



**KS4:**

## **A day in the life of the EU**

### Introduction

The European Union affects many areas of everyday life. These include the home, the workplace, travelling, going on holiday, buying things in shops, personal safety. The purpose of this exercise is identify some of the laws that affect most of us in our daily lives.

### The task

The task is to use the website [www.citizensofeurope.org](http://www.citizensofeurope.org) to pick out 10 activities during a 24 hour period that are affected in some way by European laws.

### Process

You have 20 minutes. Go to *Student Resources, What is the EU, Everyday EU* and click on the clock at different times, take an activity and list on paper in a few words how it is affected by an EU law, or directive as it is called. Work in pairs. One of you take the first half of the day, the other the second half.

### Evaluation

At the end of the task rank the 10 activities in order of importance as you judge them. And in your own words say how the one at the top of your list affects you.

### Conclusion

Some of the EU laws seem rather unimportant. But taken together they make a difference to our lives. They help to maintain our health, reduce costs, protect the environment and make many things easier.