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# CONTACT

## EUROPEAN IDENTITY

The European Union stands for community, solidarity, and diversity. But how many countries are actually in the EU? What makes Cyprus so special, for example? Where exactly is Slovakia located? And what does Lithuania's flag look like?

By playing this game, you can become more familiar with the European Union and strengthen your European identity.



2-8  
Players



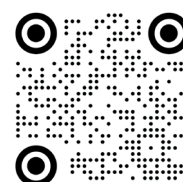
20-90  
Minutes



Ages  
12+



This game was developed by students in the Industrial Design course at the University of Wuppertal as part of the project "Perspectives in Play", which has been funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. The project aims to develop games that turn different aspects of politics into an interactive experience. You will find all the games in the series at [www.perspectives-in-play.com](http://www.perspectives-in-play.com). For more information on the German Federal Foreign Office and its programmes, please visit [www.diplo.de/aussenpolitiklive](http://www.diplo.de/aussenpolitiklive).



Warning: Contains small parts that can be swallowed. Not suitable for children under 3.

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You must prepare the game material before you can play this print & play game. To do so, cut out each card along the dotted lines. You will now have a set of square country cards and rectangular information cards. Please fold the information cards along the double lines in order to cover the solution to the statement.

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===== Fold

## INCLUDED



- 119 cards:
- 81 country cards
  - 38 info cards



1 checklist

## REQUIRED



1 bag (opaque)

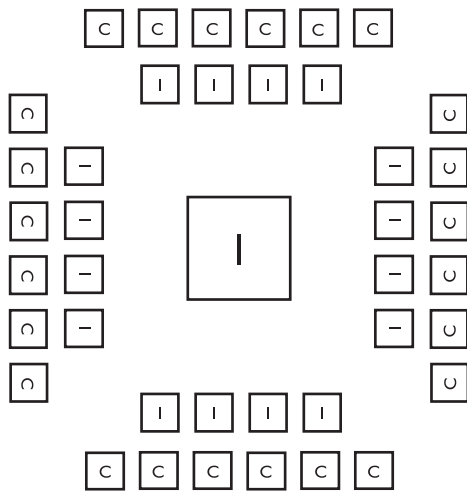


1 pair of scissors

# EXPLANATION

## What is the aim?

In CONTACT, the aim is to recognise and create connections among the countries in the EU. The game contains **information cards (I)** and **country cards (C)** that you match up and place together like dominoes. You can play alone or as a team. But as everyone knows, two heads are better than one. The aim of the game is to be the first person or team without any cards in your hand.



## How do I prepare the game?

To begin, each player or team draws 4 information cards and 6 country cards. Place the information cards in front of you face up. Keep the country cards in your hand and don't show them. Next, a random player draws one more information card and lays it face up at the centre of the playing area. That is your starting point. Now put all the remaining cards in the bag and mix them well. In the course of the game, you will draw new cards from the bag.

## How do I get rid of my cards?

When it's your turn, carry out one of these three actions:

1. Play a card.
2. Connect two fields.
3. Open a new field.

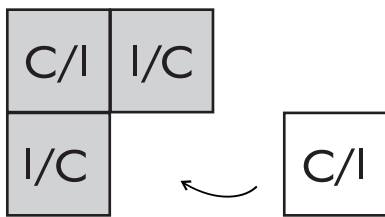
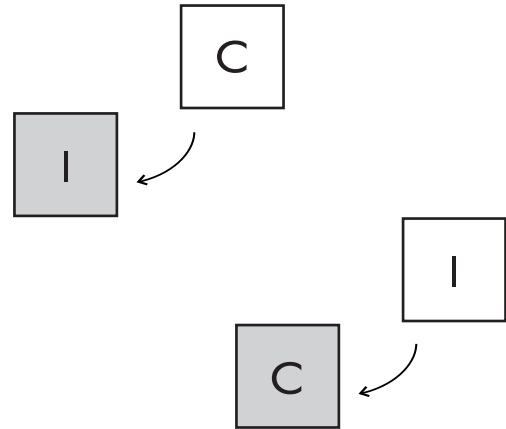
If you can't do any of the three, you must take a card from the bag.

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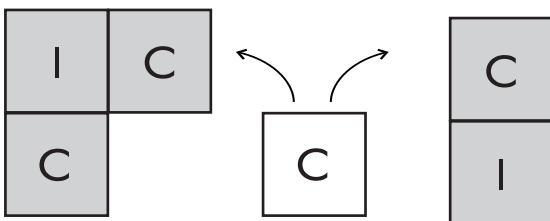
## 1. How do I lay my cards?

Cards may only be laid edge to edge and not corner to corner. When laying a card, there are several options:

- Place a country card next to an information card if you think that the statement on the information card applies to the country.
- The same applies to placing an information card next to a country card.

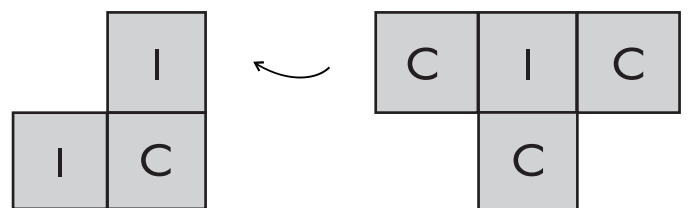


- Fill a corner. If you are successful, you can immediately make a bonus move. (If someone successfully challenges your bonus move, of course you lose it.)
- Connect fields if you have two information cards that apply to a country card (or vice versa).
- Place a country card between two other country cards if it shares land borders with both countries.



## 2. How do I connect two fields?

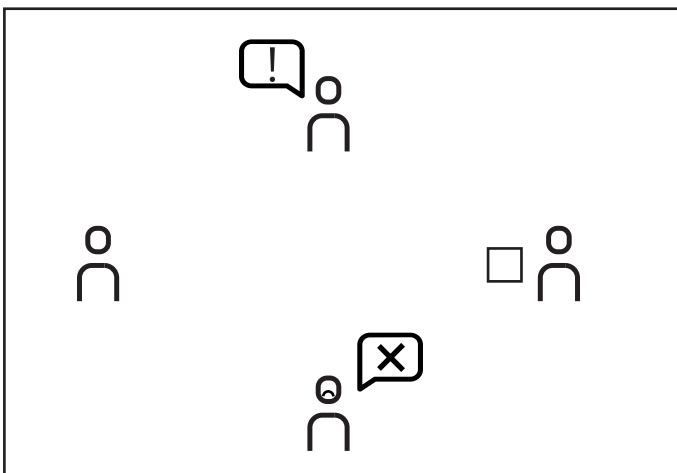
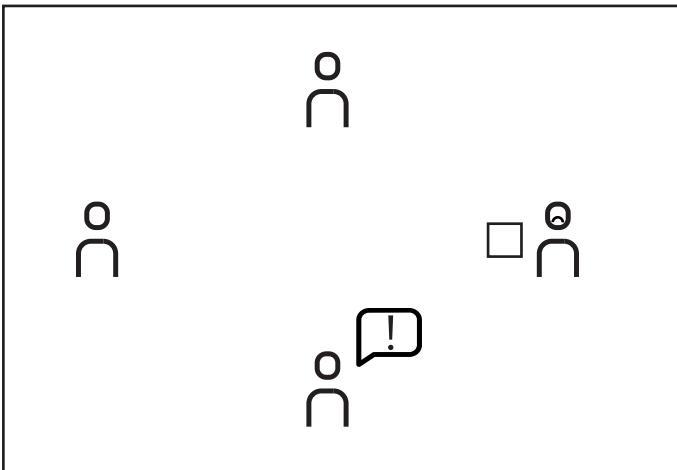
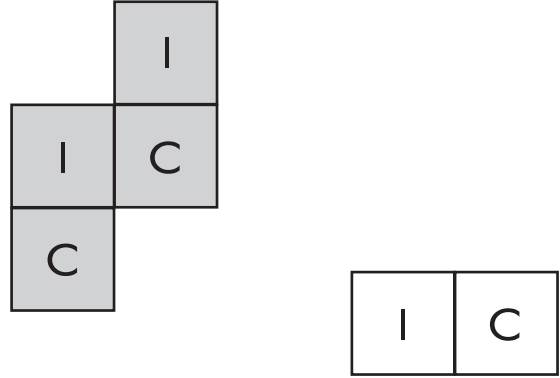
You can push two fields together if you think that the neighbouring cards have something in common. This action is a move but cannot lead to a bonus move.



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## 3. How do I open a new field?

At any free place in the centre of the playing surface, place an information card next to a country card if you think that the information applies to the country. Now draw another card.



## But watch out!

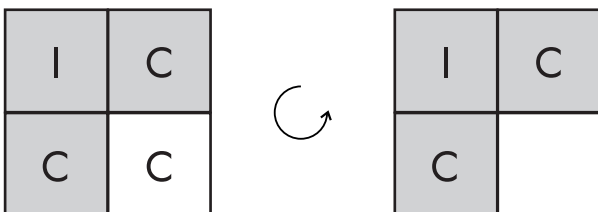
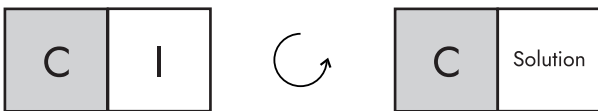
The next player can challenge the last move if they think the card that was played is incorrect. Before making a move, you must say whether or not you think the last move was OK. After all: if you don't challenge the last move, you become responsible for it.

And if you don't challenge the last move, the other players/teams can do so before the next card is played. If several players challenge a move, the one who has the next turn speaks first.

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## What happens when someone challenges a move?

If the move was incorrect, the player/team who challenged it gives the player who made the move one of their cards. If the move was actually correct, the player gives a card to the player/team who incorrectly challenged it – and they must also draw a card from the bag.



## How are challenges resolved?

- If the challenge involves a country card that was placed next to an information card (or vice versa), the solution to the information card must be revealed. The card remains on the playing surface but is no longer active. Other cards may not be placed next to it.
- If the challenge involves a country card that connects two other country cards, consult the attached list to determine whether or not the borders are correct. If the card was correctly played, it remains in the game. If the card was incorrectly played, it is turned face down and may no longer be used. No other country cards may be placed next to it.

## Who begins the game? (The person who is reading these rules may not answer!)

The player/team that correctly answers this question may start:

How many EU Member States are there at present? If everyone knows the solution, the players/teams take turns saying the name of one of the Member States until the list is complete and only one player remains. That player begins the game.

(Solution: 27 or see checklist.)

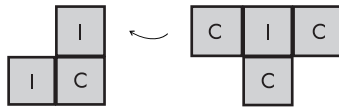
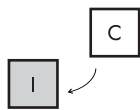


# GAMEPLAY

## CHALLENGE LAST MOVE

Before making a move, you must say whether or not you think the last move was OK. After doing so, you are responsible for the previous player's move. If you don't challenge it, give the other players/teams a bit of time to challenge before you make your move.

## MOVE: PLAY 1 CARD



1. Lay down a country or information card.

2. Connect two fields.

3. Open a new field.

If you cannot play a card, draw one from the bag.

## FINISH YOUR MOVE

After your move, the next player/team in the clockwise direction has their turn. Your move is not finished until the next player/team has accepted or challenged your move.

Parts of the Carpathian Mountains are inside my country's borders.



Austria, Poland,  
Romania, Slovakia,  
Czech Republic, Hungary

Solution

We do not pay with euros here.



Bulgaria, Denmark,  
Croatia, Poland, Romania,  
Sweden, Czech Republic,  
Hungary

Solution

My country has the fifth-smallest land area in the EU.



Belgium, Luxembourg,  
Malta, Slovenia, Cyprus

Solution

The Elbe River flows through my territory.



Germany, Austria,  
Poland, Czech Republic

Solution



My country's flag has stripes of different widths.



Latvia, Portugal, Spain

Solution

I am not a Schengen Member State.



Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Romania

Solution

The name of my capital starts with a 'B'.



Belgium, Germany, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary

Solution

I have more than one official language.



Belgium, Finland, Luxembourg, Malta

Solution

My capital has a double  
consonant in its name.



Belgium, Estonia, Malta,  
Portugal, Sweden

Solution

I am located on the  
North Sea coast.



Belgium, Denmark,  
Germany, France,  
Netherlands

Solution

There is a cross on  
my country's flag.



Denmark, Finland,  
Greece, Malta,  
Sweden

Solution

The president of my country  
and our head of government  
are the same person.



Cyprus

Solution

I am located on  
the Baltic Sea.



Germany, Estonia,  
Finland, Latvia, Lithuania,  
Poland, Sweden

Solution

I am one of the EU  
Member States with  
the fewest residents.



Estonia, Latvia,  
Luxembourg, Malta, Cyprus

Solution

I recently joined  
the EU.



Croatia

Solution

I have no access to the sea.



Luxembourg, Austria,  
Slovakia, Czech  
Republic, Hungary

Solution

I am one of the  
Balkan states.



Bulgaria, Greece,  
Croatia, Romania,  
Slovenia

Solution

I share four land  
borders with other  
EU Member States.



Belgium, Poland, Slovakia,  
Slovenia, Czech Republic

Solution

The Danube River flows  
through my territory.



Bulgaria, Germany,  
Croatia, Austria, Romania,  
Slovakia, Hungary

Solution

My head of state is  
a king or queen.



Belgium, Denmark,  
Netherlands, Sweden,  
Spain

Solution

I am one of the five  
EU Member States with  
the most residents.



Germany, France,  
Italy, Poland, Spain

Solution

The Atlantic Ocean  
marks one of my borders.



France, Ireland,  
Portugal, Spain

Solution

One part of the Alps  
is in my territory.



Germany, France,  
Italy, Austria, Slovenia

Solution

In my country,  
a monarch rules.



Belgium, Denmark,  
Luxembourg, Netherlands,  
Sweden, Spain

Solution

My official abbreviation  
contains a 'T'.



Italy, Lithuania, Malta,  
Austria, Portugal

Solution

I have up to 10  
representatives in  
the EU Parliament.



Estonia, Latvia,  
Luxembourg, Malta,  
Slovenia, Cyprus

Solution

I border on at least  
two different seas.



Germany, France,  
Spain

Solution

I have over 50  
representatives in  
the EU Parliament.



Germany, France,  
Italy, Poland, Spain

Solution

My flag contains  
the colour orange.



Ireland

Solution

I am one of the five  
largest EU Member  
States by land area.



Germany, Finland,  
France, Sweden, Spain

Solution

In my country,  
voting is compulsory.



Belgium, Greece,  
Luxembourg, Cyprus

Solution

I share exactly one  
land border with  
another EU Member State.



Denmark, Estonia,  
Finland, Greece,  
Portugal, Sweden

Solution

One of my flag's  
colours is yellow.



Belgium, Lithuania,  
Romania, Sweden, Spain

Solution

My official abbreviation is  
different from the country  
code on licence plates.



Germany, Greece

Solution

I do not share a land  
border with other  
EU Member States.



Ireland, Malta, Cyprus

Solution

There is a coat of arms  
on my flag.



Croatia, Portugal,  
Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain

Solution



My citizens can vote  
at all political levels  
after they turn 16.



Austria

Solution

I am a founding member of  
the European  
Economic Community.



Belgium, Germany,  
France, Luxembourg,  
Netherlands

Solution

Belgium



Bulgaria



Denmark



Germany



Estonia



Finland



France



Greece



Ireland



Italy



Croatia



Latvia



Lithuania



Luxembourg



Malta



Netherlands



Austria



Poland



Portugal



Romania



Sweden



Slovakia



Slovenia



Spain



Czech Republic



Hungary



Cyprus



Belgium



Bulgaria



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Luxembourg



Malta



Netherlands



Austria



Poland



Portugal



Romania



Sweden



Slovakia



Slovenia



Spain



Czech Republic



Hungary



Cyprus



## CHECKLIST

**Belgium:** Germany, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands

**Bulgaria:** Greece, Romania

**Denmark:** Sweden

**Germany:** Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Czech Republic

**Estonia:** Latvia

**Finland:** Sweden

**France:** Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain

**Greece:** Bulgaria

**Ireland:** -

**Italy:** France, Austria, Slovenia

**Croatia:** Slovenia, Hungary

**Latvia:** Estonia, Lithuania

**Lithuania:** Latvia, Poland

**Luxembourg:** Belgium, Germany, France

**Malta:** -

**Netherlands:** Germany, Belgium

**Austria:** Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary

**Poland:** Germany, Lithuania, Slovakia, Czech Republic

**Portugal:** Spain

**Romania:** Bulgaria, Hungary

**Sweden:** Finland

**Slovakia:** Austria, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary

**Slovenia:** Italy, Croatia, Austria, Hungary

**Spain:** France, Portugal

**Czech Republic:** Germany, Austria, Poland, Slovakia

**Hungary:** Croatia, Austria, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

**Cyprus:** -





# WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

We would be pleased to receive your feedback on this game, including any ideas or suggestions. Simply send your answers and other feedback (as a scan, photo, etc.) to **feedback@perspectives-in-play.com**.

Which game did you play? \_\_\_\_\_

	Age	Gender
Who played it with you?	Player 1	
	Player 2	
	Player 3	
	Player 4	

(Continue if more.)

How long did it take to prepare for the game? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

How long did it take to play the game? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

What did you like about the game?

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Which aspects could we improve upon?

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On a scale of 1 to 5, to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	'I do not agree at all.'			'I completely agree.'	
'I am interested in politics.'	1	2	3	4	5
'Politicians do not have an easy time of it.'	1	2	3	4	5
'Politics play an important role in my everyday life.'	1	2	3	4	5

What insights did you gain into politics when playing the game?

What thoughts related to politics did you have while playing?

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What topics can you envision for future games of this type?

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Thank you very much for your contribution!

Your

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