

## **EUROKNOW**

Set n. 1

## **GEOGRAPHY**

00/ Which river crosses Europe from west to east and its course includes parts of Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine? The Danube (The Danube basin also includes the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro).

01/ Which sea does Bulgaria have a border with? The Black Sea

02/ How many uninhabited islands are there in Denmark? A) None. B) 5. C) 10. D) 82. The correct answer is: D) 82 (Denmark comprises the Jutland peninsula and about 400 islands, 82 of which are uninhabited).

03/ Which is the most southerly of the Nordic countries and which is also the smallest? **Denmark** 

04/ What is the highest peak in Western Europe? Mont Blanc

05/ Is Hungary a landlocked country? Yes

06/ What is the highest point in Greece? Mount Olympus (2917 meters)

07 Which countries surround Luxembourg? France, Germany and Belgium

08/ Which sea borders the Netherlands to the north and west? The North Sea

09/ What is the name Netherlands ("Low Countries") based on? **Because a part of the northern and western part of the country is below sea level**.

10/ How many island states are in the EU? Three: Republic of Ireland, Cyprus and Malta

11/ Which sea has the most oil and pollution in the world? The Mediterranean Sea



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12/ What is the capital of Malta? Valletta

13/ How many square kilometres is Spain? A) Between 300,000 and 400,000. B) Between 400,000 and 500,000. C) Between 500,000 and 600,000. D/ More than 600,000 The correct answer is C) Spain has 505,811 square kilometers.

14/ Which country has the largest surface area? Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic or Slovenia? **Poland** 

15/ Which independent states are located on Italian territory? San Marino and Vatican City

16/ Which country has 5835 km of coastline between Slovenia and Montenegro? Croatia

17/ Which country has the longest border with France? Brazil (due to French Guiana)

18/ What are the countries that are separated by the English Channel? The **United Kingdom and France** 

19/ Which country's citizens are from Corsica? France

20/ The European region of Tyrol is divided between which two European countries? **Austria and Italy** 

21/ What is the capital of Slovenia? Ljubljana

22/ Which sea washes the coasts of Slovenia? The Adriatic Sea

23/ Which islands belong to Portugal and have the status of autonomous regions? **The Azores and Madeira** 

24/ Which two large islands in the Mediterranean Sea belong to Italy? Sicily and Sardinia

25 Which mountains run 1,000 kilometres from north to south along the east coast of Italy, forming the main axis of the Italian peninsula? **The Apennines** 



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26/ What is the third largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, after Sicily and Sardinia? **Cyprus** 

27/ Which European country has the highest GDP per capita in the world? Luxembourg

28/ Which country does the island of Greenland belong to? **Denmark** 

29/ Which European countries belong to the peninsula of Jutland? **Denmark (mainland)** and **Germany (north).** 

30/ Which country is the Bohemian region part of? Czech Republic

31/ Which River runs through Bratislava? The Danube

32/ Which mountains cross Romania? The Carpathian Mountains

33/ Where is the Dutch Government located? The Hague

34/ Where does the EU rank in terms of world population? Third (after China and India).

35/ What is the capital of the Autonomous Community of Galicia? Santiago de Compostela

36/ Which language(s) is (are) official in Malta? English and Maltese

37/ Which country's citizens are born in New Caledonia? France

38/ What is the largest financial centre in Germany? Frankfurt

39/ In which European country is the city of Innsbruck located? Austria

40/ What sea bathes the coasts of Poland? The Baltic Sea

41/ Which Belgian city has been famous since Roman times for its baths or thermal centers? **Spa** 



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- 42/ In which country is Krakow in? Poland
- 43/ Which EU country has the largest population? Germany (82 million inhabitants)
- 44/ Which is the southernmost region of mainland Portugal, and the most touristic of the Portuguese provinces? **The Algarve**
- 45/ What is the capital of the Italian region of Tuscany? Florence
- 46/ In which country is Leuven, home to one of the oldest and most important universities in Europe, located? **Belgium**
- 47/ Which river flows through Amsterdam? The Amstel
- 48/ Which of the following countries is not bordered by the Baltic Sea: Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Germany or Slovakia? **Slovakia**
- 49/ How big is the EU-27? A) Less than 5 million km2. B) Between 5 and 10 million km2. C) Between 10 and 15 million km2.

The correct answer is: A) Less than 5 million km2 (approximately 4.2 million km2).

- 50/ Which is the outermost region of the EU with the largest number of inhabitants? **The Canary Islands**
- 51/ Which sea does the Rhine flow into? In the North Sea (in the Netherlands)
- 52/ Which sea does the Danube flow into? In the Black Sea (in Romania)
- 53/ Which of the following French regions was part of Germany at different historical periods? Languedoc, Auvergne, Alsace or Picardy? **Alsace**
- 54/ Which country borders only France? Monaco
- 55/ What river plain lies between the Apennines and the Alps? The Po plain



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56/ What type of climate is typical of the inland areas of Europe and is characterised by a great contrast in temperature, with hot summers and cold winters? **Continental climate** 

57/ What is the name of the German region that in the 19th century developed a very powerful iron and steel industry, thanks to its coal mines? **Ruhr basin** 

58/ Which country is the main oil producer in Europe? Norway

59/ Which three European countries receive the greatest number of tourists? **France**, **Spain and Italy** 

60/ With how many countries does Spain have a land border? With 5 (Portugal, France, United Kingdom, Andorra and Morocco)

61/ Between which two parallels of northern latitude is Europe as a continent? **Between** parallels 37° and 70° north latitude

62/ What separates the Strait of Messina? The island of Sicily from peninsular Italy

63/ Where is Skopje? It is the capital of the Republic of North Macedonia

64/ What is the capital of the German state of Bavaria? Munich

65/ What country was Finland part of for seven centuries? **Sweden** 

66/ How do you say Finland in Finnish? Suomi

67/ What is the territory of the Sami? Lapland (a region divided between Norway, Russia, Sweden and Finland)

68/ To which Greek archipelago does the island of Santorini belong? The Cyclades

69/ What is the climate of the northern half of Europe characterized by mild temperatures and abundant rainfall (over 800 mm throughout the year)? **Oceanic climate** 



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70/ Name two European countries where there are glaciers. France, Norway, Austria, Italy or Switzerland (Lex Deux Alpes, Fonna, Hintertux, Passo Stelvio and Zermatt, respectively)

71/ What is Europe's main population growth component? **Immigration** 

72/ Together with irrigated agriculture, what is the trilogy of crops typical of Mediterranean agriculture? **Wheat, vines and olives** 

73/ Which Greek geographer tells in his "Geography" that a squirrel could cross the Iberian Peninsula from the Cantabrian Mountains to Tarifa without stepping on the ground? **Strabo** 

74/ Name the four European cities where it rains the most per year. Copenhagen, Oslo, Brussels and Amsterdam (251, 232, 220 and 214 days per year, respectively)

75/ The EU is committed to the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, what is the name of the main European programme on this issue? **European Green Deal** 

76/ The ensemble formed by living things in the territorial area in which they live is called a biotope. Which EU regulation deals with the conservation of biotopes in Europe? **Nature Restoration Act** 

77/ Do EU rules ensure that Member States assess the likely significant environmental effects of certain major infrastructure projects, plans and public programmes? **Yes** 

78/ What is the name of the rock from Carrara (Italy) that Michelangelo used to sculpt his works, or from Pentelic (Greece) that was used to build the Parthenon, and what kind of rock is it? **Marble (metamorphic rock)** 

79/ Knowing that tides are more important in open seas like the North Sea than in closed seas like the Mediterranean, what is the name of the mountain that is located in France, where the high tide is so important that it becomes an island? **Mount Saint-Michel** 

80/ What continent serves as the primary destination for tourists worldwide, accounting for over two-thirds of global tourism? **Europe** 



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81/ What is the meridian named after a London neighbourhood that serves as a reference for establishing time zones and whose time is known as GMT time? **The Greenwich meridian** 

82/ What is the name of the first national park created in Spain in 1918 to commemorate the 12th anniversary of a historical event? Picos de Europa National Park (it was then called "Parque Nacional de la Montaña de Covadonga")

83/ The "homo antecessor" was one of the oldest hominids in Europe. In which famous site is it described for the first time? **Deposit of the Sierra de Atapuerca** 

84/ Name two endemic species that are endangered in Spain, which has the highest percentage of endangered species in Europe. **Iberian lynx**, **Iberian imperial eagle**, **giant lizard of La Gomera or lizard batueca** 

85/ What is the name of the EU Earth Observation Program, which monitors our planet and its environment for the benefit of all European citizens? **Copernicus (Copernicus)** 

86/ Which European service provides information on air quality and atmospheric composition **Copernicus (Copernicus)** 

87/ Which country in the European Union has the largest area of glaciers? **Denmark (in Greenland, although it does not strictly belong to the EU)** 

88/ What is the most populated city on the entire European continent? **Istanbul (15.19 million)** 

89/ Karst relief is due to water erosion on limestone rocks, from which European region does it get its name? **Karst, German name of the Italo-Slovene region of Karso** 

90/ Which semi-desert landscape in the province of Navarra has been protected since 1999 as a Natural Park and since 2000 has been declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO? **Bárdenas Reales** 

91/ Name at least two of the most famous natural pools in Europe. Chorreras de Cabriel in Cuenca; Giola Lagoon in Thassos; Blue Lake in Iceland; or Krka Island in Croatia



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92/ Which European country is home to the volcano that erupted in 2010, resulting in the closure of European airspace for several days? **Iceland** 

93/ Name the volcano located in Sicily, as referenced in a version of Greek mythology, which is believed to be the location of the forges of the god Hephaestus. **Etna** 

94/ What is the highest peak on the Iberian Peninsula? The Mulhacén

95/ Which oceanic current moves from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Atlantic and provides the European continent with a warmer climate than would correspond to its latitude? **The Gulf Stream** 

96/ What is the name of the atmospheric phenomenon observable in the north of Europe that is due to the collision of charged particles coming from the sun with the ionosphere and that produces a luminescence? **Aurora borealis** 

97/ The term anticyclone refers to an area of high pressure. How does the Azores anticyclone affect the climate in the Iberian Peninsula? It produces periods of drought

98/ Which is the most historically and culturally important river basin in the EU? The Danube hydrographic basin (Marcus Aurelius, Barbarossa and a large part of the Habsburg family sailed through it)

99/ Name an area in Spain that is characterized by a landscape of gullies created by erosion by water currents. Sierra de Ayllón (Guadalajara); Cárcavas de Marchal (Granada); Parque natural de las Cárcavas (Salamanca); Morata de Jiloca (Zaragoza)



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