



TRIVIAL EUROPE

Description

This game is a general **European culture quiz** based on the “Trivial Pursuit”. Participants turn a wheel on which several categories of questions are written. This game **can be adapted to different audiences**, by modifying the categories of questions and the level of complexity of the questions.

Objectives

This game allows the participants to widen their **knowledge of Europe** beyond what they traditionally learn in **history** and **geography classes**. It also raises awareness on the porosity of the European frontiers, and on the mutual influence of the European countries and cultures. Participants will realise that they know more about other European cultures than they thought they did.

Participants



Maximum **20 persons**, aged from **10 to 15 years old** (but the complexity of the questions can be adapted to any age).

Duration



1 to 2 hours depending on the number of participants

Game rules

1. Divide the participants into two teams
2. One person from each team starts and turn the wheel
3. The person picks a card from the category on which the wheel stopped on, without looking at the content of the card
4. The teacher reads the question
5. After consulting his/her team the person answers the question within a maximum time of 30 seconds
6. After 30 seconds if the person has not answered, the other team can give an answer
7. If the other team is right it gets the point
8. Then it is the other team's turn to play
9. The first team that reaches 10 points wins



Material

Cards (see examples below)

A timer

A wheel: it can be a real wheel made out of cardboard or wood (see examples below), or a virtual wheel: some websites allow you to create and personalise your own wheel. We have created a virtual wheel [here](#). To turn it, double-click on it.

Model for a wheel





Example of a structure



Examples of questions

CINEMA

What do Audrey Hepburn, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Benoît Poelvoorde have in common? They were born in Belgium.

In which country is Frozen set? Norway.

Where does the beginning and the end of Peter Pan take place? London.

Which European city was the shooting set of Game of Thrones? Dubrovnik, Croatia.

GEOGRAPHY

How many EU countries do the Alps spread onto? 5.

Which EU-funded bridge links Sweden to Denmark? The Øresund bridge.

Which is the biggest harbour in Europe? Rotterdam.

Which city is often called “the Venice of the North”? Bruges.

Name an Italian volcano? Vesuvio, Etna.

INVENTIONS

Where do the Legos come from? Denmark.

Where do the Nokia phones come from? Finland.

Where was Skype created? Estonia.

What was the Nation of birth of Nikola Tesla, the inventor of the alternative electric current? Croatia.

Which Franco-Polish woman is the only person to ever be awarded two Nobel Prizes in two different disciplines? Marie Curie (physics and chemistry).

LANGUAGES

How many official languages does the EU have? 24.

Which are the official languages of Belgium? French, Dutch and German.

Which languages are the closest to Finnish? Hungarian and Estonian.

Which European language has no common roots with any other language? Basque.

LITERATURE

What was the name of the two German brothers famous for their children's tales? Grimm.

Which legendary Count lived in Romania? Dracula.

What is the title of the famous series of Swedish detective novels written by Stieg Larsson? Millenium.

Where does Hans Christian Andersen, author of the Little Mermaid, come from? Denmark.

Where does Tintin come from? Belgium.

Where does the Little Red Hen come from? Ireland.

MONUMENTS

In which country can you visit the House of Anne Frank? The Netherlands (Amsterdam).

What is the biggest museum in Europe? The Louvre (Paris).

Which country has the most well-preserved Roman amphitheatre in the world? France (the Nîmes arenas).

What is the name of the huge, still unfinished cathedral in Barcelona? La Sagrada Familia.

Where can you visit the oldest monument in Europe? England (Stonehenge, -2800 BC).

TRADITIONS

In which EU country do kids celebrate a witch named la Befana the day before the Epiphany? Italy.

In which EU country do people offer each other presents on 6 January rather than for Christmas? Spain.

Where does Santa Claus live? Finland.

Which country celebrates Saint Patrick's Day as its National Day? Ireland.



MUSIC

Which country is Mozart from? Austria.

Can you name a famous Swedish band? ABBA.

What is the name of the music contest in which all the European countries compete every year?
Eurovision.

In which country was Frédéric Chopin born? Poland.

Who composed the European anthem? Beethoven.

POLITICS

What is the EU's motto? United in diversity.

What is the difference between the EU and Europe? Political organisation vs continent.

How many stars are on the EU flag? 12.

How many people live in the EU? 500 million.

What is the common currency used by 17 EU countries? €.

For which EU institution do European citizens vote this year in the European elections? The Parliament.

Which country was the last one to join the EU? Croatia in 2013.

SPORTS

What is the name of the Italian national soccer team? La Squadra Azzura.

Which EU city was the last one to welcome Olympic Games? London in 2012.

Which European football team won the Champions League 9 times? Real Madrid.

What is the means of transport you cannot live without in Denmark? Bike.

What is the national Slovenian sport? Ski.

EXAMPLE OF A FORMAT FOR CARDS:

<p>Which country was the last one to join the EU?</p> <p>Croatia in 2013</p>	<p>What is the EU's motto?</p> <p>« United in diversity »</p>
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