



Facts About the European

Community

The book entitled “**Europe in 12 Lessons**”, authored by Pascal Fontaine, published in 2018 by the Luxembourg Publications Office of the European Union, approaches the main issues related to the European Union, such as its history, the way it works, what it does, the single market, the euro, the European citizens, the future of Europe, and provides key dates in the history of European integration.

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I. Europe Hit by Crisis, II .What Was Done at National and European Levels? III. A Connected Digital Single Market . Build your list of specific terms.

Study the following words and phrases and find them in the text below:

abolish – a aboli, a desființa

academic recognition – recunoaștere academică

apply for a job – a solicita un post , a face cerere pentru un post

carry a passport – a avea un pașaport

citizen – cetățean

competitiveness – competitivitate

currency market – piața valutară

domestic economy- economie internă

driving licence – permis de conducere

educational qualification – educație, calificare educațională

elect – a alege

enact measures – a îndeplini, aplica măsuri

ensure – a asigura

equal basis – bază egală

frontier –free – fără frontiere

get work – a obține servicii, post, a găsi de lucru

headquarters – sediu

host country- țara gazdă

join – a intra, a se alătura

Maastricht Treaty – Tratatul de la Maastricht

matter – chestiune, problemă, caz

member state – stat membru

midwife – moașă

nurse – soră medicală

on the same terms – în aceleași condiții

pension contribution – contribuție la pensii

proposition – propunere

recognize qualifications – a recunoaște calificări

request – cerere

reside – a locui

right- drept

rule – regulă

single currency- monedă unică

social security- asigurări sociale

suffrage – drept de vot, sufragiu

surgeon – chirurg

The Single Market – Piața Unică

vet – veterinar

The following fragment, from an interview with a specialist in EU issues, answers some of our own questions about the European Union.

1. How many member states are there, and how many countries have asked to join?

There are 27 member states, and 9 recognized candidates, among them Serbia, Albania, Turkey and Ukraine.

2. Do you have to carry a passport or an ID card to travel between European countries?

It is a priority objective of the Union to create a frontier-free continent, but at the moment, people should have passports and ID with them.

3. Are educational qualifications accepted on an equal basis abroad?

The EU has put effort into ensuring “free movement of qualifications”. Academic recognition can be gained between certain universities by means of the European course credit transfer system (EATS).

4. Is it now easier for Europeans to get work in other countries?

It is now possible to apply for a job and be recruited in another Member State of the Union on exactly the same terms as a citizen of that country. The European Community has also enacted measures to allow professional qualifications to be recognized in any Member State. In seven professions a system of automatic recognition for qualifications has been created. The professions covered are doctors and medical specialists, nurses responsible for general care, dentists, midwives, veterinary surgeons, pharmacists and architects.

5. What about pension contributions?

Workers and their families have the same social security benefits as nationals of the host country. That covers pensions too: rights are not damaged if the person moves countries. The last country in which the person works pays the pension.

6. Is it now simpler to become a citizen of another EEC nation?

Rules on becoming a citizen of a country remain matters for the national administration concerned. However, a citizen of one Member State who resides in another has all the rights and responsibilities of a national of his host country.

7. Is the single currency, the Euro, a realistic proposition?

The Economic and Monetary Union, as laid down in the Maastricht Treaty, remains both realistic and important. Without EMU, the Single Market, which is crucial to Europe's worldwide competitiveness, will remain incomplete. As well as reducing business costs, the Monetary Union will end the instability of the European currency market, enabling the European domestic economy to function better.

8 . Is the driving licence issued by one country valid in another member state too?

If until 1996, you were obliged to exchange your driving licence for an equivalent licence with the appropriate authorities in the host country, from July 1, 1996, the requirement has been abolished. You can use your own driving licence as long as it is valid.

Give the Romanian equivalent of the following words and phrases:

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| - to join | member state | request |
| - to carry a passport | frontier-free | |
| nurse | | |
| - midwife | surgeon | pension |
| contribution | | |
| - social security | host country | rights |
| - citizen | rules | matter |
| - to reside | single currency | |
| proposition | | |

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| - Maastricht Treaty | The Single Market | |
| competitiveness | | |
| - equal basis | to ensure | academic |
| recognition | | |
| - to get work | to apply for a job | citizen |
| - enact measures | to recognize qualifications | |
| - on the same terms | | |
| - domestic economy | currency market | |

1. Answer the following questions:

- Is Romania a member state of the European Union ?
- If you travel to Spain, do you have to carry a passport and an entry visa?
- Is your educational qualification recognized in the EU at present?
- Can you apply for a job in the EU?
- Can you become a citizen of a Member State?
- Is the Euro the single currency of the Union?

2. Fill in the gaps:

Malta – He is a _____ national. He speaks _____

Turkey – She is a _____ national. She speaks _____

France – He is a _____ national. He speaks _____

Poland – She is a _____. She speaks _____

Belgium – He is a _____ national. He speaks _____

Holland – He is a _____ national. He speaks _____

Finland – He is a _____ national. He speaks _____

Sweden – She is a _____ national. She speaks _____

Norway – He is a _____. He speaks _____

Germany – He is a _____ national. He speaks _____

Greece – She is a _____ national. She speaks _____.

Hungary – He is a _____ national. He speaks _____

Ukraine – She is a _____ national. She speaks _____

Great Britain – She is a _____ national. She speaks _____

3. Give the Romanian equivalent of the following words and phrases:

Member state

social security

frontier-free

Frontier control

host country

citizen

to reside

Citizenship

driving licence

valid passport

to abolish

Free movement

currency

academic recognition

to elect

on the same terms

suffrage

headquarters

4. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets:

a) It (be)_____ possible to travel, study, and work in the EU. In order to travel, one (need) _____ a valid passport or ID. The Euro credits (make) _____it possible for a student to study in the EU. It (be) _____possible to work in the EU. Automatic recognition (be) _____created for qualifications in professions such as dentists,

midwives, architects, vets. I (try)_____ to get a job in Belgium where I (be) _____several years ago. I (like) Brussels. It (be)_____ a busy but friendly city.

b) In 1998, he (spend)_____ a month in France. During his stay, he(travel)_____ to Paris, to various cities in the north. He (be impressed)_____ by Lille, he himself (not know)_____ why. It (be) _____a city where the medieval spirit (co-exist)_____ with that of the 21st century. Walking in the park in Lille, he (expect)_____ some medieval knight to walk around the old city wall. Instead, a red-haired, smartly dressed lady (walk)_____ hurriedly across the park lane, stopping for a moment to straighten her wristwatch. He (sit) _____on a bench, right in front of her. Then she (stop)_____ and (ask)_____ him breathlessly.

“You (know)_____ what time (be)_____ now?”

“Which time?” He (smile)_____ at her.

“You (have)_____ any idea about the time? “ She (look) _____at him with one of those looks that (avoid)_____ 1001 questions, leaving room only for one, which definitely (want)_____ an answer.

“There (be)_____ several times here, lady. Which one you (want)_____ to know?” He (sit) _____calmly while she (look) _____at him in anger.

“If you (not know)_____ the time, it (be) OK, I (have) _____no time for philosophies and empty talk!”. She (rush)_____ off, leaving him in the same position, sitting on the bench, and looking at the mediaeval wall.

