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We find
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The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY MOST OF THE PEOPLE ARE
BI- OR EVEN TRI-LINGUAL, SPEAKING EITHER
ROMANIAN, RUSSIAN OR GAGAUZ?**



1 499 km



MOLDOVA

The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY THE PROPORTION OF
YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 20 AND 24
YEARS WHO ARE STUDYING IS BY FAR THE
HIGHEST AMONG THE EU-27 COUNTRIES?**



1 803 km



SLOVENIA

The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY YOUNG PEOPLE (15-29)
MAKE UP 70% OF THE POPULATION, MAKING IT
THE 2ND YOUNGEST IN EUROPE (AFTER
KOSOVO)?**



forever
young

The text "forever young" is displayed in a stylized, cursive font. The letters are filled with a vibrant, multi-colored galaxy or nebula pattern, featuring shades of purple, blue, and pink. The text is set against a plain white background.

2 713 km



ALBANIA

The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY THE CAPITAL IS CALL
„PINKED CITY”?**



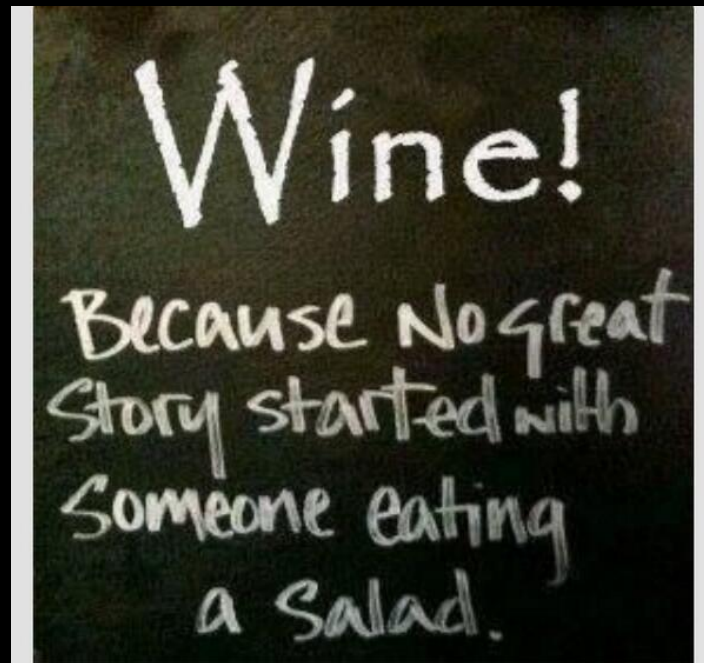
3 138 km

ARMENIA



The question is...

**IN WITCH COUNTRY DRINKING IN PUBLIC IS
ACTUALLY ILLEGAL, EXCEPT ONE DAY OF THE
YEAR WHEN THIS LAW IS SLIGHTLY BENT?**



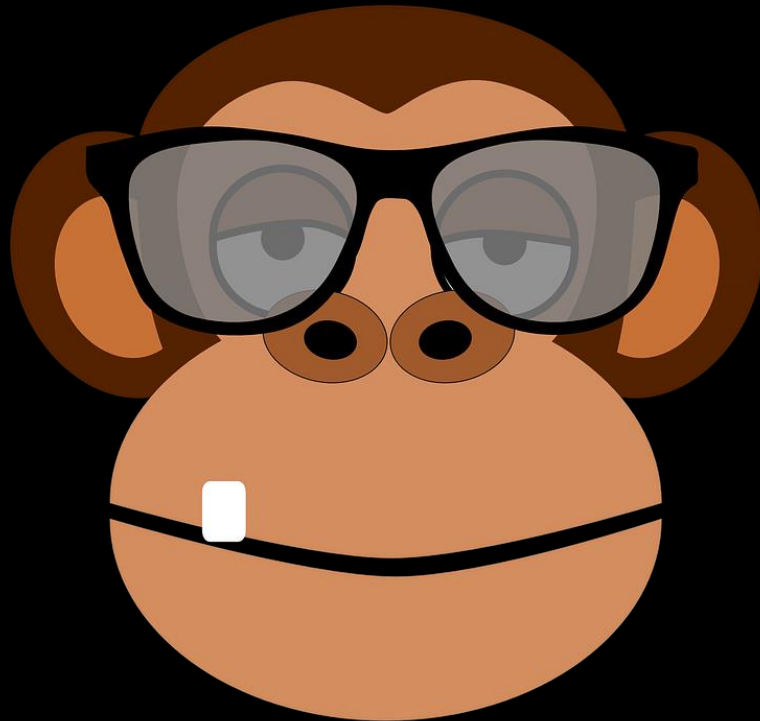
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2 958 km

IRELAND

The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY IS THE OLDEST ZOO IN THE
WORLD, FOUNDED IN 1752?**

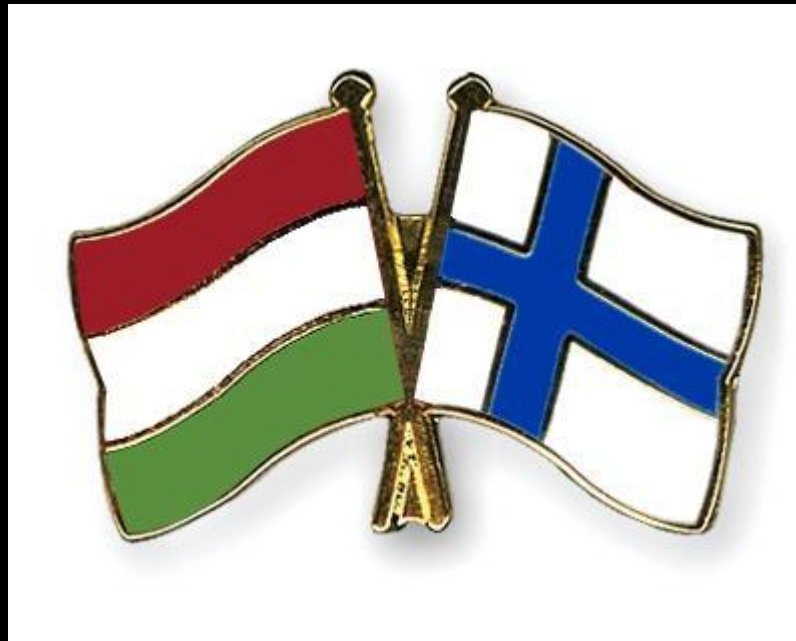


1 430 km

AUSTRIA

The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY THE LANGUAGE IS FROM
THE SAME LANGUAGE GROUP AS HUNGARIAN
AND FINNISH?**





357 km

ESTONIA

The question is...

**WHICH IS SIMPLY THE BEST COUNTRY IN THE
WORLD FOR RURAL YOUTH?**





LATVIA



The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY THERE IS THE ARTIFICIAL
HILL CONSISTING OF 80 MILLION ANCIENT, USED
CERAMIC POTS?**



2 536 km

ITALY



The question is...

**WHERE WAS THE WORLD'S FIRST
CONSTITUTION INTRODUCED AND ALSO WHICH
IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY IN EUROPE (603,628
KM2)?**



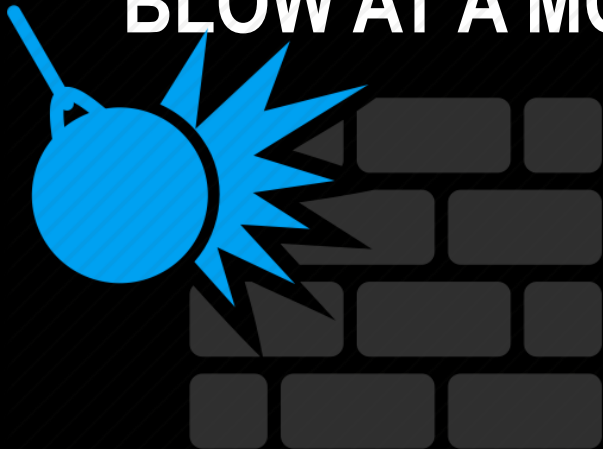
1 135 km



UKARINE

The question is...

IN WHICH COUNTRY MAIN DEFENSE STRATEGIES IS TO DEMOLISH EVERY MAIN ACCESS INTO THE COUNTRY VIA ROADS, BRIDGES, AND RAILWAYS. THERE ARE AT LEAST 3,000 LOCATIONS CURRENTLY PREPARED TO BLOW AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE IN CASE OF AN ATTACK?



2 162 km

SWITZERLAND

The question is...

**WHICH COUNTRY ALREADY IN 2011 HAS MADE A
DECISION TO DECOMMISSION ALL NUCLEAR
POWER STATIONS BY 2022 AND TO REPLACE
THEM WITH RENEWABLE ENERGIES AND NEW
STORAGE FOR GREEN ELECTRICITY?**



1 291 km

GERMANY



The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY FAMILY-BASED OWNERSHIP
OF FARMS HAS SO VERY LONG TRADITION THAT
EVEN CURRENT LEGISLATION IS PROTECTING
STRENGTHENING THIS TRADITION?**



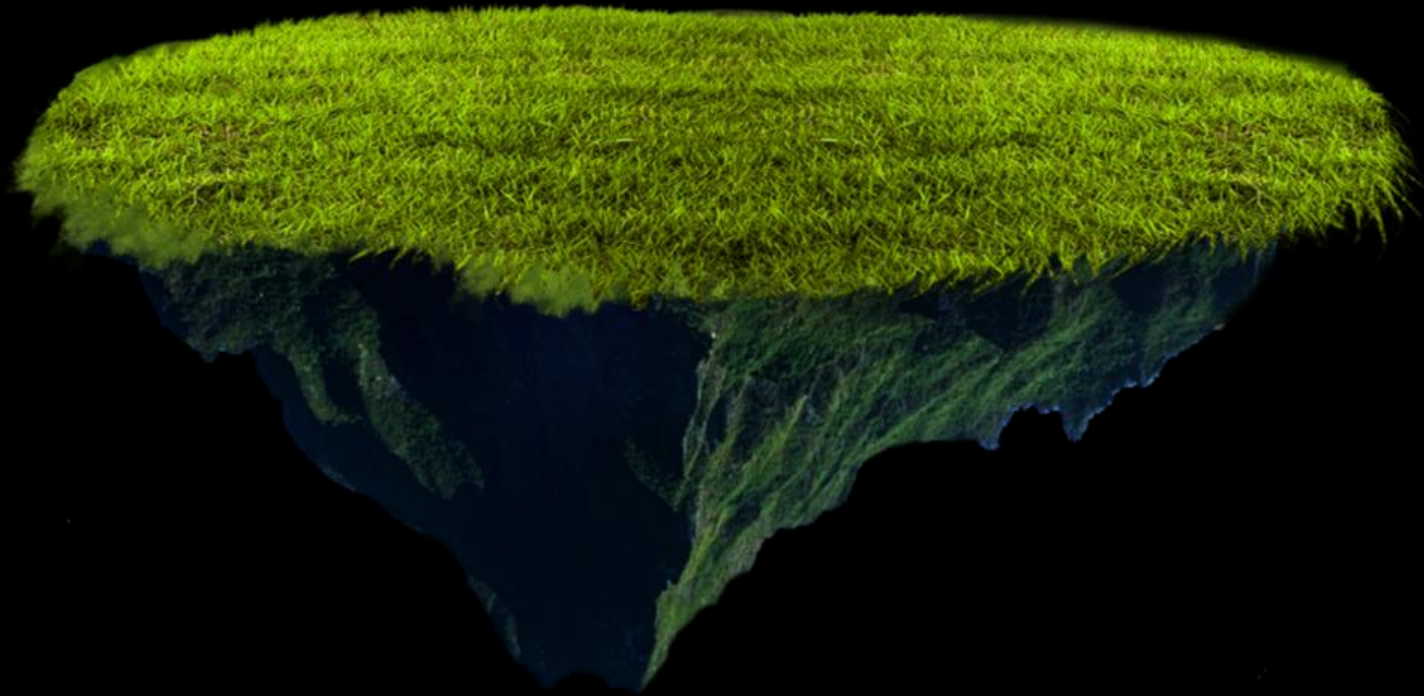
1 070 km



NORWAY

The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY 70% OF THE LAND IS STILL
OWNED BY AROUND 1% OF THE POPULATION?**





2 362 km

ENGLAND

The question is...

**WHERE IS THE UFO CAPITAL OF THE WORLD
AND THE CITY THAT WAS FIRST IN THE WORLD
TO HAVE ITS OWN FIRE BRIGADE?**



2 979 km



SCOTLAND

The question is...

**WHERE ARE MORE CASTLES PER SQUARE
KILOMETER THAN ANY OTHER EUROPEAN
COUNTRY?**



2 600 km



WALES

The question is...

**WHERE IS ANNUAL BOG SNORKELLING
COMPETITION?**



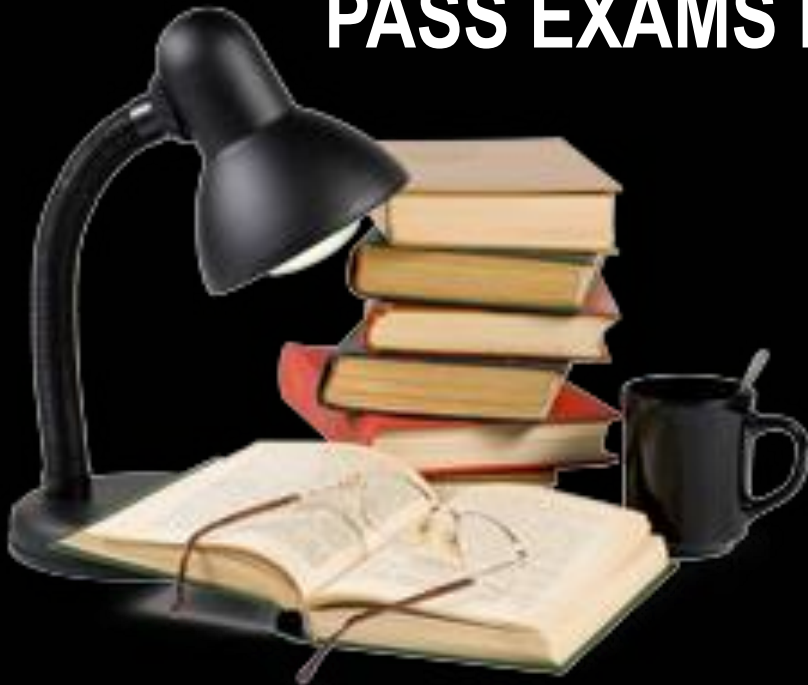
3 119 km



NORTHERN IRELAND

The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY IN THE SCHOOLS ARE LESS
EXAMS THAN IN OTHER COUNTRIES, TO
STRENGTHEN THE POINT OF SCHOOL IS NOT TO
PASS EXAMS BUT TO LEARN?**



400 km



FINLAND

The question is...

**IN WHICH COUNTRY IS THE HAPPIEST YOUNG
WORKERS IN THE WORLD?**



1 728 km



DENMARK



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AIRBERG



Wants to take over her grandparents' cucumber growing and processing business in Airberg.

Ana (28)

Status:

Living in a different city and doing well paid job. Have grandparents in Airberg who are running quite big enterprise - Cucumber fields and processing factory.

Description:

She moved away from Airberg to city many years ago with her parents. She is an accountant in big company, but decided, that office work is too boring for her and she wants to run her own business. In the meantime, she is quite excited about her urban life style- theatres, night life and daily meetings with friends in the city.



Wants to run the TV show about traveling, but still live with parents in the Airberg.

Birgit (19)

Status:

Resident of Airberg. Just graduated high school. Her parents are quite wealthy and promised to support her for one year, even if she will not study or work.



Description:

Birgit's family have travelled around the world since Birgit can remember. For vacations they travelled to other continents, but during the weekends- short trips. She is brilliant in geography and history. Her desire is to share her passion and to learn more about countries all around the world.

Wants to establish a family with eight children and live the rest of his life in Airberg.

Christoph (24)

Status:

A resident of Airberg. Just graduated the University and came back home. He lives with his parents in two-bedroom apartment.



Description:

After graduating high school, Christoph moved to the city to get higher education which is now done. His parents are pensioners and can't support him a lot - that's why he has quite a big debt in a bank, what was taken to cover costs of the education.

Wants to have 5 ha land, to build a wooden house and to do Eco farming business in Airberg.

David (26)

Status:

Immigrant from United States. Came to Airberg to establish Eco farm.

Description:

Born in California (USA). He was dreaming all his life about gardening, but in the USA couldn't find a place to do it. Graduated the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in California.



Has a dream to
become a doctor .

Emma (18)

Status:

Lives remotely from Airberg with her parents-peasants with limited incomes. Whole week is spending in 85 km far distance small city at her aunt apartment where she is attending the school. She is coming home just on the weekends because of poor transport connection.



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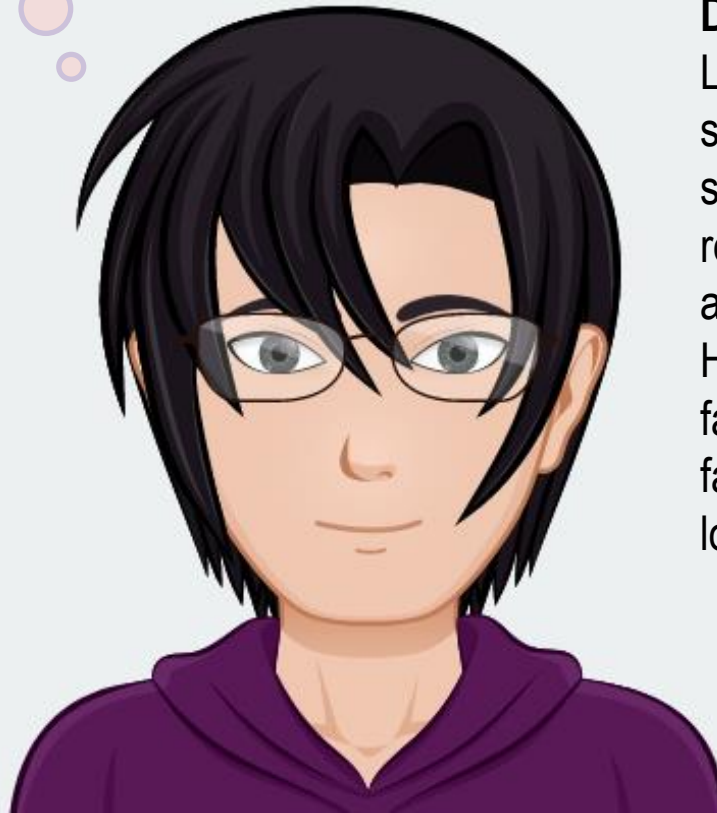
Emma is average student but very interested to become a doctor- she is willing to take care about patients of all ages. She wants to study medicine, but is quite concerned about living in a big city and doesn't want to work in the hospital. She wants to spend all her free time to prepare better for the examination, but have limited access for support.

Wants to become a scientist and work in university in different continent.

Fredric (17)

Status:

Especially gifted in life science. Physics and chemistry is his passion. Because of health issues, spending his life in wheelchair.



Description:

Living with his big family of six people. He is the best student in his school. Has received many awards for his achievements in school. Have serious support from family, especially from his father, who insists that he will look after Fredric himself.

Wants that Airberg becomes the best place where to raise her children.

Grace (27)

Status:

Young mother, who moved to Airberg after she got married with partner who lives in Airberg.

Description:

Grace is a lady, who has discovered a lot of issues that have to be solved in Airberg. She doesn't have her own friend yet so most of the day she spend at home with her child.



Wants to become
financially independent
from parents.

Hranush (25)

Status:

Activist of youth NGO.
Lives in Airberg, but using
every opportunity to
participate in any youth
project around the world.
She has graduated school
in Airberg.



Description:

Since her childhood Hranush was socially active and involved in all project activities, in any NGO in Airberg or different city if it was proposed. Her parents believe, that this kind of activities have increased her potential to become a local politician, but young lady resists, because she sees more advantages in being in the youth NGO not in politics.

Wants to run profitable
art gallery in Airberg.

Ilaria (26)

Status:

Ilaria have born in Airberg,
but was not accepted by
local community because
of different social issues.



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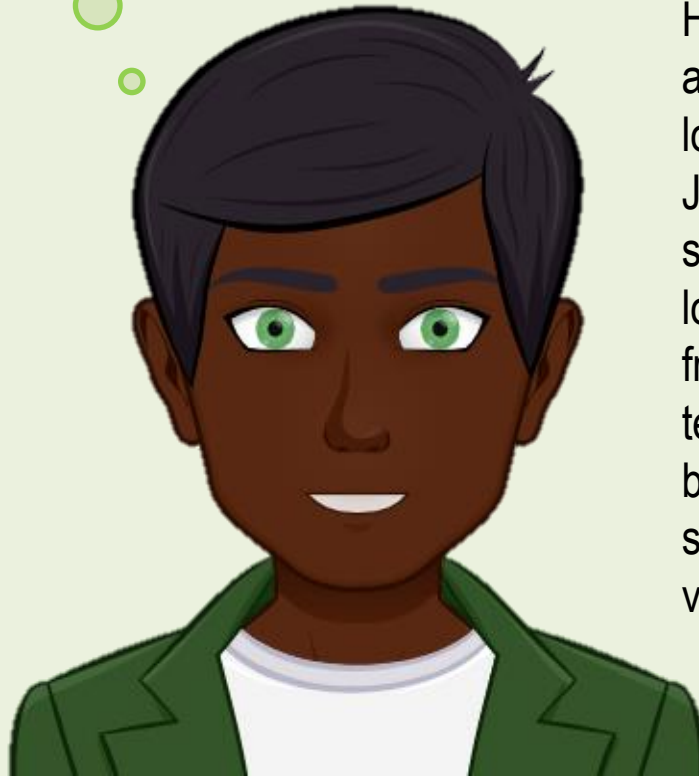
She was born in Airberg and
always was interested in Arts. With
the support from friends outside of
Airberg, she opened an Art gallery
in the village, but this is not very
profitable, because people in
Airberg don't appreciate the gallery
concept. She feels alone and afraid
to lose all the money that she has
invested in her small business. She
is looking for a partner to have
support and share her daily
responsibilities.

Dreams to play
basketball and improve
his playing skills.

Janis (15)

Status:

Moved from another village
with his parents, who
moved because of better
paid work in Airberg.



Description:

He moved to Airberg 3 month
ago and doesn't know how
long he will stay in Aiberg.
Janis is up to go to local
school, but he still didn't learn
local language. He misses his
friends and basketball
teammates. He also misses his
brothers and sisters who
stayed in his previous home
village.

Wants to work in the
museum of History of
Airberg.

Kirill (23)

Status:

The only child of wealthy family. He studied law in the city, but failed exams and came to Airberg.



Description:

After graduating high- school, Kiril moved to city to study a Law. Parents paid for his education and it was their will. As Kiril was not interested in the law, he failed exams. Kiril lives in village and doesn't work or study, but want work in the museum of History of Airberg. Parents resist his will, because that is not well paid and not a prestige work.

Dreams to meet two
friends from different
continents.

● Luvas (19)

Status:

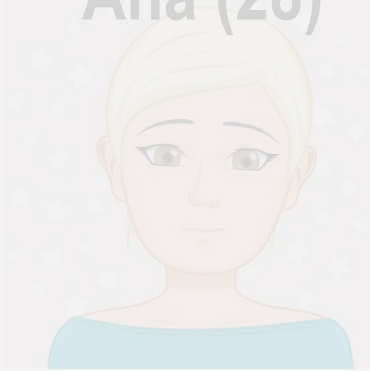
Just graduated Airberg.
His hobby is computer
games.



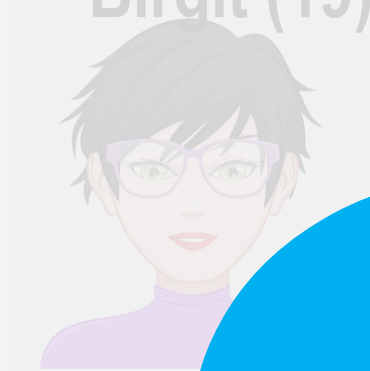
Description:

He lives with his family - four
people.
Luvas left dance classes and
chorus lessons while he was
a student, because it was
impossible to manage to get
home after classes with a
school bus. He has a lot of
internet friends around the
world, but he hasn't met them
live.

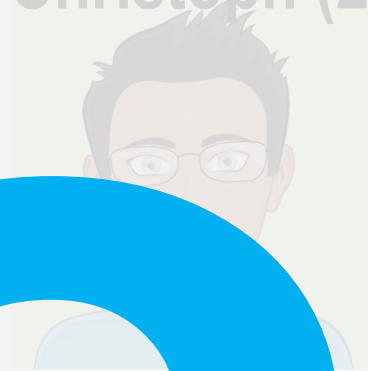
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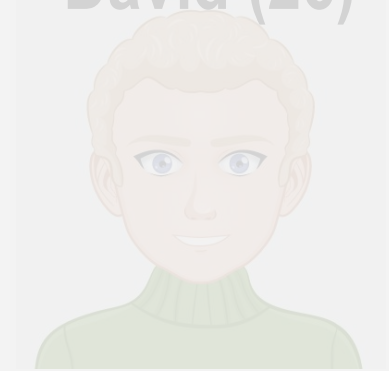
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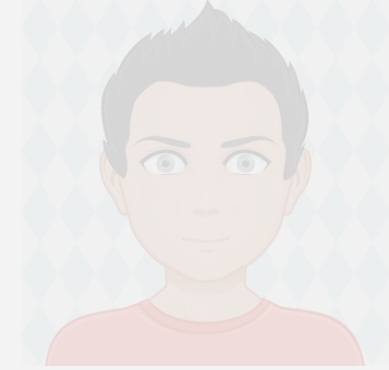
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European Rural Manifesto

Adopted at the Conference of the Second European Rural Parliament
 held 4 to 6 November 2013 at Schöding, Austria
 and attended by 240 delegates from 40 European countries

1. We, representatives of many people and organisations rooted in rural Europe, have adopted this European Rural Manifesto as a statement of the aspirations, commitments and demands of rural people, drawing upon meetings in many countries during the European Rural Parliament campaign 2015.
2. **Diversity of rural areas.** We deeply appreciate the wide diversity of areas and peoples in Europe, arising from the varied geomorphology, climate and biodiversity of land and sea and from the long history of human activity across the continent. We see this variety, as expressed in human culture and natural resources, as an enormous opportunity for the future well-being of all peoples in Europe.
3. **Common values.** We acclaim the common values which bind the people of Europe – democracy, equality, the rule of law, recognition of human rights, the spirit of cooperation. We are impressed by the common themes emerging from the European Rural Parliament campaign across the face of Europe, from the Atlantic to the Black Sea and from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean.
4. **Quality of life.** Those who live in rural Europe value highly the quality of life which is offered by the countryside, the farms, villages and small towns, the coastal margins and islands, mountains and forests with their local cultures, wildlife, landscapes, healthy environment and cultural heritage.
5. **Concern about rural conditions.** However, we are very concerned that many regions are affected by narrowness of rural economies, the lack of opportunities for satisfying and fairly-paid work, the loss of population as young people move away, the consequent demographic imbalance, the decline in services, poverty and social exclusion among disadvantaged people or ethnic minorities and environmental degradation.
6. **The need for action.** We believe passionately that these challenges must be addressed, for the benefit not only of the rural communities but also of the whole population of Europe. We all depend on food, timber, fibre, energy, water and minerals produced in rural areas. Farmers, enterprises and other rural actors create a common wealth for Europe. Rural areas contribute greatly to amelioration of climate change, recreation, public health and social, economic and spiritual well-being.

7. Rights. We assert the right of rural areas and communities to full recognition by all the people and institutions of Europe, to a quality of life and standard of living equal to that of urban populations, and to full participation in political processes. We ask governments at all levels to endorse that right.

In all aspects of policy and action related to rural communities, women and men should be afforded equal rights.

8. Vision. Our vision for the future of rural Europe is of vibrant, inclusive and sustainable rural communities, supported by diversified rural economies and by effective stewardship of high-quality environment and cultural heritage. We believe that rural communities, modelled on that vision, can be major long-term contributors to a prosperous, peaceful, just and equitable Europe, and to a sustainable global society.

9. Partnership. The pursuit of our vision demands in every country a refreshed and equitable partnership between people and governments. We, the rural people and organisations, know that we have a responsibility to give leadership and to act towards our own collective well-being. But we also fairly demand that governments at all levels, including the European institutions, work to make this crucial partnership effective.

10. Review of the state of rural areas. We urge the European Union to mount a major review of the condition of rural areas within the European Union, and of the contribution which rural areas now make, and can further make, to the well-being of the Union. The report on this review should be published in 2017, to mark the 30th anniversary of the report 'The Future of the Countryside'. Its conclusions should be reflected in enhanced focus upon rural areas within all EU programmes and funds. We wish to use the continuing European Rural Parliament process to enable rural communities to influence the preparation of policies for the period 2020-2027.


We ask the Council of Europe to consider launching a review of the condition and needs of rural areas in its member states.

11. Reversing the decline. Many regions are affected by a 'downward spiral' in the vitality of rural areas. Loss of population (particularly of young people) leads to reduced vitality, reduced vitality leads to loss of population, and so on, in a vicious circle. We call for concerted efforts by rural stakeholders, all relevant agencies and governments to 'reverse the spiral' by promoting appreciation of and pride in rural ways of life, rather than imposing urban norms, strengthening rural services, diversifying rural economies, and enabling young people to remain in or return to the rural areas.

12. Youth. Many young people are ready to remain in, or move into, rural areas and to take responsibility as farmers, rural entrepreneurs or citizens for the future well-being of rural economies and communities. Young people need attractive employment, well-targeted systems of education and vocational training, apprenticeships based on local needs, access to land, housing and credit, social and cultural activities suited to young people, and specific support to young farmers and entrepreneurs. We call on governments and civil society to meet these needs and to enable young people to participate actively in political processes.

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