

## 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

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

# 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.

Scenarios	
<b>Single parent with 2 children, 5 and 7 yrs</b> 1 week in school holidays, good value summer holiday. Children's activities/club (look out for 'single adult occupancy' surcharges)	<b>2 adults and 2 children (2 &amp; 8)</b> Car/ferry camping in France or N. Spain 2 weeks must be in school holiday
<b>Four 17 year olds after Leaving Cert</b> Late June- cheap, lively 7-10 days (look out for age restrictions)	<b>Four 20 year old college students</b> Mid September before going back to college Activity holiday 10 days minimum
<b>2 adults &amp; 16 year old daughter in wheelchair</b> Carferry to England or northern France – hotel and three places to visit that are all accessible	<b>2 adults, 2 children (1 and 3) &amp; grandmother</b> Cheapest sun summer holiday 7 days not limited to school holidays
<b>2 adults</b> Summer hill walking holiday in mountainous area	<b>2 couples</b> 2 weeks winter sports, good quality skiing – experienced. Hotel or chalet, any dates
<b>Adult couple</b> Romantic city break for weekend around Valentine's day. Compare package deal with flight and hotel booked online	<b>Geography teacher, just retired with husband</b> Cruise to visit at least 4 EU countries
<b>Single railway enthusiast</b> Travel from Ireland to visit 7 EU countries in 10 days spending at least one day in each country.	<b>2 sisters who are in receipt of the old age pension</b> Bus tour visiting at least 5 countries May or September
<b>30 pupils and 4 teachers 1 week skiing</b> Must be in school holidays. Compare straight after Christmas and February half term.	<b>2 parents and 2 children (9 &amp; 11)</b> Visit EuroDisney.

## Sample Portfolio Presentation

### Findings

Sample Table

Holiday Scenario	Provider A	Activities	Cost	Provider B	etc.

### Analysis

# Investigating Europe III

## Third Level Study and Europe



### Your aim

Your aim is to learn more about what offers there are for Irish students to study in other EU countries through investigating courses in Ireland that has a European Studies component, and/or includes study in another European country. You will also have the opportunity to learn about the EU's Erasmus Program and how it helps students to study in other European countries.



### Time

This research activity should take you approximately five hours.



### By the end of this activity

By the end of this research activity you will appreciate the variety of research methods, have increased your awareness of future career/study options, and be better equipped to adapt to and take advantage of changing circumstances in Ireland and Europe. You will have identified available resources, integrated information from different sources and presented your findings in a clear and coherent manner.



### What you need

- » College & University Handbooks
- » Access to computers for websites [www.qualifaX.ie](http://www.qualifaX.ie)



### 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

Carry out a survey among final year students in your school about whether they would like to study abroad, and if so where. Ask your partner school to do the same and exchange results so that both schools could present a comparison between students in both countries.