

## *My Town and Its European Future*

The town in which a person lives defines to a great extent his/her way of living, inner world and cultural views. It charges people emotionally with the events that happen in it. The institutes, schools and organizations in everybody's city form and direct his or her dreams for development and future realization. The circle of friends and acquaintances influence his/her decisions and aspirations.

My town – Gabrovo is quiet and peaceful but also variegated and many-sided because of its different events and people. It is a town with deep historical roots, solid traditions, witty and enterprising people. This makes me a proud citizen of Gabrovo. The Balkan mountain is said to make people tough and sturdy. For this reason I cannot be different since I was born and bred in the heart of the Balkan. Not long ago Gabrovo was called the Bulgarian Manchester with nostalgia but now it is again increasing its economic development. Many people start their own business with the help of European development programs. There are many new goods coming from the Common market that diversify the national production. The serious language barrier is eliminated. There are many opportunities open up for young people – a lot of students continue their education abroad in European universities and find realization in serious professions. However, I think that all those youths have to come back to their home town and help for its development and prosperity. The future of Gabrovo depends on the same young, intelligent and ambitious people. Only brave and daring people can grab every chance and turn it into a concrete thing. I believe that my generation has the courage to change our town for better and bring about the positive changes we all desire. The true European appearance of Gabrovo relies on green parks, clean streets, more children's smiles and jolly faces, good humor and self-confidence. We can begin with this right now!

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I learned about the competition from my teacher Iva Staneva