

How are the investigation topics structured?

Each investigation has a different emphasis and theme. The list below gives teacher an indication of the range of themes available in this resource, but it should by no means limit teachers in developing their own and using the ones given as a guide.

Investigation	Key Theme
Investigating Europe I The European Union in Ireland	Discovering what the European Union does and how it affects life in Ireland.
Investigating Europe II Holidaying in Europe	Producing a variety of packages for a variety of holidaymakers
Investigating Europe III Third Level Study and Europe	Finding out about college courses in Ireland which offer a European Experience
Investigating Europe IV An Olympic Variety	Investigation into the variety of Olympic Games
Investigating Europe V Olympics	Historical Investigation into the Olympic Games
Investigating Europe VI The Power of Music	Researching the origins of a variety of national anthems
Investigating Europe VII Europe's Architectural Heritage	Researching some of Europe's key buildings

The following table of icons and symbols will help direct the students, each research activity outlines for the student the aim of the investigation, how long it should take, what they can presume to learn from carrying it out, what materials they need and ideas on how to present their findings.

Icon Legend



AIMS



TIME REQUIRED



LEARNING OUTCOME



MATERIALS OR SOURCES REQUIRED



PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS



POTENTIAL PARTNER ACTIVITY

Investigating Europe I

The European Union in Ireland



Your aim

Your aim is to learn more about what the European Union does and how its actions affect the lives of people in Ireland.



Time

This research activity should take you approximately five hours



By the end of this activity

By the end of this activity you will have identified a number of different policy areas of the EU and will be able to give examples of how some of these policies impact on your surroundings. You will have identified available resources, integrated information from the different sources and presented your findings in a clear and coherent manner



What you need

- » Access to internet
- » Possibly access to a telephone



How you will present your findings

The findings of this research activity will become a part of your portfolio and a sample presentation sheet is provided.



Potential Partner Activity

After you have completed your investigation, let a student from your partner school know of your findings and ask her/him to make the same investigations and report back the results.

What the European Union does by subject

AGRICULTURE	FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY
COMPETITION	HUMANITARIAN AID
CONSUMERS	INFORMATION SOCIETY INTERNAL MARKET
CULTURE	RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
CUSTOMS	TAXATION
ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS	TRANSPORT
EDUCATION, TRAINING, YOUTH	EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND SECURITY	ENERGY
PUBLIC HEALTH	ENTERPRISE
REGIONAL POLICY	ENVIRONMENT
HUMAN RIGHTS	EXTERNAL RELATIONS
FISHERIES AND MARITIME AFFAIRS	EXTERNAL TRADE
FOOD SAFETY	ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Sample Table

Occupation:	
Has EU policy had an effect on your life or business or occupation? How?	
What can the EU do to improve your life, business or occupation?	

Investigating Europe II

Holidaying In Europe



Your aim

Your aim is to learn more about a number of member countries of the EU through your investigation of the cost of holidays abroad.



Time

This research activity should take you approximately five hours



By the end of this activity

By the end of this activity you will be able to distinguish between different needs and requirements of people travelling in Europe, identify available resources, integrate information from the different sources and present your findings in a clear and coherent manner



What you need

- » Variety of holiday brochures
- » Access to computers for websites
- » Possibly access to a telephone



How you will present your findings

The findings of this research activity will become part of your portfolio and a sample presentation sheet is provided.



Potential Partner Activity

After you have completed your investigation, design a holiday package for travelling in Ireland for a student from your partner school, outlining costs, what they could do, where they could stay etc. Ask them to do the same for you.