

EUROQUIZ 2025 – HEATS

ROUND 1 - Geography & History

(15 questions)

1. Which landlocked country, completely surrounded by Italy, is the smallest state in the world both by area and by population?

Vatican City



- *Flag of Vatican (shown on slides)*

2. The colours blue and yellow feature on the flags of both Ukraine and Sweden. True or false?

TRUE



- *Photos on slides: Stockholm and Kyiv*

3. The Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower in Paris are situated on the banks of which river? Circle the correct answer.

***a) The Seine**

b) The Loire

c) The Rhône

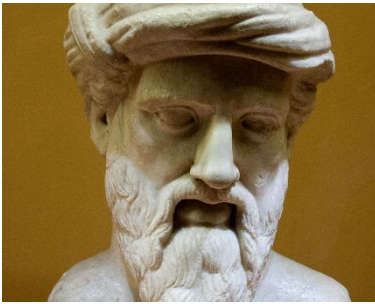
4. What currency is currently used in Hungary?

Hungarian forint

- Photo on slides: Hungarian Parliament Building in Budapest

5. In which ancient civilisation did the mathematician Pythagoras live?

Ancient Greece



6. Dalmatia - where a breed of spotty dog originated - is a coastal region of North Macedonia. True or false?

FALSE (Croatia)

7. What is the approximate number of lakes surrounding the city of Trakai in Lithuania?
Circle the correct number.

a) 50

b) 100

***c) 200**

8. The Gulf of Finland is located between Finland and which other country?

Estonia

9. Name the tallest mountain in Europe.

Mount Elbrus

10. In World War I, the Battle of the Somme was fought in which country?

a) Belgium

b) Germany

***c) France**

11. There were no humans living on Iceland before the arrival of Viking settlers in the late 9th century. True or false?

TRUE

12. The River Danube flows through Germany, Austria and eight other European countries. Name two of the remaining eight.

Any two from: Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine.

13. When did the world's oldest zoo, the Tiergarten Schönbrunn, first open in Vienna, Austria?

a) 1652

***b) 1752**

c) 1852

14. What was the original name of the Roman Emperor Augustus who founded the Roman Empire in 27BC?

Octavian



15. This historical monument, a symbol of peace, is situated in Berlin, Germany. What is it called?

The Brandenburg Gate



ROUND 2 - Languages

(15 questions)

Quizmaster: *"Listen to the following news report. For the first 10 questions, I will ask each question individually. You will then hear some information in German, Italian, Spanish and French which will contain the answer to each question. You will hear the recordings twice. After the second time, you will be given a few moments to discuss the answer with your team. Write down the answer to the question in English on your sheet. You may make notes at any time, but it is extremely important that you remain completely silent while you are listening to the recordings."*

Listening.

1. The report is coming from Porto. True or False? - **FALSE**

RECORDING:

German: Guten Tag, ich berichte heute aus Tallinn, der Hauptstadt von Estland.

Italian: Buon pomeriggio. Siamo in collegamento da Tallin, la capitale dell'Estonia.

Spanish: Buenas tardes, les estoy informando hoy desde Tallin, la capital de Estonia.

French: Bonjour à tous. Je me trouve aujourd'hui à Tallin, la capitale de l'Estonie.

[*ENGLISH: Good afternoon. I am reporting to you today from Tallin, the capital of Estonia.*]

2. What is the first topic of the news report? Circle the correct answer.

a). European Capital of Culture

b). European Parliamentary elections

***c). European Capital of Sport**

RECORDING:

German: Diese Woche sprechen wir über die Feierlichkeiten zur europäischen Sporthauptstadt 2025.

Italian: Questa settimana parliamo delle celebrazioni per la Capitale Europea dello Sport 2025.

Spanish: Esta semana, hablamos de las celebraciones para la Capital Europea del Deporte 2025.

French: Cette semaine, nous discutons des festivités de la Ville Européenne du Sport 2025.

3. Write down two pieces of information about the report. Complete the sentence by filling in the gaps.

*The mayor of Tallinn announced that the city has spent nearly **29 million euros** on the city's European Capital of Sport 2025 celebrations. New, accessible sports facilities have been built in all **eight** districts of the city*

RECORDING:

German: Der Bürgermeister von Tallinn gab bekannt, dass die Stadt fast 29 Millionen Euro für die Feierlichkeiten zur europäischen Sporthauptstadt 2025 ausgegeben hat. In allen acht Stadtteilen wurden neue barrierefreie Sporteinrichtungen gebaut.

Italian: Il sindaco di Tallinn ha annunciato che la città ha speso quasi 29 milioni di euro per le celebrazioni per la Capitale Europea dello Sport 2025. Sono stati costruiti nuovi impianti sportivi accessibili a tutti negli otto distretti della città.

Spanish: El alcalde de Tallin anunció que la ciudad ha gastado casi 29 millones de euros en las celebraciones para la Capital Europea del Deporte 2025. Se han construido instalaciones de deporte nuevas y accesibles en los ocho distritos de la ciudad.

French: Le maire de Tallinn a annoncé que la ville avait dépensé près de 29 millions d'euros pour les festivités de la Capitale Européenne du Sport 2025. De nouvelles infrastructures sportives ouvertes à tous ont été construites dans les huit quartiers de la ville.

4. In which winter sport do competitors complete the annual Tartu marathon? Circle the correct answer.

a). *Skate*

b). *Ski

c). *Toboggan*

RECORDING:

German: Der Tartu Marathon ist einer der beliebtesten Sportveranstaltungen in Estland. Bei diesem Marathon laufen die Teilnehmenden nicht, sondern sie fahren Ski. Tausende von Teilnehmenden machen bei dieser Veranstaltung mit.

Italian: La maratona di Tartu è uno dei più famosi eventi 7articip annuali dell'Estonia. Invece di correre, I partecipanti di questa maratona sciano. Migliaia di persone partecipano all'evento.

Spanish: El maratón de Tartu es uno de los eventos deportivos más populares en Estonia. Los competidores no corren este maratón, sino que esquían. Miles de competidores 7articipant en el evento.

French: Le marathon de Tartu est l'un des événements sportifs annuels les plus populaires d'Estonie. Les concurrents ne courent pas ce marathon, ils le skient. Des milliers de concurrents 7articipant à cet événement.

[ENGLISH: The Tartu marathon is one of Estonia's most popular annual sporting events. Competitors do not run this marathon, instead they ski. Thousands of competitors take part in the event.]

5. The reporter talks about tourism in Tallinn. Besides sport, what do tourists love to do in the city? Mention one thing.

Explore the historic old town, visit the museums, enjoy the beaches (any answer for one point)

RECORDING:

German: Außerhalb vom Sport, erkunden Touristen in Tallinn auch die historische Altstadt, besuchen Museen und genießen die Strände.

Italian: Oltre allo sport, i turisti che visitano Tallinn amano esplorare il centro storico, visitare i musei e andare in spiaggia.

Spanish: Además del deporte, a los turistas que visitan Tallin les encanta explorar el histórico casco antiguo, visitar los museos y disfrutar las playas.

French: Au-delà du sport, les touristes qui visitent Tallinn aiment explorer la vieille ville historique, visiter les musées et profiter des plages.

6. In July there will be a huge festival in Tallinn. Which two aspects of culture are celebrated at this festival?

Song and dance (*One point for both answers*)

RECORDING:

German: Im Juli wird das Lieder- und Tanzfest in Tallinn stattfinden.

Italian: A luglio, si svolgerà a Tallinn il Festival della Canzone e della Danza.

Spanish: En julio, el Festival de la Canción y la Danza tendrá lugar en Tallin.

French: En juillet, la Fête de la Chanson et de la Danse aura lieu à Tallinn.

[*ENGLISH: In July, the Song and Dance Celebration will take place in Tallinn.*]

7. How often does this festival take place?

Every 5 years

RECORDING:

German: Das Liederfest findet alle fünf Jahre statt.

Italian: Il Festival della Canzone e della Danza si svolge ogni cinque anni.

Spanish: El Festival de la Canción y la Danza tiene lugar cada cinco años.

French: La Fête de la Chanson et de la Danse a lieu tous les cinq ans.

[ENGLISH: The Song and Dance Celebration takes place every five years.]

8. What is the next topic of the news report? Circle the correct answer.

a). TV round-up

***b). Music news**

c). Weather report

RECORDING:

German: Jetzt zu einigen Musiknachrichten. Gestern Abend gab die Singer-Songwriterin Sabrina Carpenter ein mitreißendes Konzert vor ausverkauftem Publikum in der Konzerthalle von Estland.

Italian: E adesso qualche notizia sulla musica. Ieri sera, la cantautrice Sabrina Carpenter ha fatto uno spettacolo entusiasmante all'Estonia Concert Hall davanti a un pubblico numeroso. L'evento ha registrato il tutto esaurito.

Spanish: Ahora algunas noticias musicales. Anoche, cantautora Sabrina Carpenter ofreció una emocionante interpretación ante un público que agotó las entradas en la sala de conciertos de Estonia.

French: Et maintenant, quelques nouvelles musicales. Hier soir, l'auteur-compositeur-interprète Sabrina Carpenter a donné un concert exceptionnel à guichets fermés à la Salle de Concert d'Estonie.

[ENGLISH: Now some music news. Yesterday evening, singer-songwriter Sabrina Carpenter gave an exciting performance to a sell-out crowd at the Estonia Concert Hall.]

9. What is the weather forecast for tomorrow? Complete the sentence.

Cloudy // sunny (both answers for one point)

RECORDING:

German: Am Morgen wird es bewölkt und am Nachmittag wird es sonnig sein.

Italian: Questa mattina il tempo sarà nuvoloso e questo pomeriggio ci sarà il sole.

Spanish: Esta mañana estará nublado y esta tarde hará sol.

French: Ce matin, le temps sera nuageux et cet après-midi, il y aura du soleil.

[ENGLISH: This morning it will be cloudy and this afternoon it will be sunny.]

10. What is going to be broadcast after this news report? Mention one thing.

Rugby match

RECORDING:

German: Vielen Dank fürs Zuschauen. Jetzt folgt ein Rugby-Spiel, die Glasgow Warriors gegen Toulon. Bis bald!

Italian: Grazie per averci seguito. A seguire una partita di rugby: i Glasgow Warriors giocheranno contro il Tolone. A presto!

Spanish: Gracias por su atención. A continuación, un partido de rugby, los Glasgow Warriors jugarán contra Toulon. ¡Hasta pronto!

French: Merci de nous avoir suivis. Le programme suivant est un match de rugby : les Glasgow Warriors joueront contre Toulon. A bientôt !

[ENGLISH: Thank you for watching. Up next is a rugby match, Glasgow Warriors will play Toulon. See you soon!]

Reading.

Quizmaster: *"Read this short blog post by Sofia who lives in Greece. Read the translations on your answer sheet in the language(s) you are learning in school and answer questions 11-15. You will have a few minutes to complete this section in your teams".*

Blog post:

Hello, my name is Sophia, and I live in Thessaloniki, Greece. I am 12 years old. I am a member of my local wheelchair basketball club. I play two times per week on a Wednesday and a Saturday. I play position number two, and I score most of our points. My team has five players, and my best friend Alex is in the team too.

After a busy week of school and training, on Sundays I get up late. I like chatting with my friends on Facetime. We share funny stories and laugh a lot! In the afternoon I go to the park with my family and my dog. I enjoy nature and being outside. I like to throw the ball for the dog, feed the ducks and go to the café. I normally get a strawberry and banana smoothie in the cafe. It's delicious!

Questions:

11. Sophia is a member of which sports club? Circle the correct answer.

a). *Wheelchair tennis*

b). *Wheelchair basketball

c). *Wheelchair rugby*

12. There are six people in a wheelchair basketball team. True or false?

FALSE (five)

13. On Facetime, Sophia chats with _____. Fill in the gap.

Her friends/Friends

14. Name two things Sophia does in the park.

Throws the ball for the dog, feeds the ducks, goes to the cafe (any two for one point)

1. Which two fruits flavour the smoothie that Sophia normally has at the cafe? Circle the correct answer.

a). Raspberry and apple

b). Banana and mango

****c). Strawberry and banana***

Quizmaster: "If you finish this exercise early, have a quiet discussion in your groups about how you spend your free time in the language(s) you are learning. How is it different or similar to other young people around the world?"

Translations of above reading text:

Language	Translation of news article
German	"Hallo, mein Name ist Sofia und ich wohne in Thessaloniki in Griechenland. Ich bin 12 Jahre alt. Ich bin Mitglied des Rollstuhlbasketballvereins in meiner Gegend. Ich trainiere zweimal pro Woche, mittwochs und samstags. Ich spiele als Shooting Guard und erziele die meisten Punkte für unser Team. Unser Team hat fünf Spieler und mein bester Freund Alex gehört auch dazu. Nach einer anstrengenden Woche in der Schule und beim Training, stehe ich sonntags spät auf. Ich rede gerne mit meinen Freundinnen über Facetime. Wir erzählen uns gegenseitig lustige Geschichten und lachen sehr viel! Am Nachmittag gehe ich mit meiner Familie und meinem Hund in den Park. Ich genieße es, draußen zu sein und Zeit in der Natur zu verbringen. Ich werfe gerne den Ball für den Hund, füttere die Enten und gehe ins Café. Im Café hole ich mir normalerweise einen Erbeer-Banane Smoothie. Der schmeckt so lecker!"
Italian	"Ciao, mi chiamo Sofia e vivo a Salonicco, in Grecia. Ho 12 anni. Faccio parte di una squadra locale di pallacanestro in carrozzina. Ci gioco due volte alla settimana, il mercoledì e il sabato. Gioco nel ruolo numero due e segno la maggior parte dei nostri punti. Nella mia squadra ci sono cinque giocatori, e anche il mio migliore amico Alex fa parte della squadra. Dopo una settimana impegnativa tra scuola e allenamenti, la domenica mi sveglio tardi. Mi piace chiacchierare con i miei amici su Facetime. Ci raccontiamo storie divertenti e ridiamo molto! Nel pomeriggio vado al parco con la mia famiglia e il mio cane. Mi piace stare nella natura e all'aperto. Adoro lanciare la palla al cane, dare da mangiare alle anatre e andare al bar. Di solito prendo un frullato con fragole e banane al bar. È delizioso!"
Spanish	"Hola, me llamo Sofía y vivo en Thessaloniki, Grecia. Tengo 12 años. Formo parte de mi club local de baloncesto en silla de ruedas. Juego dos veces por semana los miércoles y los sábados. Juego en la posición número dos y anoto la mayoría de nuestros puntos. Mi equipo tiene cinco jugadores, y mi mejor amigo Alex forma parte del equipo también. Después de una semana ajetreada de escuela y entrenamiento, me levanto tarde los domingos. Me gusta charlar con mis amigos en Facetime. Compartimos historias graciosas y nos reímos un montón. Por la tarde voy al parque con mi familia y mi perro. Disfruto la naturaleza y estar afuera. Me gusta tirar la pelota para el perro, dar de comer a los patos e ir a la cafetería. Suelo pedir un batido de frutas de fresa y plátano. Está riquísimo. "

French	"Bonjour, je m'appelle Sofia et j'habite à Thessalonique, en Grèce. J'ai 12 ans. Je suis membre du club local de basket fauteuil. Je joue deux fois par semaine, le mercredi et le samedi. Je joue en tant que numéro deux et je marque la plupart de nos points. Mon équipe compte cinq joueurs et mon meilleur ami Alex en fait également partie. Après une semaine bien remplie entre l'école et l'entraînement, je me lève tard le dimanche. J'aime discuter avec mes amis sur Facetime. Nous partageons des histoires drôles et nous rigolons beaucoup ! L'après-midi, je vais au parc avec ma famille et mon chien. J'aime la nature et être dehors. J'aime lancer la balle à mon chien, nourrir les canards et aller au café. Normalement je prends un smoothie à la fraise et à la banane dans le café. C'est délicieux ! "
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ROUND 3 - Understanding Europe: Culture and European Affairs

(15 questions)

1. In which year did Greece join the European Union?

1981

2. Scotland is made up of 32 local authorities. True or False?

TRUE

3. What is the name of this Spanish tennis player who won the Men's Singles Championship at Wimbledon in 2024?

Carlos Alcaraz



4. Sibelius was a famous composer from which European country?

a) *Austria*

***b). Finland**

c) *Sweden*

5. The sport of bobsleigh originated in Austria. True or False?

FALSE. It originated in Switzerland

6. In which city and country is the European Central Bank located?

Frankfurt, Germany

7. From which country does the traditional rice dish named paella come from?

Spain

8. How many times has Scotland hosted the Commonwealth Games?

a) Four

***b) Three**

c) Four

9. In the summer of 2024, which country hosted the football competition Euro 2024?

Germany

10. In which year did Estonia win the Eurovision song contest with the song 'Everybody' by Tanel Padar and Dave Benton?

a). 2000

***b). 2001**

c). 2002

11. What is the name of the national parliamentary building that features this dome?

The Reichstag (Berlin)

12. Agatha Barbara was the first female president of which country?

Malta

13. The Tour de France finishes in Paris every year, but in 2024 it finished in Nice. Why was this? Circle the correct answer.

a). *the French Presidential elections*

b). *Paris hosted the Olympics

c). *Roadworks across Paris*

14. From which European country did the ballroom dance The Waltz originate?

Austria

15. Nadia Comăneci was the first gymnast ever to score a perfect 10, at the 1976 Olympic Games. In which country was she born?

Romania



ROUND 4 – General Knowledge

(15 questions)

1. What is the name of the currency used in Poland?

Złoty

2. Star footballer Luka Modrić plays for which European country?

Croatia



3. What is the name of the famous German scientist and Nobel Prize winner for Physics in 1921?

Albert Einstein

4. Lake Como, one of the deepest in Europe can be found in which country?

***a) Italy**

b) Greece

c) Germany

5. How often do the elections for the European Parliament take place?

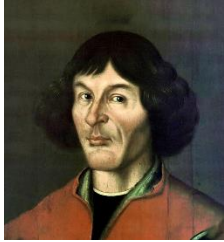
Every 5 years

6. What is the capital city of Slovenia?

Ljubljana

7. Born in 1473, what is the name of the Polish astronomer who discovered that the Earth revolves around the Sun?

(Nicolaus) Copernicus



8. Lake Balaton frequently freezes over in winter and is popular for skating and sledging. In which country would you find Lake Balaton?

a) Slovenia

b) Romania

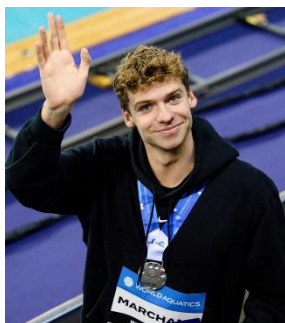
****c) Hungary***

9. In which year did Estonia join the European Union?

2004

10. Olympic swimming champion Léon Marchand is from which European country?

France



11. Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Western Europe rising almost 5000 metres above sea level, is located in which European mountain range?

The Alps

12. In Sweden, what is the currency used?

Krona

13. Which European country will host the Winter Olympics in 2026?

Italy

14. What is the national sport of Latvia?

Ice-hockey

15. Ireland has two official languages. What are they?

Irish and English

Tiebreaker questions

In the case of a tie at the end of round 4, tiebreakers will be used to identify the winning (finalist) team. All teams with the same score (if it is the highest score) at the end of Round 4 will participate in the tiebreak. Please follow these instructions if you require a tiebreaker after round 4:

In-person Heats: Any tiebreak teams will receive an answer paper (provided - please print a few copies of these in advance in case they are required) or a blank piece of paper if answer sheets are not available. The quizmaster will read tiebreaker questions, and all tiebreaker teams will write their answers. Other teams can also participate for fun, but their papers will not be marked. These will then be marked quickly by a scoring volunteer and the finalists will be announced. In case of another tie, the quizmaster should read the next set of tiebreaker questions and repeat the process until the winning team is identified.

Online heats: If you require a tiebreak, please contact the relevant schools to arrange a short video call. You can arrange separate calls with individual schools and read a set of tiebreaker questions to the teams, who will then respond verbally so you can mark as you go. You can then notify all schools when you have completed the tiebreaker with each school.

If you choose to have the schools on call at the same time, please read the questions one at a time to all teams. Pupils will have a few seconds to discuss each question quietly in their groups (you may want to ask pupils to mute their microphones whilst they discuss their answers). You will then ask the pupils to write their answers in the chat box (without pressing send) and then give a 3-second countdown for all teams to press send and submit their answers at the same time. Spelling will not count as long as the answer is clear. Repeat this until you have a clear winner.

1. Which European country's flag shows a two-headed black eagle on a red background?

Albania

2. The Channel Tunnel connects the UK to which European country?

France

3. The Galician language is spoken in which European country?

Spain

4. Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory situated on the southern coast of Spain. True or False?

TRUE

5. What currency is currently used in the Republic of Ireland?

Euro

6. What is the national flower of both Bulgaria and England?

Rose

7. The Senedd in Cardiff, the Reichstag in Berlin, the Storting in Oslo are all what type of building?

Parliament building

8. Den Haag (The Hague) is a city Denmark. True or false?

FALSE (The Netherlands)

9. The Algarve is a coastal area in the south of which European country?

Portugal

10. Which was the most recent country to join the European Union in 2013?

Croatia

11. Romania has a coastline on which sea?

The Black Sea

12. The Knights of St John ruled over which European country in the 17th and 18th centuries?

Malta

13. In what year did Greta Thunberg start her 'school strike for climate change' protest outside the Swedish parliament?

2018

14. To what historical period do the paintings in the Altamira caves in Spain and the Lascaux caves in France date?

Stone age

15. In 1991, Helen Sharman was the first British person to do what?

Go into space

16. After World War II, the UK government invited people from the Caribbean to come to the UK to help rebuild the country. What was the name of the ship that brought the first Caribbean people responding to the government's invitation in 1948? [It sounds like a type of weather in a hurry.]

(HMT Empire) Windrush

17. The car manufacturer Volvo and furniture manufacturer IKEA originated in which European country?

Sweden

18. In the second century BC, legions from which ancient Army built the Antonine Wall (in what is now central Scotland) and Hadrian's Wall (in what is now northern England)?

Roman Army

19. How many European countries decided to team up after World War II to make the European Economic Community, the predecessor of the European Union?

6 countries

20. Apart from the United Kingdom and Ireland, name one country in Europe where cars drive on the left hand side of the road.

One of: Malta, Cyprus

21. The Wieliczka salt mine in Poland operated from the 13th to the 21st centuries. True or false?

TRUE

22. In 2003 British Sign Language (BSL) was formally recognized as a language in the UK.
True or false?

TRUE

23. Which European city is famed for having unusual buildings, designed by the architect Antoni Gaudí?

Barcelona (Spain, Catalunya)

24. In which of the Baltic states would you find the Riga Doms cathedral?

Latvia

25. The first Paralympics for disabled athletes took place in Rome, Italy. In what year?

1960

26. On what date might you see people in France wear blue cornflower badges and people in Britain wear red poppies badges to commemorate Armistice Day?

November 11th

27. What was invented by Alexander Graham Bell, a Scot?

Telephone

28. Which yellow orange material formed from tree resin can be found in Baltic countries and is used to make jewellery?

Amber

29. Schipol (pronounced Skip-ol) in Amsterdam; John Paul II International in Kraków: and Charles de Gaulle in Paris are all what type of transport hub?

Airport

30. Škoda cars and Bohemian glass both originate from which European country?

Czechia/Czech Republic