RNDr. Ivana Bursíková, CZECH REPUBLIC

I am proud to be Czech, because:
1) my country never colonised any other country
2) we have great sense of humour - people elected the greatest Czech a non-existing fabricated person
3) we had Vaclav Havel as a president

I am proud of being EU citizen because:
1) I appreciate and acknowledge European values
2) I like and admire other European nations and their history
3) I think it is a good concept that might bring us further.

Ilze Rukute, LATVIA

I am proud being a citizen of Latvia:
1) Latvian artists are great professionals performing all around Europe and the world
2) We have beautiful and abundant nature
3) We are proud and take good care of our cultural heritage

I am proud being a European citizen:
1) I feel safe being like a small but very important part of the European Union
2) I can easily live, travel and study all around the EU
3) We are part of European Economic zone — and Latvian € coins are considered among the most beautiful!

Mitja Bukovec, SLOVENIA

I am proud to live in a Union of states and cultures that overcame all the differences that divided them in the past and are now united under the same flag and anthem. European citizenship gives me an opportunity to make difference, to make democracy, unity and solidarity work. The idea of European Union should be the role model for the continents united as one.

As Slovenian citizen I am proud of our history. As we were and still are on the crossroad of so many important routes we preserved and retained our identity, culture, language and independence. We are big heart in a small country and belong to a big EU family.

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