Share
personal or
institutional
examples

Make
academic
expectations
transparent

2

**Confidence enables
participation.**

Encourage Small First Steps

Engagement often begins with:

- joining a study group,
- participating in a bilingual activity,
- attending an intercultural workshop,
- submitting a short project idea.

Tip: after a study group or workshop, say: “This is how collaboration works in Erasmus+ projects — small teamwork builds European cooperation.”



Activity 8.1.

Spark European Participation

Choose one concrete opportunity this month:



1. Present one EU initiative in class.



2. Recommend a student group or volunteering activity.



3. Support one student in preparing an application.



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