

**"Travelling with Lara.
Travelling across Europe
and languages"**

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INTRODUCTION

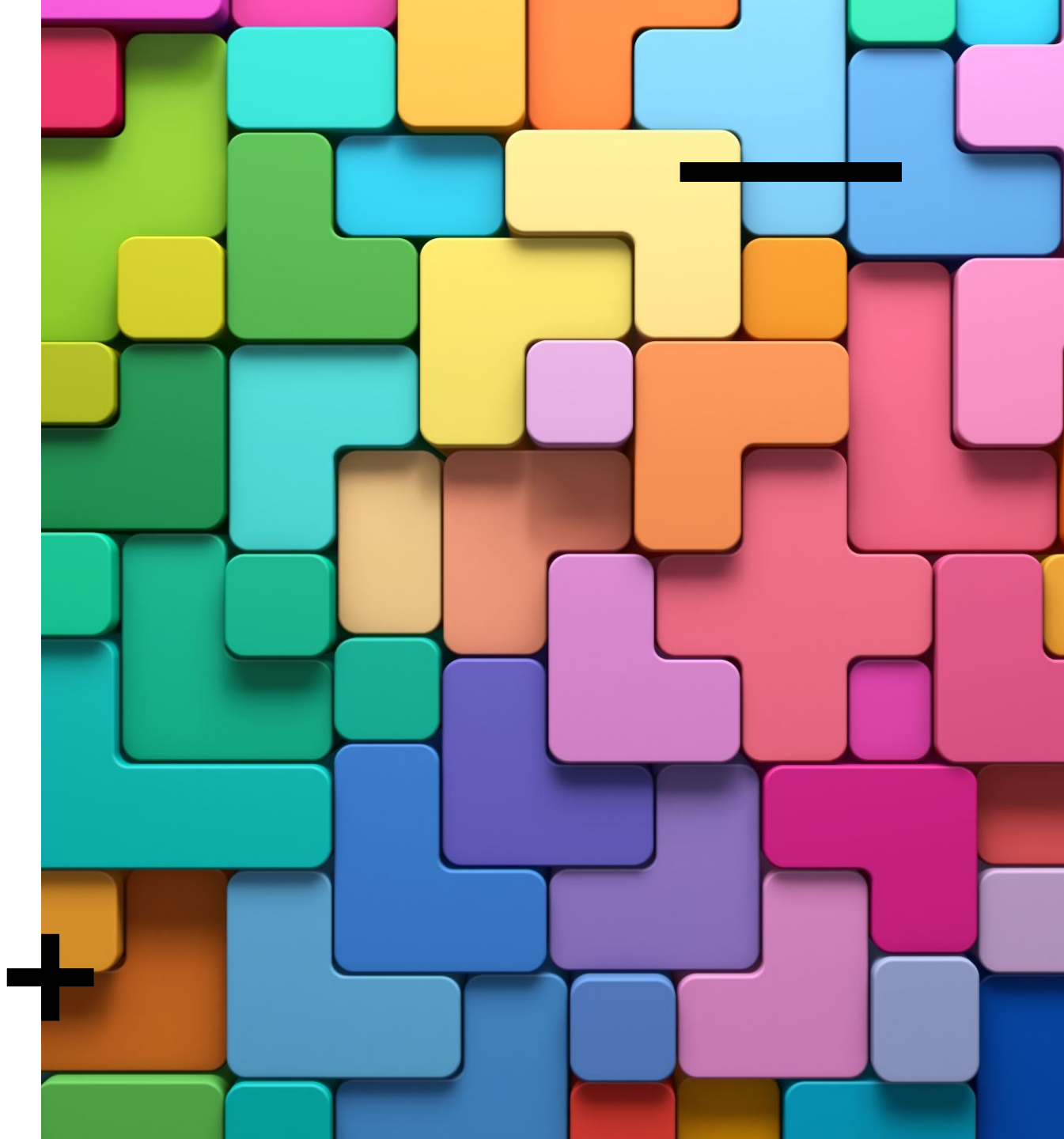
*EDL 2023 project based on "**Lara's language journey across Europe**":

<https://cdn.ecml.at/EDL/language-journey/pdf/language-journey-EN.pdf>

*9 students choosing their favourite 3 countries/languages from a variety of 47 countries/languages Lara visited

*result = a collection of 27 slides with:

- names of the languages
- interesting facts
- favourite photos
- sources



Albania – language: Albanian

Nestled in the Balkan Peninsula, Albania is a land of breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and a unique blend of cultures. Despite its undeniable charm, this European gem has remained relatively off the tourist radar, making it an ideal destination for travellers seeking unspoiled beauty and authentic experiences.

Sources:

The Picture And
The Facts:<https://www.outlooktraveller.com/destinations/international/tips-to-know-before-visiting-albania-europes-hidden-gem>

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BOSNIA (BOSANSKI) I.H. 6.A

1. THE NAME BOSNIA COMES FROM THE INDO-GERMANIC WORD BOSANA WHICH MEANS



WATER
... no wonder, because water is an important factor in Bosnia. The country is rich in beautiful rivers, lakes and waterfalls (one of them is over 300 meters high), as well as the coast of the Adriatic Sea. The second part of the name - Herzegovina - derives from Herceg Stjepan, a duke (herceg) from the Middle Ages.



3. **Bosnia and Herzegovina ranks 10th in the world in terms of coffee consumption**

Bosnian coffee is part of the Bosnian identity. It is a symbol of the country and part of its tradition, but it reflects the gourmet mentality of the locals.

2. **The Sarajevo Clock Tower is a historical heritage and is considered the only public clock in the world that**



<https://bank.rbinternational.com/en/insights/articles/events-lifestyle/10-facts-bosnia-and-herzegovina.html>



Bulgaria – language: bugarski

(български език)

- belongs to the South Slavic language group
- it is written in Cyrillic
- In the photo: Alexander Nevsky Cathedral
- Image Sources:
<https://lidermedia.hr/zivot/rub-eu-uvijek-cemo-imati-bugarsku-150185>



Croatia – language: Hrvatski

- Croatian Grammar was written by Bartol Kašić
- It uses the Latin alphabet

- Sources:
 - www.chasingthedonkey.com
 - www.visit-croatia.hr



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Czech- language:Češki

- The Czech language is a West Slavic language primarily spoken in the Czech Republic.
- It is now the official language of the Czech Republic and is spoken by over 10 million people worldwide.

Sources:

<https://ik.imgkit.net/3vlqs5axxjf/MM-TP/https://cdn.travelpulse.com/images/0aaaedf4-a957-df11-b491-006073e71405/ed972b97-c40a-47f8-aff8-ec589194276/source.jpg?tr=w-1200%2Cfo-auto>

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Denmark-language:Danski

- The Danish language belongs to the North Germanic branch of the Germanic languages and has a long history that can be traced back to the early medieval period.
- Today, Danish is the official language of Denmark and is spoken by approximately 6 million people primarily in Denmark and parts of Northern Germany.

Sources:

https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSw_GlnsR2qhIhImLDAQS3KNUdSyAm-MJ-rUZGYIjBct81Bf6fdmcQ6HtFKpnXq4788pm4&usqp=CAU

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England - language: English

What is England known for? Fascinating royal history, world-famous arts and literature, diverse cities – and a whole lot more. Visit England to see this ancient, beautiful, and surprising nation for yourself.

Sources:

The Picture:

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-is-the-capital-of-england.html>

The Facts:

<https://www.nordicvisitor.com/blog/cool-facts-england-known-for/>



France – language: French (français)

- Did you know that French has a different way of counting between 70 and 99?
- French is also considered to be one of the most beautiful languages
- In the photo: Eiffel Tower, Paris
- Image source:
<https://unsplash.com/wallpapers/travel/paris>

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Germany – language: Deutsch

- English and German are sister languages
- All nouns are capitalised

- Sources: <https://theculturetrip.com>
- hr.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/koln



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Iceland – language: íslenskur

- The Icelandic alphabet contains 32 letters
- Icelandic Language Day is celebrated every year
- In the photo: Reykjavik, Iceland
- Author: T. G. (6.a)



Sources: altalang.com
tripadvisor.com



International Sign Language

- In 1924, people developed a method of communicating with signs at the International Games for the Deaf
- At one point in the 1970s, the World Federation of the Deaf tried to make a Standard International Sign to ease communication during meetings
- In the photo: a woman talking sign language
- Image source:
• <https://i0.wp.com/cms.babbel.news/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/InternationalSignLanguage.png?resize=830%2C467>



Ireland – language: Irish (Gaeilge)

- Irish has no words for “yes” or “no”. To answer the question you use verb forms. So the answer to “Did they sell the house?” would be “(they) sold” or “(they) didn’t sell”.
- Even though Irish has no words for “yes” and “no” it has many unique words
- In the photo: Waterford, Ireland
- Image source:
<https://www.travelingmitch.com/mostrecent/best-cities-in-ireland-to-visit>

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ITALY (TALIJANSKI)

1. Italy is one of Western Europe's youngest countries

Italy has one of Europe's longest histories, yet it's only been a country since 1861. In Roman times Italy was a single entity. It then divided into a collection of sovereign states and remained that way until 1861.

This long history of individuality is why the country today has such a wide range of cultural variations.



3. Italy's last king ruled for just 36 days

Italy was a dictatorship until 1945, although it also had a royal family until 1946.

After WWII the country voted to become a republic and King Umberto II only ruled from 9 May to 12 June 1946.

He ended his days exiled in Portugal. In a nod to his unusually short reign, he's known in Italy as, "the May King".

<https://www.roughguides.com/article/fun-facts-about-italy/#1-italy-is-one-of-western-europes-youngest-countries>

2. Rome is over 2,000 years old

Rome was founded in 753 BC and the Roman Empire was born in 27 BC. The Empire ruled Europe and parts of North Africa right up until 395 AD. After the fall of the Empire, Italy divided into separate states until 1861. Italy's national day is called Festa della Repubblica and it's celebrated each year on 2 June.

Planning a break in the Eternal City? Discover the best area to stay in Rome.



Macedonia – language:

македонски

- The development of Macedonian started in the 9th century
- In the photo: Skopje, North Macedonia



Sources: state.gov

en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Macedonian_language

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The Netherlands- language:Nizozemski

- The Dutch language, often referred to as Nederlands in Dutch, has a long history that dates back to the early Middle Ages.
- Dutch is a West Germanic language and is closely related to other Germanic languages like German and English.

Sources:<https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kimkim.com%2F%2Fthe-netherlands-in-november-travel-tips-weather-more&psig=AOvVaw0YF704hv-e4wdv0Jb9uMwP&ust=1700211918259000&source=images&cd=vfe&opi=89978449&ved=0CBEQjRxxqFwoTCPjm4o2VylIDFQAAAAAdAAAAABBK>

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Norway - language: Norsk

- "Troll", "fjord" and "egg" come from Norwegian.
- In the photo: winter northern lights
- Image source:
<https://www.fodors.com/world/europe/norway/experiences/news/photos/the-best-things-to-do-in-norway>
- Author: G.P. (6.C)



Poland – language: Polski

- "**Hello**" in Polish is "**cześć**" and "**thank you**" is "**dziękuję**".
- In the photo: city of Kraków
- Image source: <https://www.leoexpress.com/en/where-we-go/connections/prague-krakow>
- Author: G.P. (6.C)



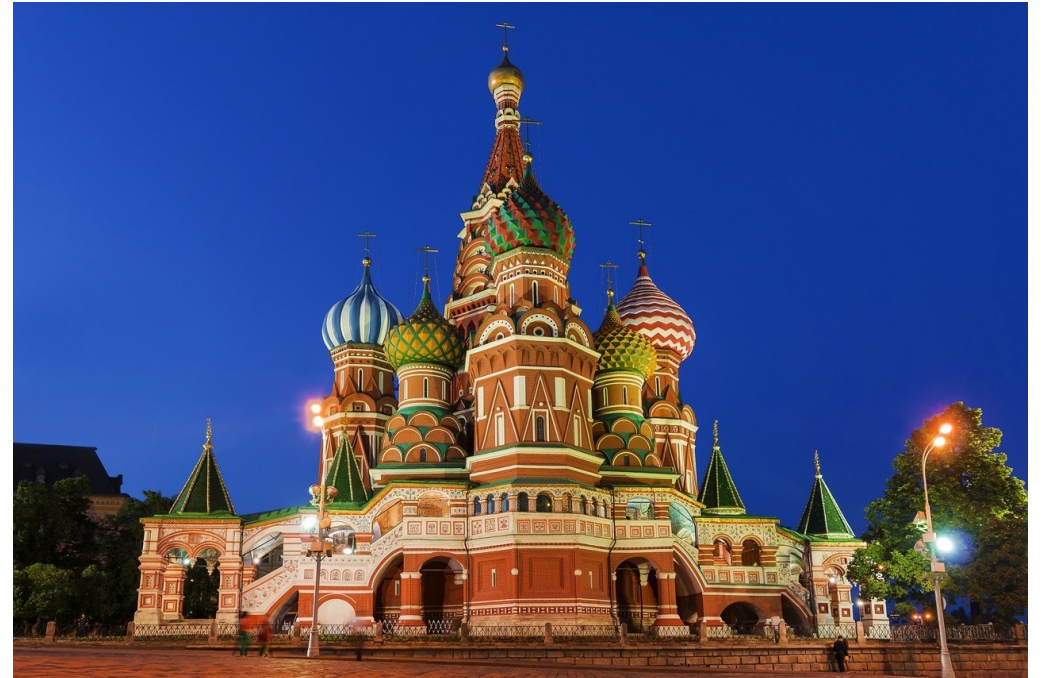
Portugal – language: Português

- "(...) With the whole of Brazil speaking it, (...) it ranks as the **7th most spoken language** worldwide."
- In the photo: Belém Tower
- Image source: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g189100-Portugal-Vacations.html>
- Author: G.P. (6.C)



Russia – language: русский

- Russia lies in both Europe and Asia: one quarter of its territory is in Europe and three quarters in Asia. Notably, only 22% of the population resides in the Asian section.
- Russia has more time zones than any other country in the world. It used to have 11, but this was culled in 2010 to ‘only’ nine
- In the photo: *St Basil’s Cathedral in Moscow*
- Image source:
<https://www.atlasandboots.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/fairytales-buildings9.jpg>



Slovak - language: Slovenčina

- The highest peak in the Carpathian Mountains – the enormous range running through Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine – is in Slovakia. Gerlachovský štít in High Tatras National Park is 2,654m (8,709ft) high.
- Slovakia has the world's newest and most accurate astronomical clock
- In the photo: *Bratislava located on the River Danube*
- Image sources :
<https://i0.wp.com/www.factsinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Interesting-facts-slovakia-Bratislava.jpg?resize=732%2C488&ssl=1>



Serbia – language: Serbian cyrillic (српска ћирилица)

- "hair trimmer" and "plum brandy" come from Serbia
- bread is only called hleb in Serbia
- in the photo: Aval tower
- Image sources: <https://avalskitoranj.rs/>
- author: P.L. (6.a)



Slovenia – language: Slovenian language (Slovenščina)

- in Slovenia there is a water basketball court on Lake Bled
- 10000 caves
- Postojna cave- human fish
- on the photo: Ljubljana
- image sources:
<https://www.istockphoto.com/photos/ljubljana>
- author: P.L. (6.a)



Spain - language: Español

- Spanish has Latin roots
- Español and Castellano are the two names of Spanish

- In the photo: Barcelona, Spain



Sources: darwin.cnn-travel-vertical.ui.cnn.io
spanishpod101.com

- Author: T. G. (6.a)



Sweden - language: Swedish (Svenska)

- Swedish has invented a perfect word for expressing balance and saying “not too little, not too much... but just the right amount” or in Swedish “lagom”.
- So in Swedish you can nicely say that you have just eaten “lagom”!
- In the photo: Sandarne, Sweden
- Image source:
https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g4413937-Sandarne_Gavleborg_County_Midnight_Sun_Coast-Vacations.html

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Turkey - language: Turkce

- The Turkish language has some tounge twisters
- The Turkish language is 8500 years old

- Sources: turacoon.com
- languagecoursesuk.co.uk
- antalya-hotels.org



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UKRAINE(UKRAINSKI)

1. Ukraine is the second-largest country in Europe by land area

Ukraine's land area of approximately 603,500 square kilometers makes it the largest country entirely within Europe.

It shares borders with seven countries: Belarus to the north, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary to the west, Romania and Moldova to the southwest, and Russia to the east.



5. Ukraine has a population of approximately 44 million people

Ukraine has a population of approximately 44 million people, making it one of the most populous countries in Europe.

The ethnic composition of Ukraine is diverse, with Ukrainians comprising the largest ethnic group, followed by Russians, Belarusians, and various other minority groups.

The country has a complex history of cultural and ethnic

2. The capital and largest city of Ukraine is Kyiv (also spelled Kiev)

Kyiv, the capital and largest city of Ukraine, is a vibrant metropolis with a population of over 3 million people. It is situated on the banks of the Dnieper River and has a history dating back to at least the 5th century.

Kyiv is known for its architectural landmarks, including the iconic Kyiv Pechersk Lavra, a historic Orthodox Christian monastery and UNESCO World Heritage Site. <https://www.havefunwithhistory.com/facts-about-ukraine/>

CONCLUSION

*EDL 2023 : 4-skills activities of reading and listening, speaking and writing

*problem-solving and research skills

*introduction to "Translation" as a part of a Croatian Book Month 2023

*use of IT: Teams, PPT (PowerPoint presentation)

*follow-up results sharing:

a. Photos legacy video "**EDL 2023 – The making of it. European Day(s) of Languages with Lara**"

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