

Europe Day Quiz

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Questions

Round 1 – Geography

1. Estonia is known for its thousands of islands. What is the name the country's biggest island?
2. List the 5 most populated municipalities in France.
3. Which countries share a border with Poland?
4. Which European capital city is the closest to Greenland's main city of Nuuk?
5. Which is the only European country to be doubly-landlocked (that is, surrounded by one or more landlocked countries)?
6. Which 5 countries share their names with their own capital cities?
7. What is the name of the highest peak in the European Union?
8. Name the European countries consisting only of islands or parts of islands.
9. Which is the longest river in Italy?
10. Which sea separates the Italian and the Balkan peninsulas?

Round 2 – People and Culture

1. The Pritzker Architecture Prize is considered to be one of the most important and relevant in the field. What is the name of the first of two female architects to have won it (as of 2016)?
2. Björk is arguably the best internationally known solo artist coming from Iceland. How many albums has she published so far as a solo artist?
3. Throughout his very successful career, Spanish film director Pedro Almodóvar has written and produced a number of blockbusters. The film *Volver*, released in 2006, received many awards, including 2 awards from Cannes Festival. Who starred as the lead actress in this production?
4. The Indo-European language group is the one most languages in Europe belong to. However, the Uralic (or Finno-Ugric) group also has a significant presence in the continent. Which are the three most widely spoken languages in this language group?
5. This year's edition of the Eurovision Song Contest is taking place next week in Stockholm, Sweden. This country won the contest last year for the sixth time, but Ireland still holds the highest number of victories. Which country holds the highest number of second places?
6. The Venetian carnival is one of the most known celebrations of Shrove Tuesday (or Mardi Gras). In which century was it organised for the first time?
7. Name the 5 metro systems in Europe with the highest number of stations.
8. The Swiss Broadcasting Corporation is the country's public TV broadcaster, founded in 1931. Due to the Swiss political structure and its different official languages, the broadcaster is in fact an association of small regional public corporations. How many of them compose this broadcaster?
9. Which Polish scientist has received Nobel Prizes for both Chemistry (1911) and Physics (1903)?
10. Which cities hold the title of European Capital of Culture in 2016?

Round 3 – Sport and Cuisine

1. Name the five teams taking part in the UEFA European Football Cup for the first time this year.
2. Which is the Italian 'angry' sauce?
3. The first edition of the European Games, a multi-sport event, was held in 2015. Where did it take place?
4. What is the main ingredient of the Greek savoury spanakopita pastry?
5. Underwater hockey is a sport created in the mid-20th century, reproducing the famous sport across the bottom of a swimming pool. In which European country was it first played?
6. Mão de Vaca com Grão is a Portuguese stew which includes chickpeas, vegetables and which part of the cow?
7. Which European capital city came second in the bidding process to host this year's Summer Olympic Games?
8. How many stages comprise the Tour de France, one of the world's most famous bicycle races?
9. Who was the highest-paid European athlete in 2015, according to Forbes magazine?
10. Which type of bread can be translated from German as 'farting devil' or 'devil's fart'?

Round 4 – European politics

1. A meeting of Eurogroup finance ministers was held today in Brussels. Excluding its president, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, how many people were at the table?
2. The current presidency of the Council of the European Union is held by the Netherlands. Which country comes next?
3. When setting up his team of Commissioners, Jean-Claude Juncker introduced the concept of vice-presidencies, which was seen as a symbolic change. Who is the current first Vice-President of the European Commission?
4. Considering that there was a Carnation Revolution in Portugal, a Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia and an Orange Revolution in Ukraine, to which country corresponds the so-called Rose Revolution?
5. Which 2 European countries, members of the United Nations, are not recognised by at least one other UN member state?
6. Which EU country was the last one to join the Eurozone, on 1 January 2015?
7. The European Parliament consists of how many members (MEPs)?
8. Where is the European Central Bank based?
9. Which political group is currently the biggest in the European Parliament?
10. Which European country was the first one to allow full adoption by same-sex couples?