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UNION

KNOWLEDGE AROUND EUROPE

The European Union represents unity and a shared understanding of values. That is why it is very interesting to know as much as possible about the direct and indirect neighbours on the continent – everything from interesting facts to the broader issues.



2+
Players



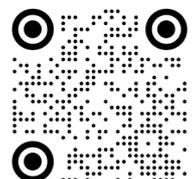
20-30
Minutes



Ages
14+

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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. For more information on the German Federal Foreign Office and its programmes, please visit www.diplo.de/aussenpolitiklive.



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

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First, cut out all the cards and tokens along the dotted lines. Shuffle the cards and place them on a pile, face down. Sort the tokens by team symbol and place them next to the board, which both teams must be able to reach.

----- Cut

INCLUDED



96 cards



48 tokens



1 board

REQUIRED



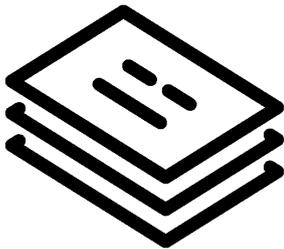
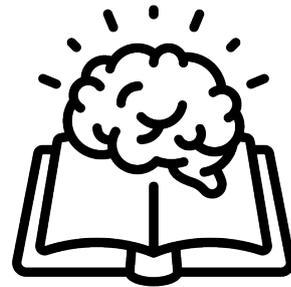
1 pair of scissors



GAMEPLAY

Game concept

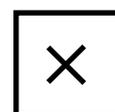
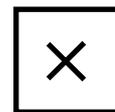
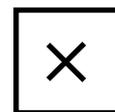
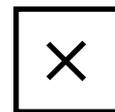
Union combines a thirst for knowledge from the question cards with tactical moves and flexibility on the board. The categories dealing with the continent of Europe are General, Records, Trivia, and Laws. First, determine which team will start (the first “active” team).



At the beginning of a round, the “passive” team draws a card from the pile and tells which category it is in. Next, the active team selects the field on the board to be played in the category (e.g., B4, in the General category here). The passive team reads the questions and possible answers out loud and the active team says which answer is the correct one.

Aim of the game

If the answer is correct, the active team can put one of its own tokens on the field. But if the answer is incorrect, the field automatically goes to the passive team and the roles change for the next round. The first team to place four of its own tokens in a vertical, horizontal or diagonal row wins the game.



BOARD

	A	B	C	D	E
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					



Laws



Records



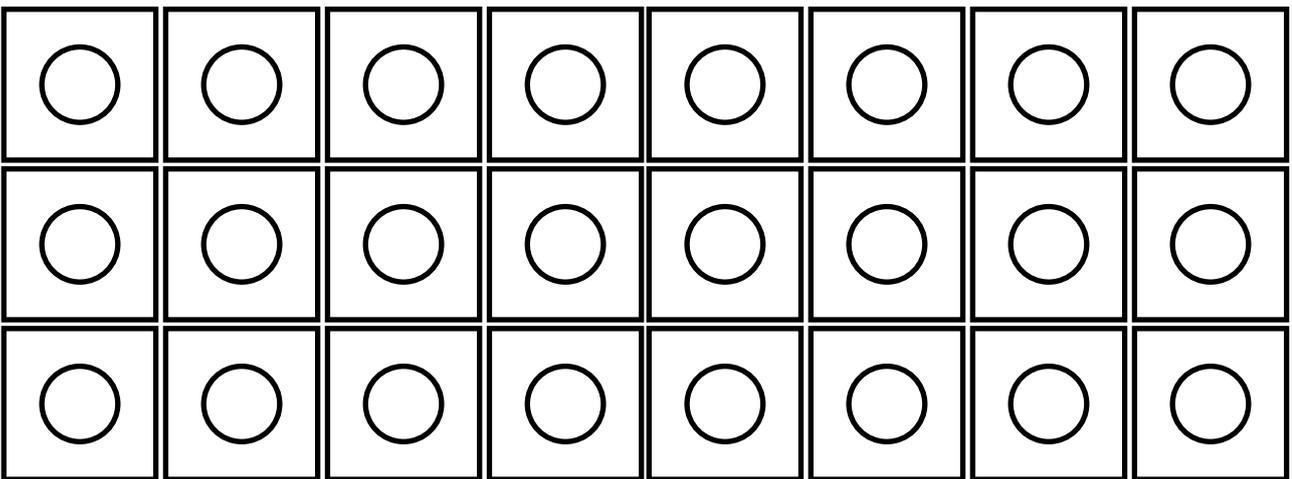
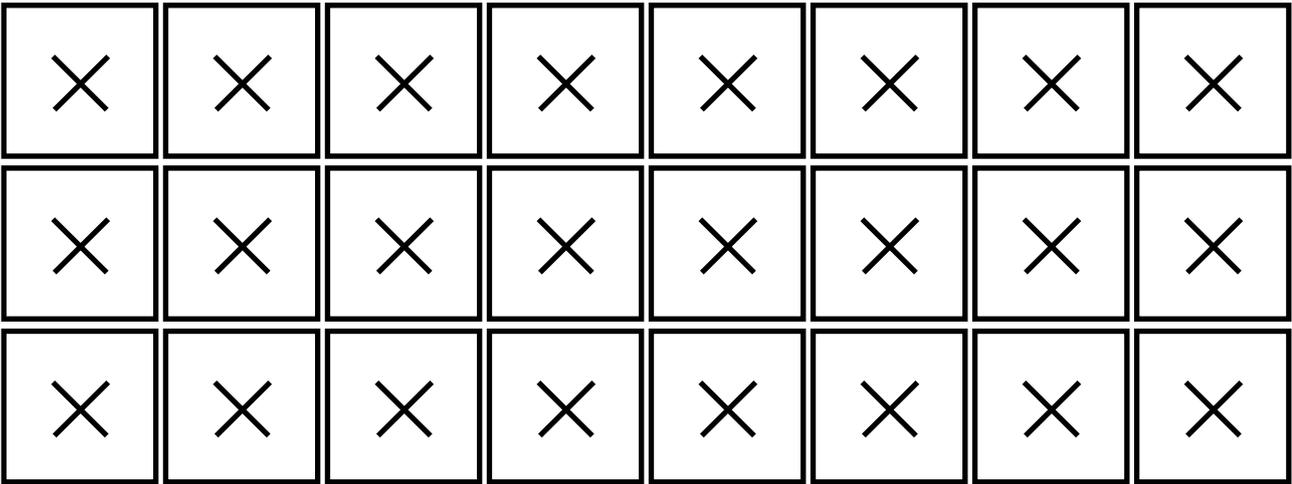
Trivia



General



TOKENS



CARDS

Laws

What are men in Italy not allowed to wear?

- a) Stockings
- b) Skirts
- c) Hats

Correct answer: b)

Trivia

The Eiffel Tower in Paris is repainted regularly. That happens every...

- a) 7 years
- b) 12 years
- c) 25 years

Correct answer: a)

Records

The narrowest hotel in the world is in Amberg, Bavaria, with a width of...

- a) 7 m
- b) 2.5 m
- c) 1 m

Correct answer: b)

Records

What is the longest river in Europe?

- a) Volga
- b) Danube
- c) Ural

Correct answer: a) 3,530 km

General

Which body of water surrounds Norway?

- a) Baltic Sea
- b) European North Sea
- c) Atlantic Ocean

Correct answer: b)

General

Which island is to the south-west of mainland Italy?

- a) Sardinia
- b) Majorca
- c) Sicily

Correct answer: c)



Trivia

Where is it prohibited to purchase alcohol on Election Day?

- a) Norway
- b) Switzerland
- c) Denmark

Correct answer: a)

General

What is the capital of Estonia?

- a) Riga
- b) Tallinn
- c) Vilnius

Correct answer: b)

General

The total area of Europe is approximately...

- a) 3.5 m km²
- b) 10 m km²
- c) 23 m km²

Correct answer: b)

General

Which country is located between France and Spain?

- a) Lichtenstein
- b) Andorra
- c) Luxembourg

Correct answer: b)

General

How many Member States are in the European Union (in 2020)?

- a) 23
- b) 26
- c) 27

Correct answer: c)

General

Approximately how many people live in the European Union (in 2020)?

- a) 350 million
- b) 446 million
- c) 753 million

Correct answer: b)

Laws

Which city is the home of the European Court of Justice?

- a) Brussels
- b) Munich
- c) Luxembourg

Correct answer: c)

Trivia

How long does a ride last on the London Eye Ferris wheel in London?

- a) 15 min.
- b) 30 min.
- c) 45 min.

Correct answer: b)

Records

With 15 million visitors annually, the most-visited European attraction is...

- a) Eiffel Tower
- b) Colosseum
- c) Disneyland Paris

Correct answer: c)



General

How often are elections to the European Parliament held?

- a) Every 4 years
- b) Every 5 years
- c) Every 6 years

Correct answer: b)

Records

What is the proportion of Swedish surnames that end in “-son”?

- a) One quarter
- b) One third
- c) Half

Correct answer: b)

Laws

Where is kissing on train platforms officially prohibited?

- a) Vienna
- b) Paris
- c) Madrid

Correct answer: b)

General

What is the capital of Slovakia?

- a) Belgrade
- b) Budapest
- c) Bratislava

Correct answer: c)

Records

How much money lands in Rome’s Trevi Fountain every day?

- a) 4,000 euros
- b) 8,000 euros
- c) 12,000 euros

Correct answer: a)

Trivia

How many stanzas does the Greek national hymn have?

- a) 74
- b) 110
- c) 158

Correct answer: c)

Trivia

Which city has five times as many bridges as Venice?

- a) Rotterdam
- b) Hamburg
- c) Lisbon

Correct answer: b) 2,500 bridges

Laws

Which country prohibits keeping one or more windows open after you park your car?

- a) Netherlands
- b) Spain
- c) Italy

Correct answer: c) (fine of up to 161 euros)

Laws

What is prohibited on Heligoland, Germany, in the summer months?

- a) Eating ice cream
- b) Loud music
- c) Riding a bicycle

Correct answer: c)



Laws

In which country is internet access a fundamental right?

- a) Poland
- b) Estonia
- c) Italy

Correct answer: b)

Records

With a total area of 0.44 km², which country is the smallest one in Europe?

- a) Iceland
- b) Vatican City
- c) Luxembourg

Correct answer: b)

Laws

In which country is the penalty for speeding dependent on the driver's income?

- a) Finland
- b) Ireland
- c) Bulgaria

Correct answer: a)

Trivia

Night photos of this attraction may not be published for commercial purposes. Which one is it?

- a) Atomium in Brussels
- b) Leaning Tower of Pisa
- c) Eiffel Tower in Paris

Correct answer: c)

Records

At an elevation of 4,807 m, which mountain is the highest in Europe?

- a) Zugspitze
- b) Mont Blanc
- c) Matterhorn

Correct answer: b)

Records

How many countries does the Danube River flow through?

- a) 8
- b) 10
- c) 4

Correct answer: b)

Trivia

In which European country do the people have the longest average life expectancy: 83?

- a) Slovenia
- b) Denmark
- c) Spain

Correct answer: c)

Laws

What are you not allowed to call your pig in France?

- a) Napoleon
- b) Baptiste
- c) Jean-Claude

Correct answer: a)

General

Which active volcano is the highest in Europe, with an altitude of 3,323 m above sea level?

- a) Etna
- b) Vesuvius
- c) Eyjafjallajökull

Correct answer: a)



Trivia

In which European country do the people have the shortest life expectancy: 67?

- a) Romania
- b) Ukraine
- c) Russia

Correct answer: b)

General

Which group of islands does not belong to Spain?

- a) Balearics
- b) Azores
- c) Canary Islands

Correct answer: b) (Portuguese)

General

Which is the largest European lake with an area of almost 18,000 km²?

- a) Lake Ladoga
- b) Lake Garda
- c) Lake Geneva

Correct answer: a)

Laws

What is prohibited on public squares in Greece?

- a) Playing sports
- b) Using the telephone
- c) Playing Gameboy

Correct answer: c)

Laws

What do you have to pay a one-off fine of 14 cents for doing in Austria?

- a) Demolishing a building
- b) Having a noble title
- c) Improper parking

Correct answer: b)

Trivia

Which country's citizens travelled 68.7 million times on holiday in 2016?

- a) Germany
- b) France
- c) Italy

Correct answer: a)

General

Which country acceded to the EU as the last of the 27 Member States in 2013?

- a) Croatia
- b) Albania
- c) Slovenia

Correct answer: a)

General

Which EU country has the most islands?

- a) Greece
- b) Sweden
- c) Finland

Correct answer: b) (221,831 islands)

Records

What is the oldest book printed in Germany?

- a) Codex Abrogans
- b) The Bible
- c) Map of Trier

Correct answer: b)



Trivia

By how many hours can the time change on a journey through Europe?

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 6

Correct answer: b)

Records

With a depth of 514 m, which lake is Europe's deepest?

- a) Hornindalsvatnet
- b) Lake Annecy
- c) Lake Como

Correct answer: a)

General

With 18,648 residents per km², which country has the highest population density?

- a) Vatican City
- b) Lichtenstein
- c) Monaco

Correct answer: c)

Laws

Which holiday island prohibits the wearing of flip flops?

- a) Santorini
- b) Capri
- c) Mykonos

Correct answer: b)

Records

How many continents have the Mediterranean Sea as their border?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4

Correct answer: b)

Trivia

In which country do the people work 42.2 hours per week on average, the longest in the EU?

- a) Greece
- b) Poland
- c) Norway

Correct answer: a)

Laws

In which country are trees prohibited on football fields by law?

- a) Italy
- b) Portugal
- c) Germany

Correct answer: c)

General

With 3.2 residents per km², which country has the lowest population density?

- a) Ireland
- b) Iceland
- c) Luxembourg

Correct answer: b)

Trivia

Which country is home to the tallest people, on average?

- a) Germany
- b) Sweden
- c) Netherlands

Correct answer: c)



General

Which country is not in the EU but uses the euro as its national currency anyway?

- a) Latvia
- b) Montenegro
- c) Iceland

Correct answer: b)

Laws

Which country forbids people to wear shoes with high heels when visiting antiquities?

- a) Greece
- b) Italy
- c) Croatia

Correct answer: a)

Trivia

Which country considers Tuesday the 13th an unlucky day?

- a) Poland
- b) Serbia
- c) Spain

Correct answer: c)

Records

Where is Europe's largest stadium with almost 100,000 seats located?

- a) Barcelona
- b) London
- c) Lisbon

Correct answer: c)

Records

How many residents does Europe's smallest city, Hum in Croatia, have?

- a) 30
- b) 12
- c) 80

Correct answer: a)

General

In which country is the EU's westernmost point located (not counting overseas territories)?

- a) Spain
- b) Portugal
- c) Ireland

Correct answer: c)

Laws

Which city prohibits people from eating packed lunches in public?

- a) Vienna
- b) Luxembourg
- c) Rome

Correct answer: c)

Records

Which country has the largest continuous forest with 75% coverage?

- a) Sweden
- b) Poland
- c) Estonia

Correct answer: a)

Trivia

Wales has three times more of something than people. What is it?

- a) Lanterns
- b) Cars
- c) Sheep

Correct answer: c)



General

Which city is the capital of Cyprus?

- a) Valletta
- b) Nicosia
- c) Athens

Correct answer: b)

Laws

In which country do you have to check whether someone is underneath your vehicle before driving away?

- a) Denmark
- b) Czech Republic
- c) Cyprus

Correct answer: a)

Trivia

What was the British oil and gas giant Shell's original business?

- a) Growing crops
- b) Selling shells
- c) Repairing bicycles

Correct answer: b)

Records

In which city is Europe's largest port located?

- a) Hamburg
- b) Rome
- c) Rotterdam

Correct answer: c)

Laws

What are you not allowed to do on the beach in Eraclea, Italy?

- a) Listen to music
- b) Build sand castles
- c) Spread out towels

Correct answer: b)

General

Stockholm is the capital of which country?

- a) Norway
- b) Finland
- c) Sweden

Correct answer: c)

General

Which EU country has the smallest total population?

- a) Malta
- b) Cyprus
- c) Luxembourg

Correct answer: b) (population: 500,000)

Records

Europe's deepest gorge plunges 1,300 m into the earth. Where is it?

- a) Athens
- b) Tirana
- c) Montenegro

Correct answer: a)

Trivia

How many deserts does Europe have?

- a) None
- b) 1
- c) 2

Correct answer: a)



Records

The longest coastline in Europe stretches for 58,000 km. In which country is it located?

- a) Italy
- b) Norway
- c) Portugal

Correct answer: b)

Laws

What can't you do in a car in Italy unless you are on your own property?

- a) Kissing
- b) Drinking
- c) Singing

Correct answer: a)

General

How many official languages does the EU have?

- a) 24
- b) 21
- c) 17

Correct answer: a)

Records

Which country is home to the highest shifting sand dune (110 m)?

- a) France
- b) Iceland
- c) Belarus

Correct answer: a)

Trivia

Where do you nod to say no and shake your head yes?

- a) Albania
- b) Belgium
- c) Austria

Correct answer: a)

General

What is the capital of Malta?

- a) Nicosia
- b) Valletta
- c) Malta

Correct answer: b)

Records

Which European country has the highest per capita potato consumption?

- a) Germany
- b) Latvia
- c) Ireland

Correct answer: b)

Laws

What activity is expressly forbidden in Venice?

- a) Swimming
- b) Feeding the doves
- c) Taking photos

Correct answer: b)

Trivia

Which mountain is home to the highest toilet in Europe at 4,000 m?

- a) Zugspitze
- b) Mont Blanc
- c) Grossglockner

Correct answer: b)



Records

Which county inside Europe only has the largest area?

- a) Germany
- b) Spain
- c) Ukraine

Correct answer: c)

General

What is the second-largest island nation in Europe?

- a) Ireland
- b) Iceland
- c) Latvia

Correct answer: b)

Laws

What do taxi drivers in London have to have in their boots?

- a) Hay bundles
- b) Parmesan cheese
- c) Perfume

Correct answer: a)

Records

How many minutes does it take to cross Monaco from east to west on foot?

- a) 30
- b) 45
- c) 60

Correct answer: b)

Records

The most lopsided tower in Europe has an incline of over 5 degrees. In which country is it?

- a) Italy
- b) Germany
- c) Greece

Correct answer: b)

General

Which river flows through Prague?

- a) Vltava
- b) Danube
- c) Elbe

Correct answer: a)

General

Which country does not share a border with Bulgaria?

- a) Hungary
- b) Romania
- c) Serbia

Correct answer: a)

General

Which of the following islands is the farthest south?

- a) Crete
- b) Malta
- c) Majorca

Correct answer: a)

Trivia

Lichtenstein produces more of one product than any other country. What is it?

- a) High heels
- b) Loudspeakers
- c) False teeth

Correct answer: c)



Trivia

The highest church tower in the world is 161 m. In which city is it located?

- a) Pisa
- b) Ulm
- c) Paris

Correct answer: b)

General

To which country does the island La Gomera belong?

- a) Albania
- b) Greece
- c) Spain

Correct answer: c)

Laws

Where is it prohibited to slam your car door shut?

- A) Switzerland
- b) Czech Republic
- c) Serbia

Correct answer: a)

General

In how many EU Member States is the euro the official currency?

- a) 15
- b) 19
- c) 23

Correct answer: b)

Records

Europe's largest school has 3,500 pupils. In which country is it located?

- a) Austria
- b) Slovakia
- c) Ukraine

Correct answer: a)

General

To which country does the island Corsica belong?

- a) Italy
- b) Spain
- c) France

Correct answer: c)

Records

In which country is the university with the largest student body located (approx. 200,000)?

- a) Great Britain
- b) Germany
- c) Hungary

Correct answer: a)

Laws

For which of the following do you need a driving license in Italy?

- a) Roller skates
- b) Bicycle
- c) Skateboard

Correct answer: b)

Trivia

How many people work in agriculture in the EU?

- a) 3.5 million
- b) 12 million
- c) 20 million

Correct answer: c)



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?

Which aspects could we improve upon?

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?

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

Thank you very much for your contribution!

Your

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