

EUROQUIZ 2026 – FINAL
ROUND 1 - Geography & History
(20 questions)

1. What is the capital city of Latvia?

Riga

2. In what year did the expedition from Spain, led by Christopher Columbus, mark the start of the European colonisation of the Caribbean and the Americas? Choose a, b or c

a. 1492

b. 1493

c. 1494

3. Romania has a sea border with the Black Sea. True or False?

TRUE

4. In 1987, a famous Swedish furniture brand opened its first store in the UK. Name the Swedish furniture brand.

IKEA

5. Which mountain range forms a border between France and Spain?

The Pyrenees

6. The flags of Romania, Andorra and Moldova all have the same three colours. Name one of the colours.

One from: red, yellow and blue

7. Which sea lies between Greece and Italy? Choose a, b or c

a. Adriatic Sea

b. *Ionian Sea*

c. Aegean Sea

8. What was the name of the Empire ruled from what is now Türkiye between the 14th and early 20th centuries? It controlled a lot of the Southeast Europe, Western Asia and Northern Africa.

The Ottoman Empire

9. Made from thousands of rocky columns that were formed by an ancient volcano, what is the name of this famous landmark in Northern Ireland?

The Giant's Causeway

10. Which year did the Magyars found the Kingdom of Hungary? Choose a, b or c

- a. 900
- b. 950
- c. **1000**

11. Which mountain range would you find in Romania?

Carpathian Mountains

12. The three main canals in Amsterdam, the Netherlands were originally built during the Dutch Golden Age in the 1600s. True or false?

TRUE

13. What is the official name of Switzerland?

The Swiss Confederation

14. In the 14th century, in which country did Grand Duke Gediminas (Ged-im-een-as) build a fortress after dreaming of an iron wolf? Choose a, b or c

- a. **Lithuania**
- b. Latvia
- c. Estonia

15. In which European country is the active volcano named Stromboli situated?

Italy

16. Steel manufacture was important for the industrial revolution that spread through Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries. Who was the inventor of modern steelmaking?

Henry Bessemer

17. In which UK nation can you find the Blue Lagoon, a human-made pool in an old quarry by the sea, famous for its bright blue colour?

Wales

18. Ukraine is the second largest country on the European continent? True or False?

TRUE

19. Mary Queen of Scots was born in which Scottish stately building? Choose a, b or c

- a. Falkland Palace
- b. **Linlithgow Palace**
- c. Palace of Holyroodhouse

20. In which suburb of Paris was the treaty which brought an end to the First World War signed?

Versailles

ROUND 2 - Languages

(10 questions in total – 6 listening & 4 reading)

Quizmaster: "Listen to the following news report. For the first 6 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 of each language once, then you will hear the recordings of each language a second time. 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 voices."

Listening:

1. The report is coming from Finland. True or False?

RECORDING:

German: Guten Morgen. Heute berichte ich aus der finnischen Stadt Oulu.

Italian: Buongiorno. Vi parlo oggi dalla città di Oulu, in Finlandia.

Spanish: Buenos días. Les hablo hoy desde la ciudad de Oulu, en Finlandia.

French: Bonjour. Aujourd'hui, je suis en direct de Oulu, en Finlande.

True

[ENGLISH: Good morning. Today I am reporting to you from the city of Oulu in Finland.]

2. What is the main topic of the news report? Circle the correct answer.
 - a. *European City of Sport*
 - b. *European Parliament elections*
 - c. *European Capital of Culture*

RECORDING:

German: Heute entdecken wir Oulu: einer der Kulturhauptstädten Europas dieses Jahr.

Italian: Oggi vi porto alla scoperta di Oulu, una delle capitali europee della cultura di quest'anno.

Spanish: Hoy exploraremos Oulu, una de las Capitales Europeas de la Cultura de este año.

French: Aujourd'hui, nous allons explorer Oulu, qui est une des capitales européennes de la culture cette année.

[ENGLISH: Today, we are exploring Oulu, which is one of European Capitals of Culture this year.]

3. Listen to the report. Mention one thing about the city.

RECORDING:

German: Oulu ist im Norden Finlands, an der Westküste. Oulu ist für die Entwicklung neuer Technologien bekannt.

Italian: Oulu si trova nel nord della Finlandia, sulla costa occidentale. Oulu è famosa per lo sviluppo di nuove tecnologie.

Spanish: Oulu se encuentra al norte de Finlandia, en la costa oeste. Oulu es famosa por su desarrollo en nuevas tecnologías.

French: Oulu est au nord de la Finlande, sur la côte ouest. Oulu est célèbre pour son développement de nouvelles technologies.

Any for 1 point: In the north of Finland//on the west coast//famous for developing new technologies

[ENGLISH: Oulu is in the north of Finland, on the west coast. Oulu is famous for developing new technologies.]

4. Oulu hosts the World Championships for playing music in which unusual way? Circle the correct answer.

- a. *Invisible Bagpipes*
- b. *Air Guitar*
- c. *Micro Piano*

RECORDING:

German: Jedes Jahr findet in Oulu die Luftgitarren-Weltmeisterschaft statt.

Italian: Ogni anno, Oulu ospita i campionati mondiali di Air Guitar.

Spanish: Cada año, se celebra en Oulu el Mundial de guitarra imaginaria.

French: Chaque année, Oulu accueille le championnat du monde de Air Guitar.

[ENGLISH: Every year, Oulu hosts the Air Guitar World Championships.]

5. The reporter talks about tourism in Oulu. What do tourists love to do in the city? Mention one thing.

RECORDING:

German: Touristen, die Oulu besuchen, fahren gerne Fahrrad, genießen die Strände und entdecken die historische Altstadt.

Italian: I turisti in visita a Oulu amano andare in bicicletta, godersi le spiagge ed esplorare il centro storico della città.

Spanish: A los turistas que visitan Oulu les encanta montar en bicicleta, visitar las playas y explorar el centro histórico de la ciudad.

French: Les touristes qui visitent Oulu aime faire du vélo, ils apprécient les plages et explorent le centre historique de la ville.

Any answer for one point: Go cycling// enjoy the beaches // explore the historic old town

[ENGLISH: Tourists visiting Oulu love to go cycling, enjoy the beaches and explore the historic old town.]

6. What is the weather forecast for today in Oulu? Complete the sentence.

Today in Oulu, the weather will be _____. Thank you for listening to this news report.

RECORDING:

German: Heute wird es in Oulu windig sein. Danke, dass Sie diesen Bericht angehört haben.

Italian: Oggi a Oulu è previsto vento. Grazie per aver ascoltato questo notiziario.

Spanish: Hoy hará viento en Oulu. Gracias por haber escuchado este reportaje.

French: Aujourd'hui à Oulu, il y aura du vent. Merci d'avoir écouté ce reportage.

Windy

[ENGLISH: Today in Oulu, the weather is going to be windy. Thank you for listening to this news report.]

Reading:

Read this blog post by Eliana, who lives in Portugal. Read the translations on your answer sheet in the language(s) you are learning in school and answer questions 7-10.

If you finish this exercise early, have a quiet discussion in your groups about your morning routine in the language(s) you are learning. How is your day different or similar to other young people around the world?

7. Eliana has three older brothers. True or false?

False (two)

8. On days when it is not rainy or windy, Eliana travels to school by _____. Fill the gap.

Bike/ bicycle

9. Name one of Eliana's favourite school subjects.

Any one of: science, art and French.

10. On which day of the week is orchestra practice? Circle the correct answer

- a. Tuesday
- b. Thursday**
- c. Saturday

Blog post text [English]:

Hello, my name is Eliana and I am a 12 year old girl. I live in Lisbon the capital city of Portugal with my mother, my grandfather and my older two brothers.

On days when it is not rainy or windy, I cycle to school. My favourite subjects at school are science, art and French. In my free time, I practise playing my violin. I play violin in a youth orchestra, and every Thursday after school I have orchestra practice. I am excited about our next concert because my family are all coming to watch.

Translations of above reading text:

Language	Translation of news article
German	Hallo, mein Name ist Eliana und ich bin ein zwölfjähriges Mädchen. Ich wohne mit meiner Mutter, meinem Großvater und meinen beiden älteren Brüdern in Lissabon, der Hauptstadt von Portugal. Wenn es nicht regnet oder windig ist, fahre ich mit meinem Fahrrad zur Schule. Meine Lieblingsfächer in der Schule sind Naturwissenschaften, Kunst und Französisch. In meiner Freizeit übe ich Geige. Ich spiele in einem Jugendorchester Geige und jeden Donnerstag übe ich nach der Schule mit dem Jugendorchester. Ich freue mich sehr auf unser nächstes Konzert, weil meine ganze Familie zuschauen wird.
Italian	Ciao, mi chiamo Eliana e ho 12 anni. Vivo a Lisbona, la capitale del Portogallo, con mia madre, mio nonno e i miei due fratelli maggiori. Nei giorni in cui non piove e non c'è vento, vado a scuola in bicicletta. Le mie materie preferite a scuola sono scienze, arte e francese. Nel mio tempo libero, mi esercito a suonare il violino. Suono il violino in un'orchestra giovanile e ogni giovedì dopo scuola ho le prove. Sono emozionata per il nostro prossimo concerto perché tutta la mia famiglia verrà a vederlo.
Spanish	Hola, me llamo Eliana y soy una niña de 12 años. Vivo en Lisboa, la capital de Portugal, con mi madre, mi abuelo y mis dos hermanos mayores. En los días en los que no llueve ni hace viento, voy a la escuela en bicicleta. Mis asignaturas favoritas en el colegio son las ciencias naturales, educación artística y francés. En mi tiempo libre practico tocar el violín. Toco el violín en una orquesta juvenil y cada jueves al salir de clase tengo ensayo con la orquesta. Estoy emocionada por nuestro próximo concierto porque toda mi familia va a venir a verlo.
French	Bonjour, je m'appelle Eliana et je suis une fille âgée de 12 ans. Je vis à Lisbonne, la capitale du Portugal, avec ma mère, mon grand-père et mes deux grands frères. Quand il ne pleut pas ou qu'il n'y a pas de vent, je vais à l'école à vélo. Mes matières préférées à l'école sont les sciences, l'art et le français. Dans mon temps libre, je joue du violon. Je joue du violon dans l'orchestre des jeunes, et chaque jeudi après l'école, j'ai répétition avec l'orchestre. J'ai hâte pour notre prochain concert parce que toute ma famille vient y assister.

ROUND 3 - Understanding European Cultures
(20 questions)

1. The famous bridge over the River Vltava between Prague Castle and Prague old town and the King of the United Kingdom, both have the same name. What is it?

Charles

2. Which is the only country in the world to have four national football teams?

United Kingdom

3. Caribou and wolverine are two species of Arctic mammal that are native to Norway. True or false?

TRUE

4. What would you do with a kravata from Croatia? Choose a, b or c

- a. eat it
- b. build it
- c. *wear it*

5. Instead of running, what kind of race is the Tartu marathon in Tallin, Estonia?

ski/skiing

6. The edelweiss is the national flower of Switzerland. True or false?

TRUE

7. The Alexander Nevsky in Sofia, Bulgaria and St Giles in Edinburgh, Scotland are both what type of building? Choose a, b or c

- a. palaces
- b. *cathedrals*
- c. castles

8. Native to Portugal and Spain, the Iberian lynx is a wild species of what type of animal?

(wild) cat

9. Halloumi, a semi-hard cheese, originates from Cyprus. True or False?

TRUE

10. What would you do with the following items: Pierogi from Poland, bara brith from Wales and goulash from Hungary? Choose a, b or c
- a. wear them
 - b. build them
 - c. *eat them*

11. Name one of the European countries whose teams play in the Six Nations rugby championships in February and March every year.

One of: England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, Wales

12. The word 'hygge' describing a cosy feeling and togetherness is from which language?

Danish

13. The temple in the capital of Greece called the Parthenon was dedicated to which goddess? Choose a, b or c

- a. *Athena*
- b. Artemis
- c. Ariadne

14. The national sport of Lithuania is badminton. True or false?

FALSE (The national sport of Lithuania is basketball)

15. Which musical instrument with 4 strings that you pluck with your finger was invented in Portugal and later became popular in Hawaii? Choose a, b or c

- a. Guitar
- b. Banjo
- c. *Ukulele*

16. In the European country known as the Land of Fire and Ice, many people believe in the existence of elves, trolls, and other mythical characters. Name the country.

Iceland

17. What festival would you be celebrating if you were eating Vánočka in Czechia or Stollen in Germany or Panettone in Italy?

Christmas

18. What is the English name of the language called hrvatski? Choose a, b or c

- a. *Croatian*
- b. Hungarian
- c. Romanian

19. Accomplished Lithuanian artist Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis composed 250 pieces of music and created 300 paintings in his lifetime. True or false?

TRUE

20. Which European country claims to have the most castles per person in the world?

Choose a, b or c

- a. Scotland
- b. *Slovakia*
- c. Sweden

**ROUND 4 – General Knowledge: European Affairs
(20 questions)**

1. The first chamber of the UK Parliament at Westminster is called the House of ?

Commons/House of Commons

2. The island of Martinique in the Caribbean is an overseas region of which European country?

France

3. Spotify (streamer) and H&M (clothes) are multinational companies from which country?

Sweden

4. In which Belgian city are the headquarters of the European Commission located?

Brussels/Bruxelles

5. What currency is used by both Malta and Ireland, amongst others?

Euro

6. How many member states (countries) are there in the European Union?

27

7. Global clothing brands Zara and Mango originated in which European country?

Spain

8. In Scotland, at what age are you eligible to vote in elections for the Scottish Parliament and local council?

16

9. How often are UK Parliament elections held? Every years.

Five/Every five years

10. International banking is a hugely important industry to which small European country? This country is ruled by Grand Duke Henri.

Luxembourg

11. Founded in 1954, what does the U in UEFA stand for? U_____ of European Football Associations.

Union (of European Football Associations)

12. In May 2026, the Austrian capital city hosted the 70th Eurovision Song Contest. Name the city.

Vienna

13. The most recent of the EU's treaties was signed in 2007. Name the city where it was signed.

Lisbon (Portugal)

14. In 2012, the European Union was awarded the Nobel Prize. What was the prize for?

Peace/Nobel Peace Prize

15. Which nation in the UK incorporated the United Nations Charter for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into law in 2020?

Scotland

16. Some parts of both Turkey and Russia lie in different continents. Europe is one of the continents, which is the second continent?

Asia

17. Name the currency used in both Denmark and Norway.

Krone

18. Which city state in Italy is the administrative capital of the Catholic Church worldwide?

Vatican City/The Vatican

19. In 2025 Chemnitz in Germany was awarded the title European Capital of what?

(European Capital of) Culture

20. In 2001 the European Commission and European Union declared an annual celebration of all languages. On which date is the European Day of Languages now celebrated every year?

26th September