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Soon 10 new countries will join the family of the European Union. What do the present members think about that? We have visited one of the biggest companies in Denmark, producing chewing gum, and have asked employees about their opinion of the enlargement

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If we say the enlargement, what do you say then?

0'04 Søren Laursen, director of personnel, Gumlink:

"Then I say the East Europe and challenges. What kind of challenges? I think, the challenge will be, that the differences between us and them are rather big. I also think, that the challenge will be, that their expectations are much bigger than they will really reach. I think, things will happen much slower than they think"

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Elsebeth Christensen, production assistant, Gumlink:

"I am a bit worried about it. There will be a lot of new countries, which could be competitors to us.....I have to arrange things over here..... They have cheap labour. That is what I am thinking about"

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Why do you think, they will come over here from countries like Poland to work?

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Jørgen Hansen, blacksmith, Gumlink:

"They already do now. You can watch that on the television all the time. About the people from the Eastern countries, who are moonlighting. They are hiding and don't get more than a meal for their work"

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Heinz Stümpel, sales manager, Gumlink:

„I think, it's very positive. To us it means new chances, new consumers, new chances. Mainly I am positive, but of course also a bit worried"

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Lars Funder, managing director, Gumlink:

"I am very positive about the enlargement. The European Union has had big problems getting started, and countries like Germany hasn't performed like expected and hasn't been able to develop and grow like we have all hoped for. Now 10 new countries are joining the EU, and we will get a lot of new collaborators. It will be so exciting for Europe"

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Bjarne Graversgaard, project manager, Gumlink:

"I think, it's a very good thing for both the present member states and for the new ones. Concerning our export and for the possibility to improve their standard of living. Why is it our job to improve their standard of living? It's not just our job, but also the job of the world. It's our duty to get as much as possible out of the resources we have"

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Annette Stenfeldt Sørensen, laboratory technician, Gumlink:

"I think, it's a good thing, that EU extend. Why? In Denmark we already have many different ethnic groups, and we should also get more Eastern Europeans here in Denmark. We already have a big cooperation together with some of the new countries. As an example I can mention Poland. When we are talking about the textile industry we are using their cheap labour in order to become more competitive. Are you nervous thinking about the cheap labour? No, we will manage here in Denmark; we are so competent on special fields. We have to compete on those fields instead"



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Poul Bodholdt, blacksmith, Gumlink:

"I really don't bother about that. Why not? It's part of our future? I know, but I just want to take care of my job and my every day life, then I really don't bother about EU. We have some clever heads to do that"

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When you think about the enlargement, 10 new countries...How do you think, the European Union will look in the future?

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Per Nielsen, power technician, Gumlink:

"I think we will lose some jobs. They are doing things much cheaper – you can see that already now. We also have to grant them some money. Are you nervous about the enlargement? No. Why should I be? We are well off in Denmark....."