

EUROQUIZ 2026 – HEATS
ROUND 1 - Geography & History
(15 questions)

1. What is the capital city of Romania?

Bucharest

2. The stone age village of Skara Brae can be found on the Shetland Islands in northern Scotland. True or False?

False (Orkney Islands)

3. In which decade did Cyprus gain its independence from the UK?

1960s

4. Name one European country whose flag only contains the colours red, white and blue.

Any of: Iceland, France, The Netherlands, Czechia, Croatia, Luxembourg, Norway, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, UK

5. Which of the following peoples set up kingdoms in Spain and Italy in the Middle Ages, roughly 500 - 1500AD?

a) The Goths

b) The Saxons

c) The Slavs

6. Historical figure, Joan of Arc, was born in which European country?

France

7. Which city is home to the Vasco da Gama Bridge, the longest bridge in Europe?

Lisbon

8. Which city is considered to be the birthplace of democracy?

Athens

9. Which country has the longest coastline in Europe?

a) France

b) Norway

c) Sweden

10. York Minster, a famous cathedral in Northern England built in 1472 took 250 years to build. True or False?

True

11. The Easter Rising of 1916 was a revolt against the British government. In which European country did it take place?

Ireland

12. In which country would you find the Postojna (Postoina) cave?

Slovenia

13. In 1906, which country became the first in Europe with universal suffrage, meaning that women and men had the right to vote in elections?

a) Denmark

b) Sweden

c) Finland

14. What is the name of the body of water between England and France?

The English Channel/ La Manche

15. Constantinople was the capital of the Roman Empire from 330-1204 AD and from 1261-1453 AD. What is this city known as today?

Istanbul

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 Greece. True or False? - **False**

RECORDING:

German: Guten Tag. Ich berichte heute aus Mailand in Italien.

Italian: Buon pomeriggio. Oggi vi parlo dalla città di Milano, in Italia.

Spanish: Buenas tardes. Les hablo en directo hoy desde la ciudad de Milán, en Italia.

French: Bonjour. Je suis aujourd'hui en direct de la ville de Milan en Italie.

[ENGLISH: Good afternoon. I am reporting to you today from the city of Milan, in Italy.]

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

- a) Summer Olympic Games
- b) Commonwealth Games
- c) **Winter Olympics and Paralympics 2026**

RECORDING:

German: Diese Woche besprechen wir die Winterolympiade und die paralympischen Spiele im Jahr 2026, die hier in Mailand stattfinden.

Italian: Questa settimana, parleremo dei Giochi Olimpici e Paralimpici Invernali 2026 che avranno luogo qui a Milano.

Spanish: Esta semana hablaremos sobre los Juegos Olímpicos y Paralímpicos de Invierno de 2026, que tendrán lugar aquí, en Milán.

French: Cette semaine, nous allons discuter des Jeux Olympiques et Paralympiques d'Hiver 2026 qui se déroulent ici à Milan.

[ENGLISH: This week, we are discussing the Winter Olympics and Paralympics 2026 taking place here in Milan.]

3. How many sports are included in the 2026 Winter Olympics? Complete the sentence by filling in the gap.

*More than 3500 athletes are taking part in the Winter Olympics and Paralympics in 2026. There are **16** Olympic sports and 6 Paralympic sports.*

RECORDING:

German: Mehr als 3500 Athleten nehmen an der Winterolympiade und den paralympischen Spielen in 2026 teil. Es gibt 16 olympische Sportarten und 6 paralympische Sportarten.

Italian: Più di 3500 atleti parteciperanno ai Giochi Olimpici e Paralimpici nel 2026. Ci sono 16 sport olimpici e 6 sport paralimpici.

Spanish: Más de 3.500 atletas participarán en los Juegos Olímpicos y Paralímpicos de Invierno en 2026. Hay 16 deportes olímpicos y 6 deportes paralímpicos.

French: Plus de 3 500 athlètes participent aux Jeux Olympiques et Paralympiques d'Hiver en 2026. Il y a 16 sports olympiques et 6 sports paralympiques.

4. What is the length of an indoor Olympic speed-skating track? Circle the correct answer.

a) 200m

b) 400m

c) 800m

RECORDING:

German: Eisschnelllaufen ist eine beliebte olympische Sportart. Eisschnellläufer treten auf einer 400m ovalen Bahn gegeneinander an.

Italian: Il pattinaggio di velocità è uno sport olimpico. I pattinatori di velocità gareggiano su una pista di ghiaccio ovale di 400 m.

Spanish: El patinaje de velocidad es un deporte olímpico popular. Los patinadores de velocidad compiten en una pista de hielo ovalada de 400 m.

French: Le patinage de vitesse est un sport olympique populaire. Les patineurs de vitesse font la course sur une piste gelée ovale de 400 m.

[ENGLISH: Speed-skating is a popular Olympic sport. Speedskaters race on an oval 400m ice track.]

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

Explore the famous churches // visit the museums // do some shopping (any answer for one point)

RECORDING:

German: Touristen besuchen Mailand nicht nur wegen der Winterolympiade, sie entdecken gerne die berühmten Kirchen, besuchen die Museen und kaufen ein.

Italian: Oltre a visitare Milano per i Giochi Olimpici Invernali, i turisti amano esplorare le famose chiese, visitare i musei, e fare shopping.

Spanish: Además de visitar Milán por los Juegos Olímpicos de Invierno, a los turistas también les encanta explorar las famosas iglesias, visitar museos e ir de compras.

French: A l'occasion de leur visite à Milan pour les Jeux Olympiques, les touristes aiment aussi explorer les célèbres églises, visiter les musées et faire du shopping.

[ENGLISH: As well as visiting Milan for the Winter Olympics, tourists love to explore the famous churches, visit the museums, and do some shopping.]

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

*Today in Milan it will **snow**. Thank you and have a lovely day!*

RECORDING:

German: Heute wird es in Mailand schneien. Vielen Dank und einen schönen Tag noch!

Italian: Oggi a Milano nevicherà. Grazie e buona giornata!

Spanish: Hoy nevará en Milán. ¡Gracias y que tengan un buen día!

French: Aujourd'hui à Milan, il neigera. Merci et bonne journée!

Reading:

Quiz host: "Read this short blog post by Stefan who lives in Stockholm, the capital city of Sweden. Read the translations on your answer sheet in the language(s) you are learning in school and answer questions 7-10. You will have a few minutes to complete this section in your teams".

Blog post:

Hello, my name is Stefan, and I live in Stockholm, the capital city of Sweden. I am 11 years old and live with my brother and my gran. I am a member of my local ice-hockey club. I play two times per week on a Tuesday and a Thursday after school. There are six people in my team, and I am the goalkeeper. I love playing ice-hockey because it's fun and very fast!

On Saturday mornings, I like to play video games with my brother. Then in the afternoon, we go by bus to the café with our gran for ice cream. My favourite flavours are lemon and coconut. Yum!

Questions:

7. Which sports club is Stefan a member of? Circle the correct answer.

a) *Hockey*

b) *Ice-skating*

c) ***Ice-hockey***

8. Stefan thinks ice-hockey is slow and not much fun. True or false?

False (he finds it fun and exciting)

9. On Saturday mornings Stefan likes to play video games with his _____. Fill in the gap.

Brother

10. Which two flavours of ice-cream are Stefan's favourites? Circle the correct answer.

a) *Raspberry and lemon*

b) *Vanilla and coconut*

c) ***Lemon and coconut***

*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	<p>Hallo, mein Name ist Stefan und ich wohne in Stockholm, der Hauptstadt von Schweden. Ich bin elf Jahre alt und wohne mit meinem Bruder und meiner Oma. Ich bin Mitglied meines örtlichen Eishockeyvereins. Ich spiele zweimal pro Woche, dienstags und donnerstags nach der Schule. Meine Mannschaft besteht aus sechs Personen und ich bin Torwart. Ich liebe Eishockey weil es Spaß macht und sehr schnell ist! Samstagvormittags spiele ich mit meinem Bruder Videospiele. Dann fahren wir am Nachmittag mit dem Bus zu einem Café mit unserer Oma und essen Eis. Meine Lieblingsorten sind Zitrone und Kokosnuss. Lecker!</p>
Italian	<p>"Ciao, mi chiamo Stefan e vivo a Stoccolma, la capitale della Svezia. Ho 11 anni e vivo con mio fratello e mia nonna. Sono membro della squadra locale di hockey sul ghiaccio. Ci gioco due volte a settimana, il martedì e il giovedì dopo scuola. La mia squadra è composta da sei persone e io sono il portiere. Adoro giocare a hockey sul ghiaccio perché è divertente e molto veloce!</p> <p>Il sabato mattina mi piace giocare ai videogiochi con mio fratello. Poi, nel pomeriggio, andiamo in autobus al bar con nostra nonna a mangiare un gelato. I miei gusti preferiti sono limone e cocco. Che bontà! "</p>
Spanish	<p>Hola, me llamo Stefan y vivo en Estocolmo, la capital de Suecia. Tengo once años y vivo con mi hermano y mi abuela. Soy miembro de mi club de hockey sobre hielo local. Juego dos veces a la semana, los martes y los jueves después de clases. Somos seis personas en el equipo y yo soy el portero. ¡Me encanta jugar al hockey sobre hielo porque es muy divertido y puedes ir muy rápido! Los sábados por la mañana me gusta jugar a los videojuegos con mi hermano. Luego, por la tarde, vamos en autobús a una cafetería con nuestra abuela para tomar un helado. Mis sabores favoritos son el de limón y el de coco. ¡Ñam!</p>
French	<p>"Bonjour! Mon nom est Stefan, et j'habite à Stockholm, la capitale de la Suède. J'ai onze ans et je vis avec mon frère et ma grand-mère. Je suis membre du club local de hockey sur glace. J'y joue deux fois par semaine, le mardi et le jeudi, après l'école. Il y a six personnes dans mon équipe, et je suis le gardien de but. J'aime jouer au hockey sur glace parce que c'est sympa et super rapide!</p> <p>Le samedi matin, j'aime jouer aux jeux vidéo avec mon frère. Puis l'après-midi, nous allons en bus au café avec notre grand-mère pour manger une glace. Mes parfums préférés sont citron et noix de coco. Miam miam !"</p>

ROUND 3 - Understanding European Cultures (15 questions)

1. What is the English name for the language called čeština?

- a) **Czech**
- b) *Slovakian*
- c) *Finnish*

2. Apart from Germany, name another European country that has German as an official language?

Any of: Austria, Belgium, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg, Switzerland

3. The sirtaki in Greece, the Dashing White Sargeant in Scotland and the flamenco in Spain are all types of which artform?

Dance

4. In which European country do fado style guitar music and lusitano horses originate?

Portugal

5. Which of the following is not one of the official languages of Spain?

- a) *Catalan (Català)*
- b) *Basque (Euskadi)*
- c) **Occitan (Lenga d'òc)**
- d) *Galician (Galego)*

6. In which Scandinavian country were Lego bricks invented?

Denmark

7. What type of traditional musical instrument are the pìob mhòr from the Scottish Highlands, the säckpipa from Sweden and the koza from Poland?

Bagpipes

8. The shamrock or trefoil is the national plant of Serbia. True or false?

False (Shamrock is the national plant of Ireland. Plum is the national plant of Serbia)

9. From which European country do Citroën cars, L'Oréal cosmetics and the Astérix graphic novels originate?

France

10. What types of food are chleb Pszenny in Poland, focaccia in Italy and baguette in France?

- a) *Apple*
- b) **Bread**
- c) *Cheese*

11. Artists Berthe Morisot and Claude Monet were among the earliest pioneers of the Cubist style of painting. True or False?

False (Impressionist)

12. UEFA Women's Euro 2025 football tournament was hosted in which European country?

Switzerland

13. Rice is the central ingredient for both the following dishes: risotto in Italy and paella in Spain. True or false?

True

14. In terms of work, what do the following Scottish people have in common: Robert Burns, Liz Lochhead and Len Pennie?

a) Poets

b) Politicians

c) Painters

15. On 1st January every year a famous New Year's Day concert of classical music takes place in the capital of Austria. Name the city.

Vienna

ROUND 4 – General Knowledge: European Affairs (15 questions)

1. The host city for the 2026 Winter Olympics and Paralympics is in Italy. Name the city.

a) Milan
b) Rome
c) Naples

2. Global sportswear manufacturers Adidas and Puma are both based in which European country?

Germany

3. Bosnia Herzegovina is one of the European countries that uses the Euro as its currency. True or false?

False (Convertible mark)

4. What is the name of the currency used in Ukraine?

Hryvnia

5. The European Green Capital Award for 2025 was awarded to Vilnius. In which country is Vilnius?

Lithuania

6. The island of Maderia is an autonomous region of which European country?

a) Sweden

b) Portugal

c) Romania

7. The headquarters of the European Parliament are located in the French city of Strasbourg. True or false?

True

8. Who composed the music for 'Ode to Joy', the European anthem chosen by the European Council and the European Union?

Ludwig van Beethoven

9. In 2025, which German city hosted the UEFA Champion's League final?

a) *Berlin*

b) *Cologne*

c) ***Munich***

10.

11. Due to their family origins, musician Dua Lipa and Masked Singer judge Rita Ora are both Honorary Ambassadors for the country of Kosovo. True or false?

True

12. In 2025, the ESA celebrated 50 years since it was created. What does the S stand for in the abbreviation ESA? The European S _____ Agency?

a) *Science*

b) *Schooling*

c) ***Space***

13. The motto of the European Union is 'United in diversity'. True or false?

True (In varietate concordia - in Latin)

14. In December 2025, the Junior Eurovision Song Contest was held in which city?

Tblisi (Georgia)

15. How often are elections held for the Scottish Parliament?

a) *Every year*

b) *Every three years*

c) ***Every five years***

16. In which small European country is the EU Court of Justice and the administrative offices of the European Parliament located?

Luxembourg

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.

17. In the UK, which country's flag has a picture of a red dragon?

Wales

18. The flag of Spain includes a coat of arms in its design. True or false?

True

19. The Alps is a famous mountain range in Europe, How many countries does this mountain range spread across?

a) 4

b) 6

c) 8

20. What is the official language of Austria?

German

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

True

22. Built in 1212, Bran Castle, also known as 'Dracula's Castle, sits on the border between Transylvania and Wallachia in which European country?

Romania

23. The blue cornflower is the national flower of which European country?

a) Estonia

b) Latvia

c) Lithuania

24. In 1866, which substance was invented by the Swedish inventor and chemist Alfred Nobel?

Dynamite

25. Which Hans Christian Anderson fairytale has a famous statue named after it which sits on a rock in Copenhagen harbour?

The Little Mermaid

26. In which country would you find the Kravica Waterfalls?

Bosnia & Herzegovina

27. The Mona Lisa is a famous painting and can be viewed in which famous museum in Paris?

The Louvre Museum

28. The name of the largest lake located in England is Lake Windermere. True or False?

True

29. Known for its numerous lakes and rivers, the Rila National park is located in which European country?

a) Italy

b) Greece

c) Bulgaria

30. Name the Italian tennis player who won the Men's Singles title at Wimbledon in 2025?

Jannik Sinner

31. Iceland is a volcanic country and is home to many volcanoes. What is the approximate number of volcanoes in Iceland?

a) 100

b) 200

c) 300

32. Made from almonds, icing sugar and egg whites, the Kransekake or 'Tower cake' features during Christmas celebrations in which European country?

Norway

33. Built in 1900, on which Scottish island would you find the famous lighthouse situated at Neist Point?

Isle of Skye

34. When did the volcano Mount Vesuvius erupt and destroy the city of Pompeii?

a) 69AD

b) 79AD

c) 89AD

35. Magdalenas are traditional muffins made with olive oil and lemon zest. Which country do they originate from?

Spain

36. Name the capital city of Malta.

Valletta

37. Originating in France during the mid-17th century, what is the name of the double-reeded woodwind instrument found in a classical orchestra?

Oboe

38. In which German city will you find the headquarters of the European Central Bank?

Frankfurt

39. The white-tailed sea eagle is the national bird of which European country?

Poland

40. At just over 24km long, the Lærdal tunnel in Norway is the longest road tunnel in Europe linking the cities of Bergen and Oslo. In which year did it open?

2000

41. Democracy is an important European invention that was first introduced in Athens around 500BC. Is this True or False?

True

42. Born in Scotland in 1847, inventor Alexander Graham Bell is famous for inventing which communication device?

The telephone

43. Famous in many Eastern European countries such as Ukraine and Russia, borscht is a soup made with which root vegetable?

Beetroot

44. On which date each year does Croatia celebrate its Statehood Day, the day when it gained its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991?

25th June

45. Consisting of three bridges that connect the historic old town with the modern city centre, The Triple Bridge can be found in which European capital city?

Ljubljana

46. The Palace of Culture and Science is the tallest building in Poland. Including its spire, what is its total height in metres?

a) 237 metres

b) 268 meters

c) 302 metres