

EU ENVIRONMENT

The best magazine about european opportunities



MY COUNTRY IS THE BEST BECAUSE...

If you ask every citizen of every country in the world which is the best place of all, he/she probably would answer it is him/her place. The reality is that every country has its potential and its strenghts. For instance if we ask to the people coming from Italy, Romania, Poland and Spain we will find out that everyone uses to empathize the finest qualities of his home-country. In order to demonstrate this theory we asked people coming from all these countries to provide the reason that make their country the best if compared to the others.

Italy is the best european country because:

- It is the country with the highest expectancy of life in Europe, the third in the whole world.
- It is the country with the highest concentration of art in the whole world.
- Italian typical foods are really famous because their taste and their high quality. Mediterranean diet is one of the healthiest in the world.
- Italian inhabitants are known as funny and friendly, in Italy is easy to get along with people you almost don't know. Most of times tourists which love Italy say that one of the things they found in Italy and they cannot find in their own country, is the capability to socialize without problems.
- The first form of European Union was the Roman Emperor, it's the first time that all the territories of Europe were under a single "governement".
- Italian Civil code, instead critics that are made the law system receives by citizens, is one of the most logical and complete of Europe. Italian Constitution is almost perfect, every country in the world, which recently made changes in its Constitution, asked for Italian help in order to make them.
- Architecture and natural places you can find in Italy are unique.

Poland is the best european country because:

- Poland is a democratic country Poland boasts 14 unique UNESCO World Heritage Sites you simply cannot miss.
- History fans won't get bored in Poland. From hundreds of medieval castles, to the infamous Auschwitz Birkenau camp and excellent museums.
- Perfect for hitting the slopes in winter and hiking in the summer season.
- Poland's northern coast is covered with idyllic white sandy beaches.

Spain is the best european country because:

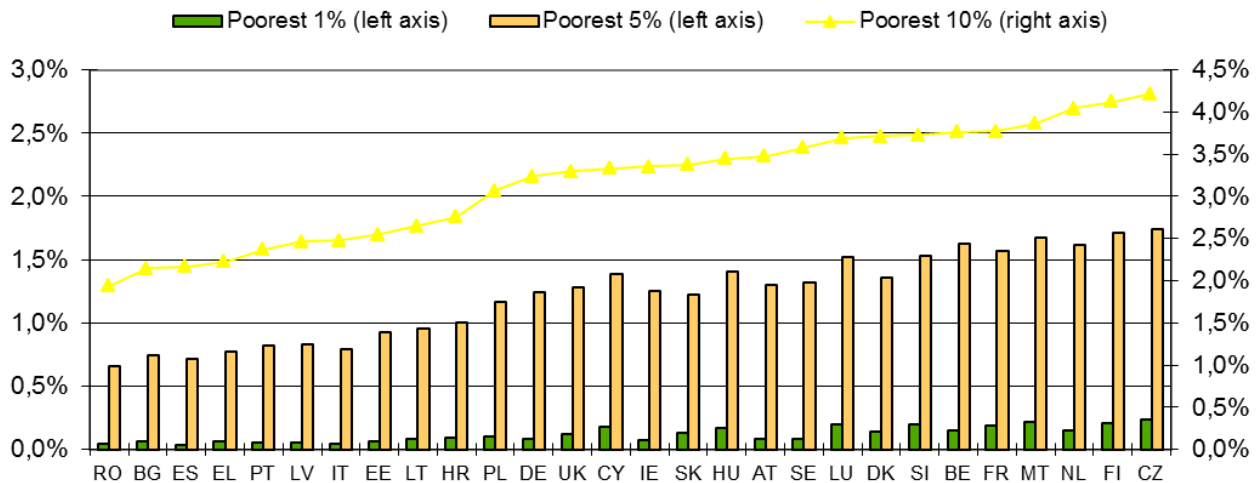
- It has biodiversity as in 500.000 kilometers there are 50.000 animal species and 10.000 plants
- It is the sixth safest country in the world
- While on the topic of Spain's notable artistic exports, visitors will grace the same shores of surrealist Salvador Dali
- With more than 5,000 miles of coastline, Spain has thousands of beaches, from tiny rocky coves to long strips of golden sand
- Majorca is the best place in the world for cyclists, with terrain to suit all styles and abilities

Romania is the best european country because:

- Romanian inventors gave a great contributions to the development of the world's scientific fields
- On the Romanian territory lives over 60% of the existing population of brown bears
- Romanian internet it is well known as being fast and also cheap (the top 5 fastest internet of all over the world)
- Unesco has included 8 places from Romania on the list of World Heritage Sites
- The legend about vampires comes from this country and he's original name was Dracula
- Romania is also known for their beautiful supermodel and actresses around the world
-

Examples of inequality of Eu countries to others Eu countries

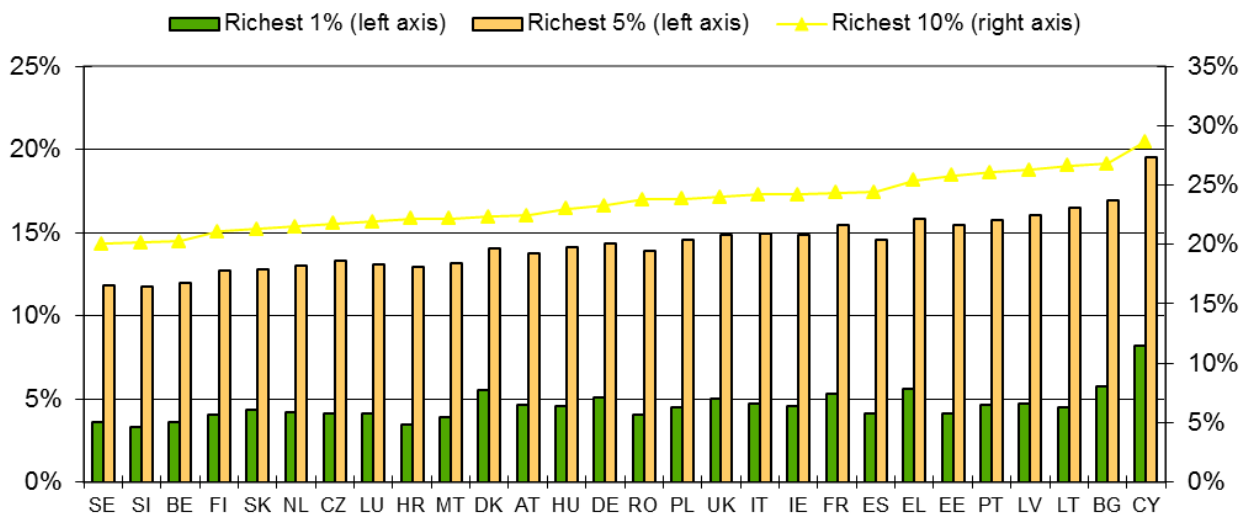
Inequality: In the modern world this concept is stronger than ever before, but in EU countries are supposed to have the same level of inequality. In recent years researches have been made in order to identify in which countries the biggest part of the wealth is owned and by whom. It means that, in every country, a small amount of people holds a big part of the total richness of that country. So, understand and analyze these problems it is important in order to make Europe more equal.



Note: Countries are ranked according to income share of the poorest 10%.

Source: European Commission, Eurostat, cross-sectional EU-SILC 2014, UDB August 2016

European Commission, Social Situation Monitor



Note: Countries are ranked according to income share of the richest 10%.

Source: European Commission, Eurostat, cross-sectional EU-SILC 2014 UDB August 2016

European Commission, Social Situation Monitor

As is possible to see in these two charts, results are not equal but similar in fact, despite what a large part of the population believes, inequality is not only about the economic development of the specific country but also about the economic system, which is structured in the same way in all EU countries. Another factor is that in every country the cost of the life is proportioned to the income more or less in the same way.

The things you have to know when you are travelling in UE:

Travelling in European Union is very easy if you come from a country which is a member. **Travelling develops** people's **skills** and gives them a lot of possibilities. If you want to visit an other country you need just an european ID. Please remember that **your ID must to be valid and not damaged** in order to do not have problems if someone has to check it.

Sometimes you should put an effort on learning **differences between cultures**, otherwise you could misunderstand something, for instance, in Bulgaria the gesture to agree and the gesture to disagree with the head, are the opposite if they are compared to others country social convention (in fact to express agreement you have to shake you head from right to left and viceversa).

So you should **submit the rules** of the country in which you are doing your journey.

An other important aspect in travelling is packing your luggage: save space and don't bring things you don't need. At the same time, you should not forget to bring your medications, especially if you have some relevant problem with your health. Remember that you have the right of **medical assistance** in all the countries of European Union but, despite this, in certain cases you need to have something fast, and you can't wait for a doctor in order to have a new prescription, also you can bring your own first aid kit.

You are in a forgein country! Remember you should respect the culture, the traditions and the environment of the place you are visiting, and you have to obey to the **laws** of it too.

RACISM OR SOCIAL PROTECTION

Racism is a worldwide phenomenon, it is the belief in the superiority of one race over another, which often result in discrimination and prejudice towards people based on their race or ethnicity.

The ideology underlying racist practices often includes the idea that humans can ne subdivided into distinct groups. Social protection consist of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability by promoting efficient labour.

We have to differentiate this two slogans. Social protection is important, but we must say definitely no to racism in order to be open-minded people and tolerant for new culture in Europe.

We asked a person with disabilities (blindness) to share with us his opinion about social protection, so we can understand better the subject. He told us that there are moments when he feels equal with the others, but there are also moments when he feels that his ideas, thoughts and knowledge are not appreciated, because his condition.

He also said that he does not feel protected by the society because few people are willing to emphasise with his problem, especially in his country (România).

The awareness that these people live and grow in our society should encourage us to be more open-minded and take into consideration our responsibilities of being citizens of Eu.

GAME OF THE WEEK: VOTE OR YOU WON'T COMPLAIN!!! (Nr. Of players >8)

The purpose of this game is to teach people the reason why it's important to use the right of vote for which our ancestors gave their life for. The game is simple:

1st - You should choose 3 activities (for instance take pictures, play football and karaoke).

2nd - Players have to decide which activity they want to do through a vote but, in order to vote they have to do something annoying, as 30 squats.

This game will give the opportunity to learn how the vote is important also if sometimes it's not easy to go to vote. **If the player won't vote he loses his chance to choose his favorite activity and he will have to obey to the activity that the others have chosen it, instead of him. Let the vote begin!**





EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

100 000 volunteers supported in 20 years



Developing **skills and competences** by contributing to work of organisation

Age



17 - 30 years old

Duration



2 - 12 month, in some cases from 2 weeks

Types



EVS activities
Up to 30 volunteers in daily work of organisations



Large-scale EVS events
More than 30 volunteers in European or worldwide events

Organisations' roles



Sending **Coordinating** **Receiving**



Applies to National Agency for funding

Charter



The EVS core values and quality standards are laid down in the **EVS Charter**



Database



Around **5 000** EVS accredited organisations in the Volunteering Database

Support



Programme covers volunteer's **travel and living costs, pocket money, insurance and a discount card.**



Trainings provided to volunteers both during and after the project