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The European Political Model

Visa free traveling? Forget it! Studies abroad? Not for you. More and more expensive goods, no new investments, no international mobility programs. Impossible? No, possible! All those would happen if there were no European Union.



Traveling

You have always dreamed about an Eurotrip adventure. To spend summer in several countries, to meet people from all over Europe, to see new places. You are excited, you start planning your great summer getaway and then you realize...



- oh no! I need to have so many visas! They all need different forms to be filled up, and they all cost a fortune.
- commute - how will I travel between all those countries? Tickets are so expensive, connections are very rare, and I will have to spend so much time at the borders. I have to have at least one more week because of the border waiting time!
- roaming - how I will communicate with my family and friends? Telco companies charge so much money for a single message, not to mention a phone call, not to mention the data transfer. Pity I do not know smoke signals.
- Money - I have to have so many different currencies in my pocket. I better buy extra 10 wallets to fit them all. I am afraid I have to win a lottery to afford this trip.
- Insurance - and what if I catch a flu or break a leg? How I will cover my medical expenses? I better talk with special insurance agency to arrange a deal for me.

Holy cow! I have to think about so many things in advance! My trip will not happen before summer of 2019!

Working and study

Freedom of movement is a great thing. Being able to study and work in another country without extra permission sound like a dream to many people in the world. Degree obtained in one country is valid in several other? Say no more! Thanks to European Union not only you can travel easier, but you can also



easily apply for job abroad and your competences will be recognized. Imagine you have a Slovene degree and you want to work in Austria. The first thing you have to do is to obtain a certificate recognized by the authorities in that country, until then you will not be allowed to work. But hey, in order to work, first you have to be a legal resident of a country and to apply for residency you need to have a job. You may have though language is the only barrier... well, what a joke!

Rights and values

European Union is based on common values, rules and regulations. Imagine, if you were treated differently depending on your nationality or if you were a business and in order to be allowed to sign a contract, you would need 28 versions of a contract, 28 business models, 28 different ways of doing business within just one enterprise. Almost unimaginable. What is more, if you think you were treated badly, there would be no organization that could help you defend your rights. You would have to take part in a legal battle in a completely unknown legal system, in a foreign country and to make it even worse, all this in a language you do not speak.



Every day life

You cannot imagine life without your favorite coffee in the morning? You like to use your brand new phone? In order to go to work you take your car and have no problem with commuting? Now think about how your day would look like without European Union. The coffee you absolutely love is extremely expensive and the only you can afford doesn't even taste like coffee. All electronic equipment is so expensive that you can barely afford to buy an used, old model. Your car broke and you are waiting for a spare part to be imported from Germany, but it got stuck in the customs office. Doesn't it sound scary?



Better to know before going abroad.

Every country that we visit broaden our knowledge and helps us to become global citizens. To be ready to travel to another country, it is recommended to consider things mentioned below.



Before visiting any country you should check if you are required to get a VISA, and if so, what are the requirements. You should also consider current situation of the destination country. For example, which areas are more dangerous for tourists and is there any threat of terrorist attack or other potential hazards. Thirdly, you should know the currency that it used in the country you are planning to visit or if any other currencies are also accepted. It is also advised to research which topics are sensitive and it is better to not use them as a small talk topic.

If you think about visiting an European Union member country and you are a citizen or resident of the EU things are getting easier for you. There are quite a few good information for you. For visiting Schengen countries it is not required to get a VISA(with few exceptions), ID card is enough to travel within EEA countries. What you should have in mind are different safety regulations in some countries, do not be surprise as there are extra restrictions that may apply. As many young Europeans

Italian and Greek advice to learn some basic sentences in local **language**. This may come handy during your trip.

Polish pointed out that there can be different **laws** in your destination country. It is better to research them thoroughly in order to not get into trouble.

Romanian expressed that despite they are member of EU, they are not in the Euro zone. Before traveling

live within the euro zone, even then must think about currencies before traveling. Some of the EU countries still do not use Euro.

European Union make your traveling easier, we definitely recommend to make a research about culture and politics of soon-to-be visited country to not get surprised during your next travel.

to any country, you should definitely check the local **currency** to not get surprised. It is also good to estimate how much money you might need and to exchange them in advance.

As you can see, travelling within European Union requires less preparations and resources. An average EU citizen can travel more easily than the person from the outside of European Union. We can say that residents of European Union save their energy, so that they can use it to discover new places.

Competition Vs. Collaboration on a political level from EU members.



Since the ancient Greece the meaning of *politiké* suggests the art of the government of the common goods, among the citizens of the same city. Nowadays, in a globalized world, the single city became a net of cities, or what is more, a net of countries. Even the communication tools developed, while in the ancient Athens the only way that existed was the meetings in the *agora*. Nowadays we have the collegial institutions, as well as mass and social media. The argumentation of main issues tip over among these three worlds and strongly influence our lives, our decisions about the common goods and policies.

Particularly for social medias, but also for traditional mass medias as newspapers and TV's information, opinions are more and more far from reality who they would represent. We are speaking about the increasing phenomena of *fake news*, which seems strongly change the

policies, even in the European Union, the cradle of democracy and liberal thinking. The main problem of the political institutions is to reach an agreement and to be appealing in order to get much decisional power into the assemblies: one of the main instrument is the political *propaganda*. But *propaganda* is also an instrument of advertising, which tries to persuade instead to convince. The subtle difference between the meaning of these two terms, as the German philosopher Jurgen Habermas thinks, is in the use of language and communication. With the aim to dare someone to action, without the need to understand his own opinions or without explaining our own ideas, instead to reach an agreement who involve both the partners in the communication and can develop a new shared decision, with an active participation that include in itself a good representation of each different opinion. To do a practical example, we have the same situation in front of an advertising, where the real aim is to push someone to buy *that* car, instead to explain or confront the real efficiency of this car among the other purchasable cars, helping the consumer to make the better choice to their real own needs.

So that, political information seems more and more like an advertising and not a free discussion between the real needs of citizens, even in the European Union. All these considerations call other issues, whom the main can be "How we can collaborate with each other if our first aim is to sell our car, our product, our idea of the world, favoring our needs instead to take care of needs of the whole community?". Maybe the hardest challenge of the European Union is to start to leave the language and the bad know-how of marketing, in order to transform the competition into a collaboration, developing the opportunities and the places where it would be possible to confront and share opinions and ideas. EUdiology is a precious step to achieve this target.

Does racism still exist in the UE?

All people think that racism is only physical or verb violence, we can distinguish different types of racism: genetic, biologic, cultural and institutional.

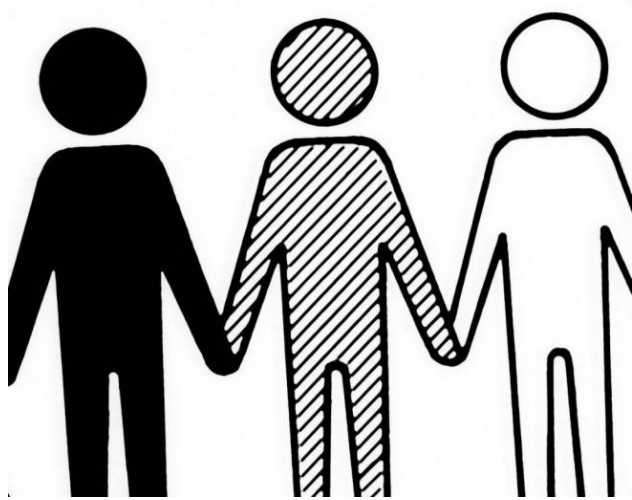
According to a UN's report dated 2008, in Europe there were 64 millions of immigrants, although all countries have a different ways to register. In UK, in 2005, there were registered 494.000 people, the major percentage of them is from Africa (29%) and India (19%). In 2005 the immigrant that got to Spain, most probably come from Venezuela, Argentina or France. Nowadays Spain receives people from all over the world.



A poll of 1997 of Eurobarometre about xenophobic and racism in the UE proved that 34% of population affirmed to be racist and 9% very racist. Usually people answer the politically correct or they don't considered themselves racist.

One experimental study, performed by European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobic (CMUE) studied the experience of immigrants in other countries and the result was that a 44% of surveyed has suffered discrimination in the commercial transaction. The majority have experimented some ways of discrimination in their jobs, and what is more, many people have denied a job.

The EU is very sensitive, whole world debates about human rights, racism and intolerance. As we have already seen the European Parliament have founded the CMEU, with headquarters in Vienna. Their first objective is to offer to the community and their member countries, reliable information about the phenomenon of racism and xenophobic. Although this hasn't created measurements of racism acts. This is the objective of European Commission and European Court of justice.

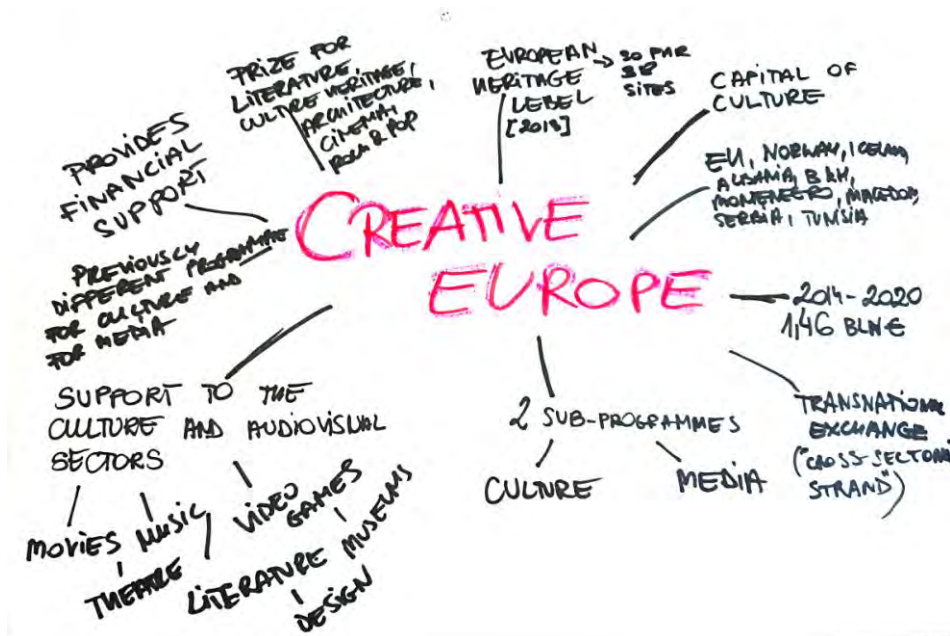


But not all seems to be good in the EU, because EU unconsciously stimulates the racism. First, because of the distinguishing between “third countries” and because it has transformed refugee situation problematic. Although many countries as France, Germany, UK and Denmark distinguish between Oriental and occidental foreign, where the Orientals are more accepted.

Politically the racism was stimulated too. During many years, workers of different countries traveled for searching job, but in the last 20 years Europe have transformed, becoming in a postindustrial society, meaning that too many workers lost their job. This did not make the workers come back to their countries and in the countries in which they resided it didn't give them good training to work.

Creative Europe

Creative Europe is the European Commission's framework programme for support to the culture and audiovisual sectors. The aim of this programme is both to protect and promote the cultural heritage in UE, helping the cultural industries that work in this sector.



The protection of the cultural heritage is a strategic and fundamental topic for the community of UE, wherein western culture is born. In order to preserve the cultural identity of Europe, the Commission try to implement devices for cultural sector, for some times undeveloped and relatively ignored.

The main tools of the European Commission to hold the cultural sector are for example actions and initiative such as the Capitals of Culture or Heritage Days, framework programmes (id est, Creative Europe), international policy cooperation, stakeholder consultation and dialogues. In addition to this, the European Commission represents the interests of EU in the international initiatives, as those that are headed by UNESCO.

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GAME



For the purpose of the Youth Exchange EUdiology only

It's year 2018. A group of young people have an idea for a youth activity. As people of action, they decided to join an Erasmus+ Project.

The goal of the game is to make players familiar with OTI and Erasmus+.

EQUIPMENT

- * a board (best to print on A3 size paper)
- * set of bonus cards (best to print both sided, on A4 size paper)
- * a dice

PLAY

Game starts on the field START. Players take turns in a clockwise order, person with the smallest number shown on the dice starts the game. Players take turns to roll the dice and move their counters forward the number of spaces shown on the dice. When player step on an orange spot, player has a chance to win bonus dice throw. Random player takes the first bonus card from the deck and reads question or challenge. The award for correct answer or accomplished challenge is an extra throw of dice. One player can take only one challenge card in a row. There are no penalties for wrong answers. The first player to get to the FINISH field is the winner.

Example 1:

Player A steps on orange field. Player B reads the question to player A. Player A answers correctly, throw the dice one more time and again is stepping on an orange field. As it would be the second challenge in a row, player can't take another bonus card. Game continues.

Example 2:

Player C steps on orange field. Player D reads the question to player C. Player C

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This game is based on true events and activities. The game was prepared in good faith as a part of EUdiology youth exchange. Game can not be used for different purposes.



What is the full name of OTI?

**One Terrene
International**

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Think about 3 actions you can take in order to help raise awareness of positive aspects of immigration.

Spell One Terrene International backwards.



What is a budget of Creative Europe Programme in 2014–2020?

- A. 0.987 bln EUR**
- B. 1.46 bln EUR**
- C. 2.3 bln EUR**

B. 1.46 bln EUR

Is OTI eligible for receiving, sending and coordinating projects?

YES!

When did United Kingdom decided to leave European Union?

2016

Riddle!

What is it: it comes in all shapes and sizes. Everyone has it and usually wears it every single day. It even has its own day.

Pijama



IN



IN



IN



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CHALLENGE!

The time has come! You've just found a perfect project. Prepare a 30 seconds speech to pitch your candidacy to take part in it.

Name 3 activities of OTI in frame of Erasmus+

For example:

- Youth exchanges: EUdiology

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Apart from international projects, OTI is doing many cool things locally. Name just one

Radio station

European Commission has just announced an extra deadline for youth exchanges. You're so happy and excited about the new opportunity to develop OTI project! As you are starting a new adventure, you have to move to the starting field.

According to Erasmus+, you are a young person if you are ...



13–30 years old

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How many Erasmus babies has born?



1 million



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Name another European Project that you can benefit from

**For example
Creative Europe**

How many member states are in the European Union?

28

Challenge! Learn word 'YOUTH' in at least 5 different languages. You can ask your colleagues from OTI, they've already met many young people from all over Europe.

Jackpot! National Agency of Erasmus+ has acknowledged OTI and their efforts towards youth! As a reward you can throw the dice one more time.

Create a short and catchy motto for OTI to promote their activities.

Name 3 reasons why a young person should join Erasmus+ Programme

Challenge! Learn word 'EUROPE' in at least 5 different languages. You can ask your colleagues from OTI, they've already met many young people from all over Europe.

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Name 3 reasons why a young person should join European Solidarity Corps



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