



PLAY
WITH US



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INTRODUCTION

Foundation of Social Integration Prom was established in 2004 in Wrocław, Poland and since then it has been continuously carrying out activities aimed at integrating groups and people at risk of exclusion, including the Roma community, free legal counseling and community centers. And since 2009, we have been hosting foreign volunteers under various programs of the European Commission. From year to year, our activity in this area is developing. So far, at our invitation, over 145 young people from various countries from Europe and Asia have come to Wrocław to work as volunteers in educational (kindergartens, schools, community centers) and cultural institutions (Festival Brave Kids).

Their presence in host organizations helps teachers, educators and children to develop linguistic, social and cultural competences. Contact with volunteers contributes to the acceptance of others as well as the development of tolerance and the prevention of discrimination. In addition, each volunteer brings a unique value to his/her workplace, a fresh perspective on daily tasks, a new vision, ideas for activities with target groups, ways of solving difficult situations, enthusiasm and willingness to act.

We often ask volunteers to share their personal experiences and resources, to present their hobbies, culture and country of origin. And since they mainly work with children, they also present games from own childhood, national fairy tales, and favorite animated films.

Volunteers take part not only in the daily work of educational institutions, but also in events promoting the project: fairs, workshops, picnics. At one of these picnics, children played with volunteers on a colorful mat. This photo inspired us and was on the cover of one of our previous educational publications. To give the picture a more "European" character, we have decorated the blanket on which the children are sitting with a map of Europe.

This is how the idea was born to create a parachute for animations with a map of Europe. But the parachute itself is not enough, so we invited our volunteers: Tatiana Bucca from Argentina, Chiara Destro from Italy and Aymara Sanchez Cabello from Spain to create a set of games and activities with its use. This is how the "Play with us!" set for fun and education was created. It is intended for a minimum of 8 participants of all ages (from 3 years of age), the degree of difficulty can be adjusted to the age of players as described below.

The games proposed here not only allow to practice team skills: competition and cooperation, but above all, they familiarize participants with a lot of information about European countries: their capitals, monuments, languages, location on the map, as well as the European Union and Poland itself.

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The "Play with us!" set consists of:

- a durable animation parachute (with a diameter of 3 m) with a printed map of Europe (contours only) and 24 handles sewn in around the perimeter;
- a large dice with transparent windows into which you can insert playing cards;
- 12x12 cm thematic cards containing information on all 50 European countries, according to 7 categories: country name, capital city, flag, monument, dish, "hello" in various languages, landscape. Cards with country names, capitals and "hello" contain words, and the rest of the categories are presented with a picture. Cards have a colored frame to reflect the difficulty of the topic:

- red - hard
- blue - medium
- green – easy



- neutral cards 12x12 cm with logos of the Prom Foundation and the European Solidarity Corps Program;
- cards of the same size filled with colors (minimum 6 different colors);
- books with a description of games, activities and a set of quiz questions, which is in your hands. To make it easier to play, at the end of the booklet we have included a table with a set of all thematic cards, grouped by country, which will make it easier to identify cards with the country. Cards showing pictures, in the booklet also contain the name of the password (e.g. the name of the dish or the monument). Additionally, you will find a mini parachute with a map and a legend with the names of countries.

Games can be adapted according to the age and number of participants and the aims of the game.

Have fun!

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Before start, one introductory game:

Mushroom

(Note, this game will be used in the other games presented below, so make sure you remember it).

Number of players: from 8 to 24

Age: all ages

Time: 10 minutes

Materials needed: parachute

Place: open-air or big space indoors

All the participants hold the parachute on the hip level, forming a circle.

Animator counts 1,2,3. At 3, players have to lift the parachute overhead, and then pull the edges down, to form a "Mushroom" shape.

1. Travelling ball

Number of players: from 8 to 24

Age: from 8 years old

Time: 20 minutes

Materials needed: parachute, ball and dice with the name of European countries (they can be changed during the game, to make more countries available in the dice)

Place: open-air or big space indoors

Participants are holding the parachute in a circle. Animator throws the dice to select a country and the ball has to "travel" to this place. The ball is put in the middle of the parachute and the participants have to move it, trying to make the ball reach the destination on the map.

Variation: Participants can be part of different teams, and have to reach different destinations with the ball at the same time.

2. Country-Capitals

Number of players: 10-24

Age: kids aged 4-7

Time: 20 minutes

Materials needed: parachute

Place: open-air or big space indoors

All the participants hold the parachute forming a circle. One is selected to be a capital and another to be a country. The country will get out of the circle, away from the parachute, so he or she cannot see where the capital is hiding. The capital has to crawl under the parachute to hide. After, the country is allowed to go on the top of the parachute and search for the capital, while other participants wave the parachute up and down to hide where the capital is. This can be done for 2 or 3 minutes. Afterwards, participants can go back to the circle and choose a new country and capital.

Video to show how it works: <https://youtu.be/lFMBCaotTT0>

3. Travelling the globe

Number of players: 10-24

Age: all ages

Time: 20 minutes

Materials needed: parachute

Place: open-air or big space indoors

Participants will hold the parachute on the hip level, forming a circle. The animator will designate a country name for each participant out loud, so the others can hear it. Afterwards, the animator will say: name of country is travelling to name country and vice versa. The participants with those countries have to run in the circle to reach the other participant's place. In the meantime, the rest of the participants do the mushroom game. Participants running should get to the new place before the parachute is down again.

4. Storm idea

Number of players: 10-24

Age: 6 and more

Time: 20 min

Materials needed: parachute and one dice

Place: open-air or big space indoors

The dice has a country name on each side, which can be replaced during the game. The participants are around the parachute and the dice is in the middle. All together they are moving the parachute to throw the dice to the air. When it will accidentally fall on the ground they have to check the country that is shown and by turns say one thing related to that country. The first person that doesn't know what to say loses and has to do a dare, for example, jump around the circle or stand on one leg holding own nose etc.



Games in teams

5. Quiz challenge

Number of players: 10-24

Age: 4 onwards

Time: 30 min

Materials needed: parachute

Place: open-air or big space indoors

Before starting, participants are divided into 3 or 4 groups. After, they do the mushroom game⁸ and one of the teams has to stay inside the circle, covered by the parachute. In order to be able to get out, they have to answer the questions of a quiz. The content of the quiz can be accommodated according to the aim of the activity and the age of participants (quiz questions are on page 12). After the correct answer to the question, the next group enters the mushroom and takes turns.

Games using the map

For these games, participants will play in teams and will take off their shoes. Parachute will be on the floor. To play with younger kids, the animator can select only the cardboards with green frames.

6. Matching game

Number of players: 6-24

Age: 8 onwards

Time: 20 min

Materials needed: parachute, cardboards with pictures of monuments, names of capitals, food, flags or Hello! in different languages.

Place: open-air or big space indoors

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Participants are near the parachute with their teams. Each turn, the animator will take a piece of cardboard with the chosen theme, and the players will have to match it with the country. Each correct answer is 1 point. The team gets an additional point for showing the country on the map. First team to reach 10 points wins.

7. Map of countries

Number of players: 6-24

Age: 5 onwards

Time: 30 min

Materials needed: parachute, cardboards with pictures of monuments, names of capitals, food, flags or Hello! in different languages. Mini palenque balls*

Place: open-air or big space indoors

Participants are near the parachute with their teams. They will receive a palenque ball each. The animator will take a piece of cardboard with the chosen theme. Players have to throw the mini palenque balls into the map, trying to put it on the correct country, from which the shown theme comes from. The group with the ball that fell closest to the correct country scores 1 point. The team that collects 10 points first wins.

*a small heavy ball, similar to the one used in the French game of petanque. In Poland you will find similar balls named "rusatki" or simply try to use any kind of small, heavy balls.

8. Find the flag

Number of players: 6-24

Age: 6 onwards

Time: 30 min

Materials needed: parachute, dice and cardboards in different colors, neutral cardboards (e.g. with Prom logo), cardboards with flags

Place: open-air or big space indoors

Participants are near the parachute with their teams. There will be a dice with one colour in each "face", so 6 different colors (colours can be changed during the game), a group of neutral cardboards and a group of flag cardboards next to the parachute.

Each turn, participants will throw the dice and according to the colour they get, they will indicate which countries have it on their flag. They can mark it on the map with a neutral piece of cardboard. After, they have to find the cardboard with the flag of each country they marked on the map, and match it.

9. Run!

Number of players: 6-24

Age: 8 onwards

Time: 40 min

Materials needed: parachute, dice with names of countries, neutral cardboards, thematic cardboards

Place: big open-air space or very big space indoors

This game will make players run! Parachute is on the floor and participants are divided into teams. Piles with cardboards organised by categories will be distributed on the space, in "stages" with a good distance between each other (around 5 meters in between each). Each team will throw the dice, and get a country (if the country is the same for more teams - more challenge!).

At the count of 3, they have to run together in teams to each stage, finding the right cardboard related to their country. They cannot move to the next stage if they do not have the right cardboard (unless they got the same country as the other team, and the other team already found the cardboard). When they have all of them, they must go to the parachute and mark the country with the neutral cardboard. When the first team does it, the game is stopped and they count points: each right cardboard is 1 point, plus 2 points for stopping the game. The game continues until they reach 20 points.

Adaptation: For younger participants, the number of stages can be reduced.

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10. Gallito ciego (blind rooster) travels the world:

Number of players: 6-24

Age: 6 onwards

Time: 40 min

Materials needed: parachute, dice with names of countries, neutral cardboards, cardboards with flags, monuments, food, hello! in different languages. Bandana to cover eyes

Place: big open-air space or big space indoors

Players are divided into teams, and stay around the parachute, which is lying on the floor. They play in turns. One of the players of the first team is the "Gallito ciego" and goes barefoot to the center of the parachute with a piece of neutral cardboard and a person from another team covers his eyes with a bandana.

The dice has the pictures of the category chosen* (monuments, food, words, etc.). The rest of the team rolls the dice, without letting Gallito Ciego know about the result. They will have to guide him/her to reach the country indicated by the dice, by saying "left", "right", "forward" and "backward", and he/she will put the neutral card in the place of the map they think is right. They can have limited time to do this: 5 minutes each. After, it is the turn of the second group. The group who reaches more correct points at the end wins.

Variation: The Gallito ciego has to put the neutral cardboard and also guess which country it is.

* Note that countries neighbouring with Poland are more suitable for younger kids.



QUIZ

For kids over 10 yo.

To make it easier, they can choose the right answer among different options.

1. When was the EU founded?

A - November 1, 1993

B - January 23, 1970

C - February 4, 1956

2. How many were its founding countries?

A - 5

B - 6

C - 9

3. Name one of the founding countries (**Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands**).

4. How many countries are in the EU?

A - 27

B - 29

C - 34

5. Which is the biggest country?

A - Spain

B - Poland

C - France

6. Which is the smallest country?

A - Malta

B - The Netherlands

C - Belgium



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7. What is the surface of the EU?

A - over 4 millions km²

B - 15 millions km²

C - 1 million km²

8. What is the population of the EU?

A - 25 mln

B - 446 mln

C - 120 mln

9. When did Poland join the EU?

A - 01.05.2004

B - 01.05.2000

C - 01.05.2010

10. How many countries make up the UK?

A - 2

B - 4

C - 6

11. Which of these countries doesn't use the Euro as its primary currency?

A - Austria

B - Italy

C - UK

D - Germany

12. Brave Kids is a famous artistic festival that happens annually. Which country / city does it originate from?

A - Germany / Munich

B - Poland / Wrocław

C - France / Paris

13. Which of these countries does not have a monarchy?

- A - Liechtenstein
- B - Belgium
- C - Finland**
- D - Norway

14. Which of these languages is the most commonly spoken first language in Europe?

- A - English
- B - French
- C - German**
- D - Italian

15. Which of these countries is in the European Economic Area, but not in the European Union?

- A-Slovenia
- B-Iceland**
- C-Lithuania
- D-Malta

16. Which of these countries joined the European Union most recently?

- A-Croatia (01.07.2013)**
- B-Romania,
- C-Slovenia,
- D-Bulgaria

17. Do you know some of EU's institutions/organizations/leaders?

- A - The Council of Europe**
- B - European Parliament**
- C - The president of European Union
- D - The European Commission**

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18. In which country Eurodisneyland is located?

A - Belgium

B - France

C - Germany

19. In which cities of Poland will you find these monuments?

A - Wawel (**Cracow**)

B - Ostrów Tumski (**Wrocław**)

C - Sigmund Column (**Warsaw**)

20. From which Polish city the following delicacies are coming from?

A - Gingerbread (**Toruń**)

B - Saint Martin's Croissant (**Poznań**)

C - Cream-cookie (**Wadowice**)

Quiz questions for kids under 10 yo

1. In the EU there are 27 countries. Can you name some of them?

2. Do you know what the EU flag looks like? What do its elements mean? (blue background = sky, stars circle = citizens of Europe).

3. Do you know what "euro" is?

4. Do you know when we celebrate EU day and why? (9th of May because in 1950 it was the day that a french named Robert Schuman told people his idea of finally setting up peace in Europe).

5. Do you know where the European Parliament is located? (Brussels, Strasburg and Luxembourg).

6. Do you know the capital of your country? Can you say some other capitals?
7. What's your favourite food? Can you name some typical meals from other countries?
8. Can you say some of the 24 languages that are used in the EU?
9. What do We call a citizen of Europe? And a citizen of Poland?
10. With how many countries does Poland border? (7) Can you name a few of them? (Germany, Slovakia, Czechia, Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Lithuania).
11. Europe is one of the 7 continents of the world, do you know the names of others? (Africa, South America, North America, Antarctica, Australia, Asia, Europe).
12. Do you know what the Polish flag looks like? (it is a 5: 8 rectangle divided into two horizontal stripes: white on the top and red).
13. From which country does the LEGO come from? Denmark (city Billund).
14. What is the name of the official song of each country? (Anthem). What is the title of Polish anthem? (Dąbrowski's mazurka).
15. Which animal is the symbol of Poland? (white eagle).



Curiosity

1. Which country has the highest number of land borders with neighbouring states? (Germany, borders with 9 countries).
 2. Eurostar (a rail carrier operating high-speed connections) connects which countries? UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands.
 3. How many languages are spoken by European citizens? (More than 200 but only 24 are recognised by EU).
 4. La Tomatina is a famous tomato festival – which country is it held? Spain.
 5. How many countries still have monarchy? (12) - name some of them (Andorra, Belgium, Vatican's City, Denmark, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Monaco, Netherlands, UK, Norway, Spain, Sweden).
 6. Which building took more time to be built: Sagrada Familia and Pyramids? (Pyramids took about 85 years to be built. Sagrada Familia isn't finished yet, this masterpiece started to be built in 1882).
 7. Which is one of the most popular attractions in Europe? (Disneyland Paris, 9,7 millions visitors per years out of 7 million for the Tour Eiffel, for example).
 8. Where can you find pluvial forest in Europe? (Bosnia Herzegovina).
 9. Where can you find the city with the longest name? (in Wales, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch and means "Church of Saint Mary by the pond among white hazel trees near the water whirl under the red cave at the church of St. Tysilius").
 10. Where can you find villages with the shortest name? (In Denmark, Sweden and Norway you can find a village named "Å" -means "little river"- and "Ö" -means "island").
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11. Which country is mosquitoes free? (Iceland).
 12. Which country has the strongest men in the world? (Poland with Mariusz Pudzianowski).
 13. Which country has more bicycles than people? (Netherlands, 22,3 million bikes and 17 million people).
 14. Which country counts the highest number of McDonald's? (Germany).
 15. Which country counts the highest number of castles? (Czech Republic).
 16. Where is the biggest amount of chocolate sold in Europe, and in the world? (Bruxelles).
 17. Where is the richest European man from? (France, LVMH's CEO Bernard Jean Etienne Arnault).
 18. Are there more kebab restaurants in Berlin or in Istanbul? (Berlin with more than 4000 shops).
 19. Where can you find the biggest church? (Vatican, S. Peter).
 20. Where can you find the highest building? (Russia, Lakhta center, 462 meters high) .
 21. Which country has won the most Eurovision titles? (Ireland).
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1 - Albania	11 - Cyprus	21 - Iceland	31 - Moldova	41 - Serbia
2 - Andorra	12 - Czechia	22 - Ireland	32 - Montenegro	42 - Slovakia
3 - Armenia	13 - Denmark	23 - Italy	33 - Netherlands	43 - Slovenia
4 - Austria	14 - Estonia	24 - Kazakhstan	34 - North Macedonia (formerly Macedonia)	44 - Spain
5 - Azerbaijan	15 - Finland	25 - Kosovo	35 - Norway	45 - Sweden
6 - Belarus	16 - France	26 - Latvia	36 - Poland	46 - Switzerland
7 - Belgium	17 - Georgia	27 - Liechtenstein	37 - Portugal	47 - Turkey
8 - Bosnia and Herzegovina	18 - Germany	28 - Lithuania	38 - Romania	48 - Ukraine
9 - Bulgaria	19 - Greece	29 - Luxembourg	39 - Russia	49 - United Kingdom
10 - Croatia	20 - Hungary	30 - Malta	40 - San Marino	50 - Vatican City (Holy See)

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