



# **PEACE MANIFESTO: UNITED IN DIVERSITY**



### **Spanish Pupils**

Today, 31st of January, we celebrate the School Day of Non-Violence and Peace. This date is chosen as it is the anniversary of Ghandi's death. As Ghandi says: "Nothing enduring can be built on violence".

The idea of a peaceful, united and prosperous Europe was shared by the "Founding Fathers", a group of leaders who inspired the peace and stability in Europe we take for granted today.

It is important that we raise awareness of the importance of respect and non-violence throughout Europe. The EU will continue protecting, empowering and defending us!

#### Italian students

- 1. If we know each other, we can live in peace.
- 2. If we overcome fear, Peace will be possible.
- 3. If I think about Peace, I imagine a rainbow.
- 4. Peace should be the goal for everyone. If we want it, we can do it.

### **Greek students**

"If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children."

Mahatma Gandhi

In a Europe that faces new challenges nowadays, unity and solidarity are of utmost importance.

We, pupils of 3rd Gymnasio of Naoussa, call on the leaders of the EU to re-establish its core

values of democracy and participation, dignity, equality, social justice, solidarity, freedom,

rule of law, and human rights.

#### We want a Europe that:

- Promotes equality for all European citizens regardless of race, gender, age disability, socio-economic status, or religion.
- Respects diversity and combats discrimination and racism.
- Respects cultural heritage.
- Promotes non-violent policies at all levels.
- Guarantees free access to healthcare, quality education, and employment for young people
- Fights to alleviate poverty.
- Ensures safety and peace in and outside Europe.
- Implements environmental policies for sustainable development.
- Values people above financial interests.
- Helps and protects any foreigner persecuted for his or her beliefs or because of war.

# **EU** peace mottos:

A Europe that protects, empowers and defends

A Europe that preserves our values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law

The EU has maintained peace in Europe

#### **Useful links:**

EU Defense and Security:

https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/49010/part-1-eu-acts-peace-and-security en

### International Cooperation:

https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sectors/human-rights-and-governance/peace-and-security\_en