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# Poland

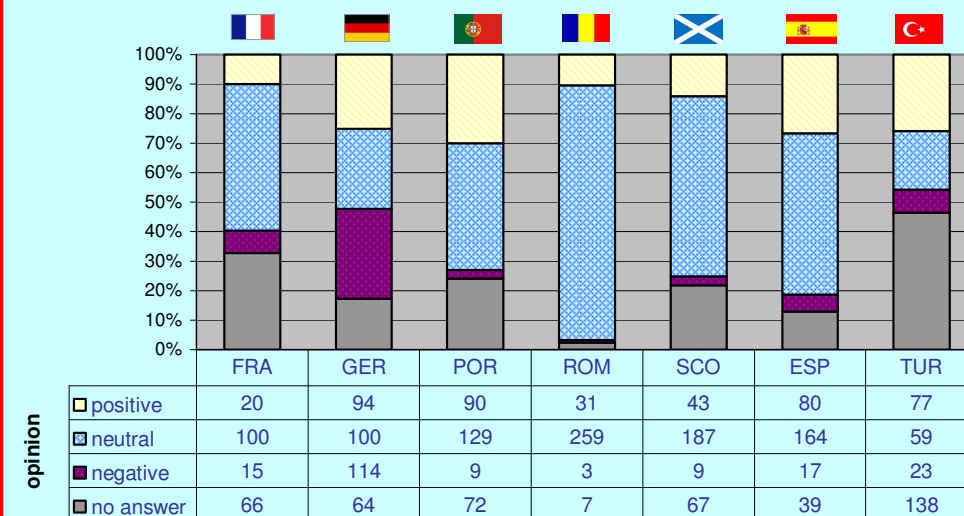


## QUESTION 1

Name three things that best describe the Polish people



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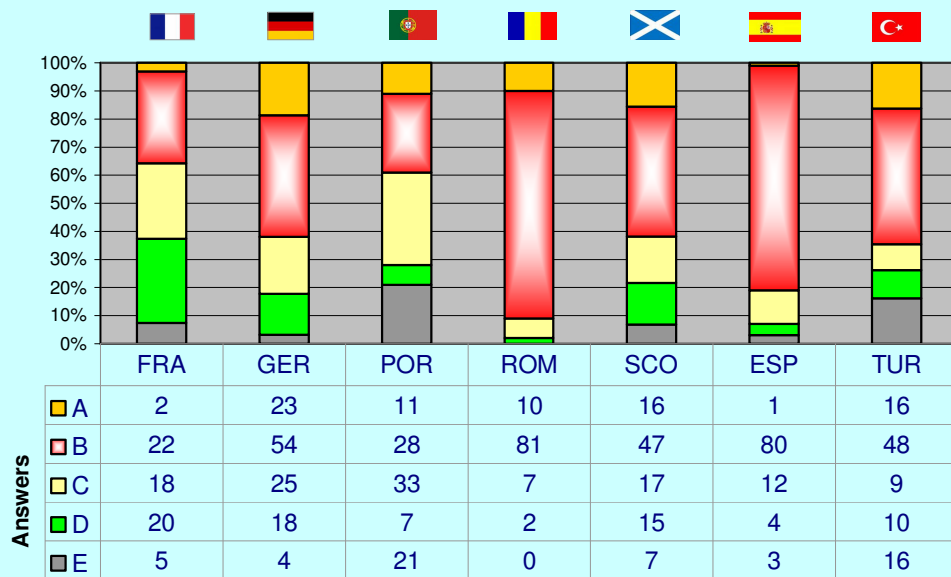
The Vistula, the longest river in Poland, runs into

- A The Black Sea
- ✓ **B The Baltic Sea**
- C The North Sea
- D Lake Balaton
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*The Vistula has its source in the Carpathian Mountains of southern Poland to form a giant letter S, and flows 664 miles (1,069 kilometers) to its delta near Gdansk on the Baltic Sea.*



### Question 2

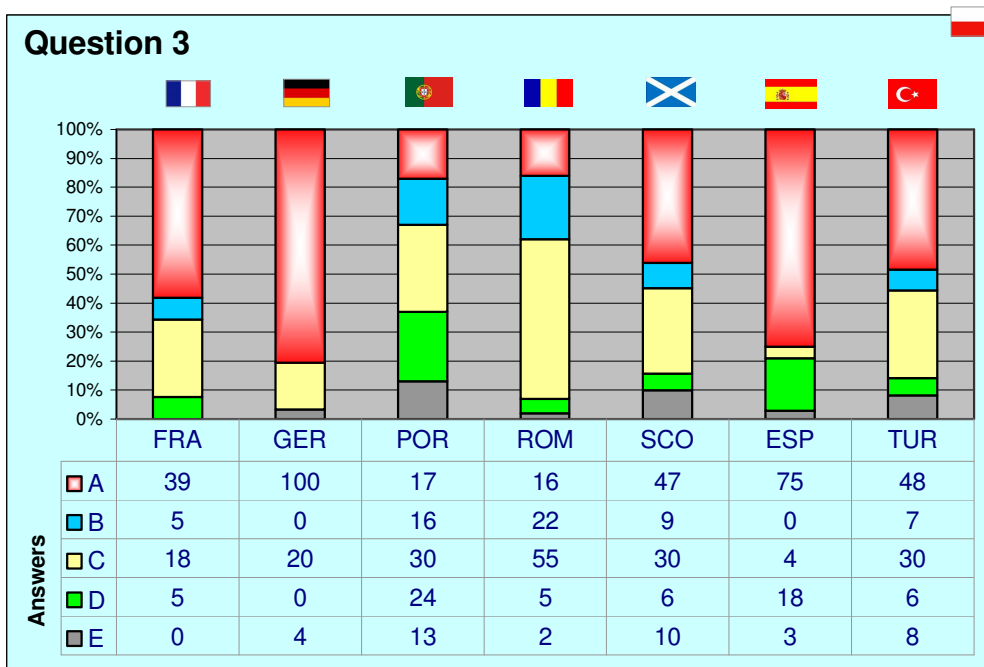


### QUESTION 3

Poland's neighbours are:

- ✓ **A Russia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Germany, Ukraine**
- B Ukraine, Slovakia, Austria, Russia, Belarus
- C Germany, Belarus, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia
- D Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*Poland borders with seven countries: Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania and Russia controlled Kaliningrad area*



## QUESTION 4

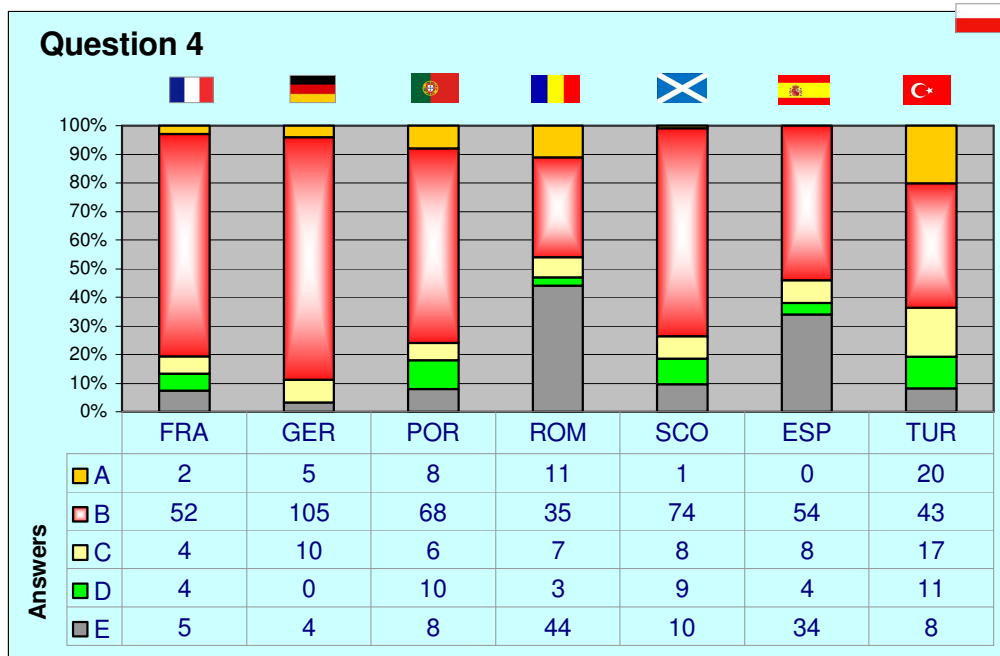
Which of the following mountains are **not** in Poland?

- A The Tatras
- ✓ **B The Alps**
- C The Holy Cross Mountains
- D The Carpathians
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*The Tatra Mountains are part of the Carpathians in the south of Poland. The Holy Cross Mountains is the English name for Góry Świętokrzyskie near Kielce.*



Giewont, The Tatras



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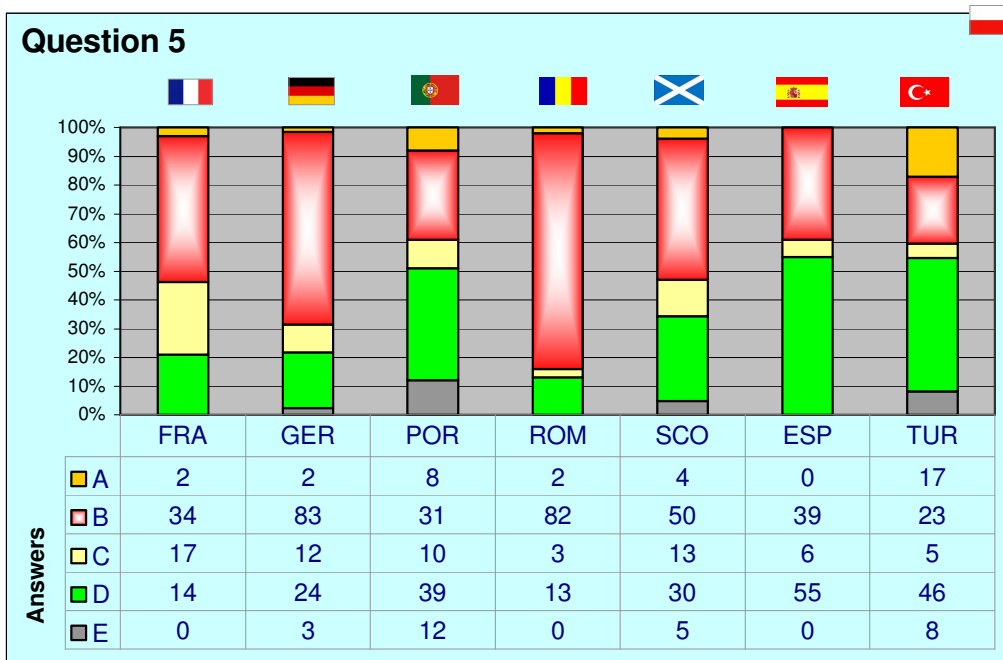
The former capital of Poland was

- A Kielce
- ✓ B **Krakow**
- C Lodz
- D Warsaw
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*Krakow (Cracow) was the residence of the Polish kings until 1596, when King Sigismund III moved his capital to Warsaw*



Wawel Castle, Krakow



## QUESTION 6

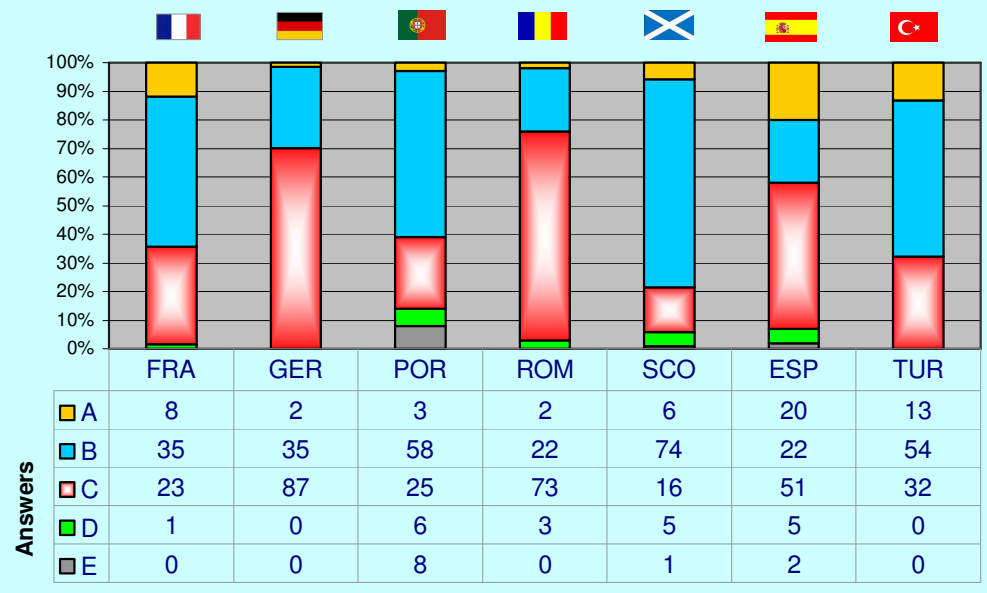
A basic unit of currency in Poland is

- A crown
- B euro
- ✓ C **zloty**
- D mark
- E *Don't know / No answer*

The zloty (PLN) literally meaning "golden" is subdivided into 100 groszy. Poland is expected to adopt euro after 2010



### Question 6

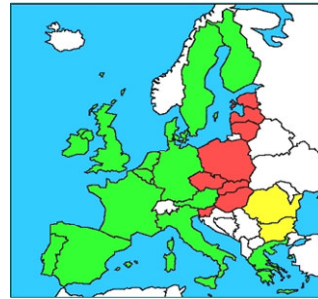


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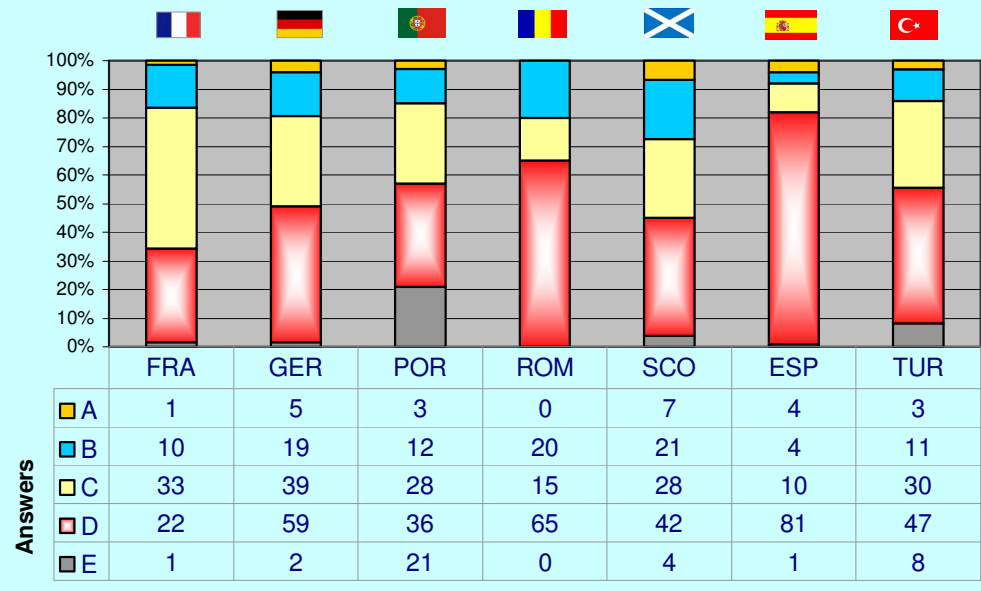
In which year did Poland become a member of the EU?

- A 1973
- B 1986
- C 1995
- ✓ **D 2004**
- E Don't know / No answer

*Poland and nine other countries joined the EU in the 5th enlargement, on 1 May 2004. After the most recent enlargement in 2007 the European Union has grown to 27 member states*



### Question 7



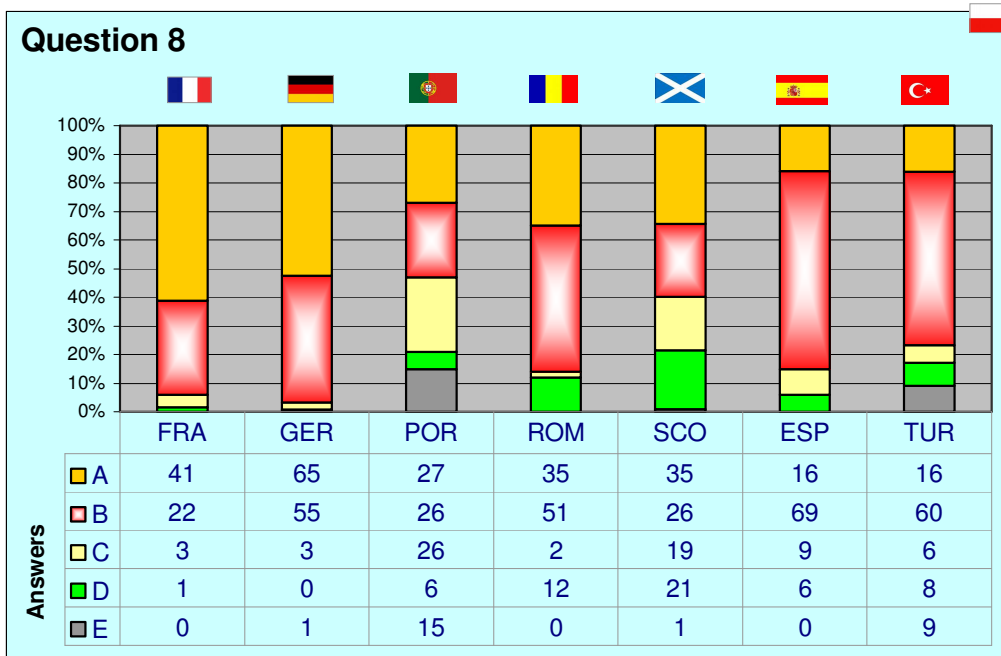


## QUESTION 8

What are the national colours of Poland?

- A red and white
- ✓ B **white and red**
- C red, white and red
- D red with a white cross
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*The Polish flag is quite similar to the flags of Monaco or Indonesia (red and white), and the flag of Austria (red, white and red). Answer D could mean Denmark or Switzerland.*



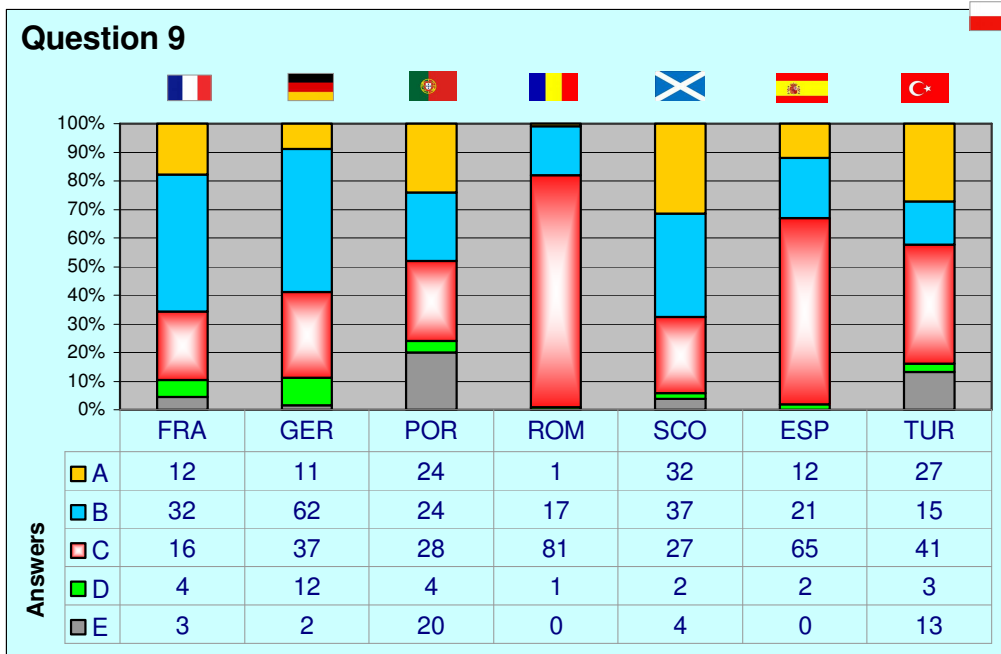
## QUESTION 9

The number of speakers of the Polish language is:

- A 5-20 million
- B 20-35 million
- ✓ C **35-50 million**
- D 55-70 million
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*Poland has a population of c. 38 million with more than 10 million of Polish community outside Poland, especially in the USA.*

*We speak Polish  
Mówimy po polsku*

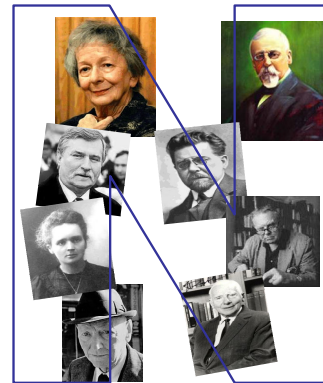


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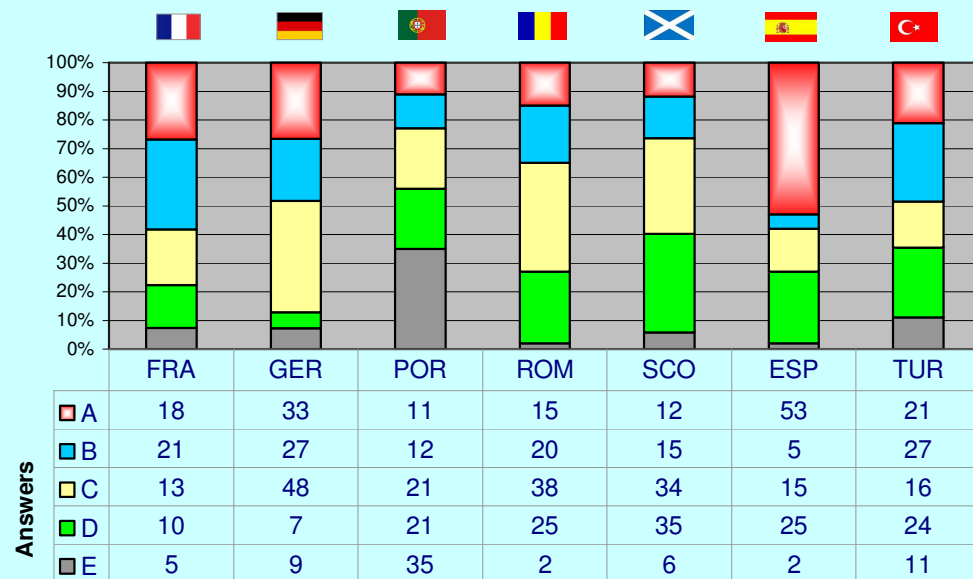
The Polish Nobel Prize winners in Literature were

- ✓ A **Wisława Szymborska and Henryk Sienkiewicz**
- B Lech Walesa and Władysław Reymont
- C Maria Skłodowska-Curie and Czesław Miłosz
- D Isaac Bashevis Singer and Joseph Rotblat
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*W. Szymborska, H. Sienkiewicz, W. Reymont and C. Miłosz won the Nobel Prize in Literature. So did I. Bashevis Singer (wrote in Yidish). The other laureates are L. Walesa - Peace, M. Skłodowska-Curie - Chemistry and J. Rotblat - Physics.*



### Question 10

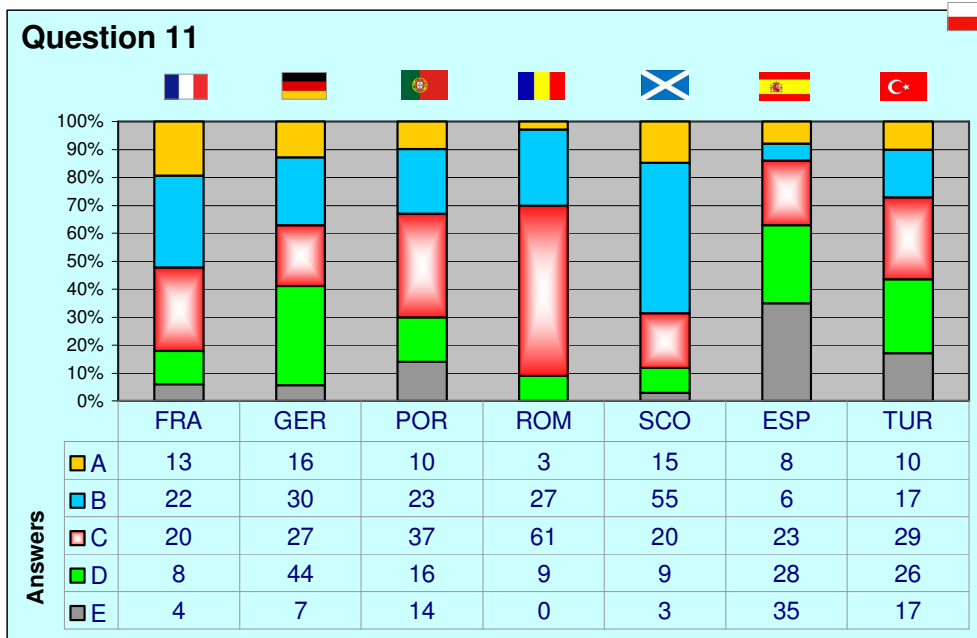


## QUESTION 11

Which of the following persons did **not** study at Poland's oldest university in Krakow?

- A S. Lem
- B John Paul II
- ✓ C **F. Chopin**
- D N. Copernicus
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*At the age of twenty Chopin left Poland and settled in Paris. The others studied at Jagiellonian University, which was founded in 1364*



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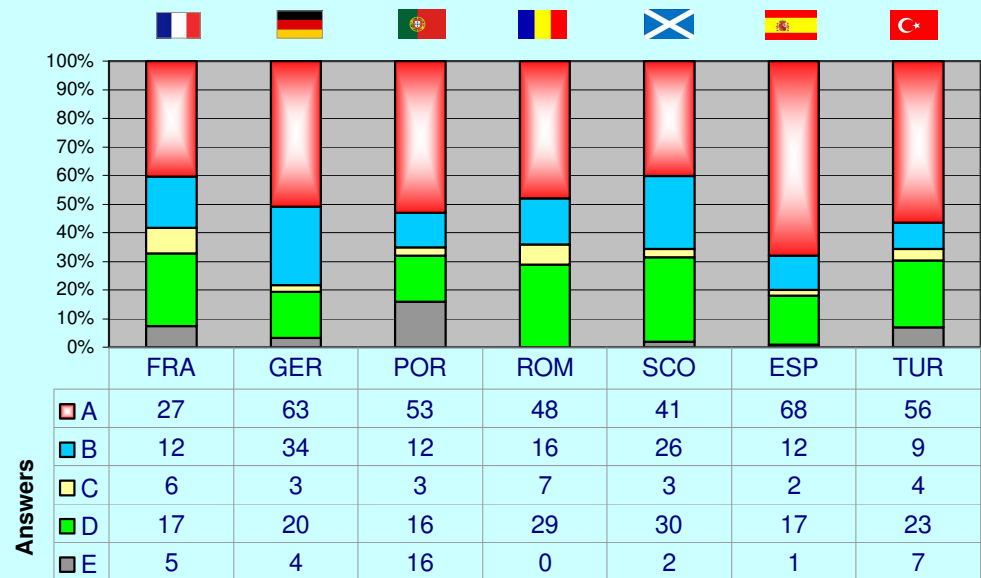
Robert Korzeniowski is an Olympic champion in

- ✓ A athletics
- B boxing
- C football
- D swimming
- E Don't know / No answer

Robert Korzeniowski won 4 gold medals in 20 km & 50 km Walk at Olympic Games in 1996, 2000 and 2004.



### Question 12

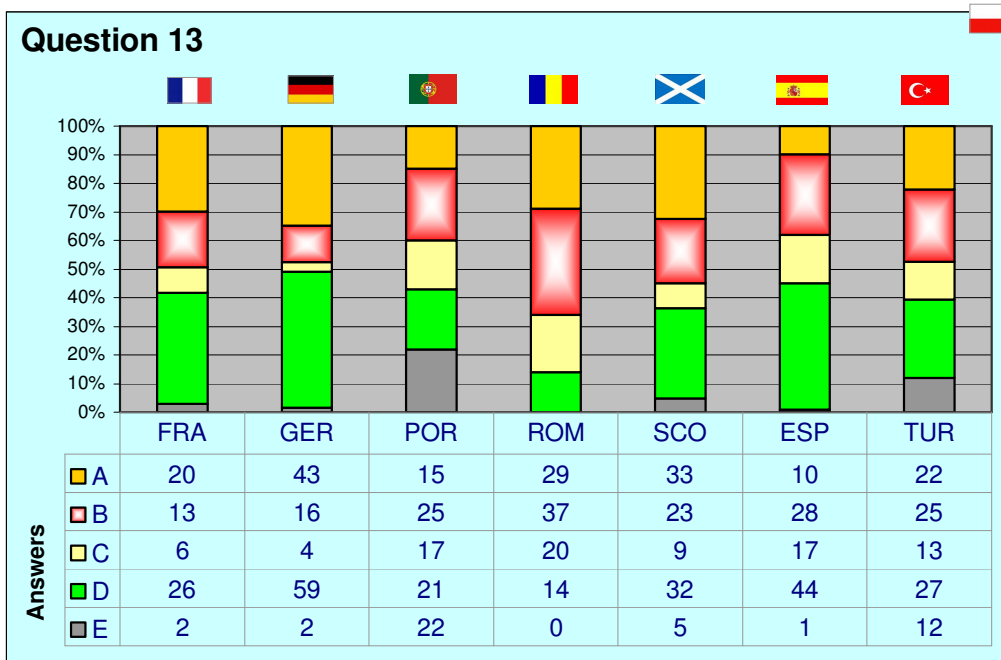


### QUESTION 13

How many times have Poland finished in top three at Football World Cup finals?

- A once
- ✓ B twice
- C three times
- D never
- E Don't know / No answer

*Poland finished third at World Cup in Germany 1974 and Spain 1982*

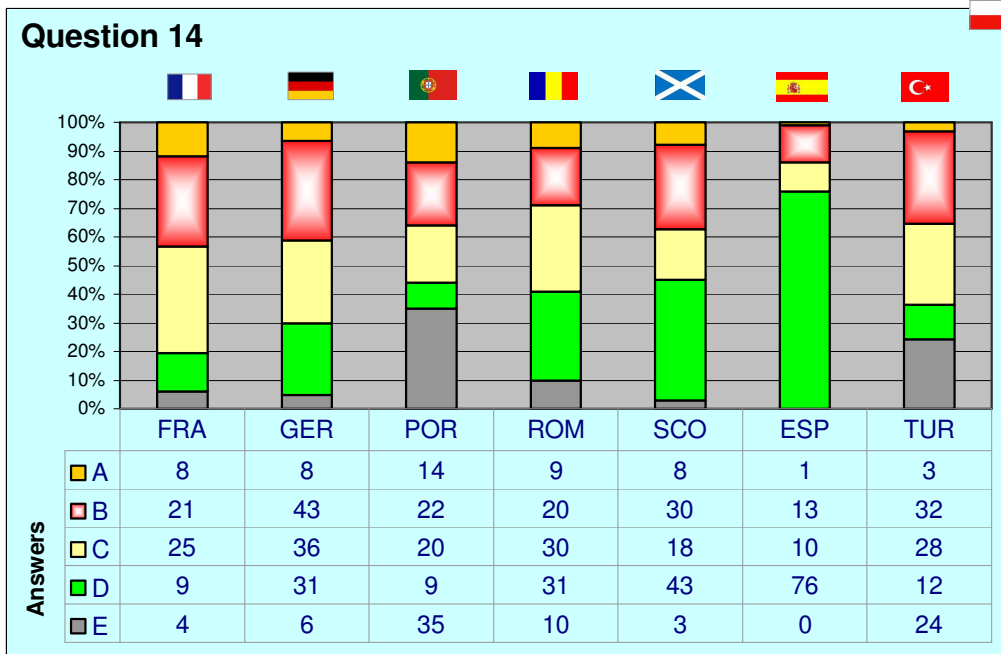


## QUESTION 14

Truant's Day, when you may not be punished for an unexcused absence from school falls on

- A 14th February
- ✓ **B 21st March**
- C 26th May
- D no such day in Poland
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*which is also the first day of spring. A is Valentine's Day and 26th May is Mother's Day in Poland*

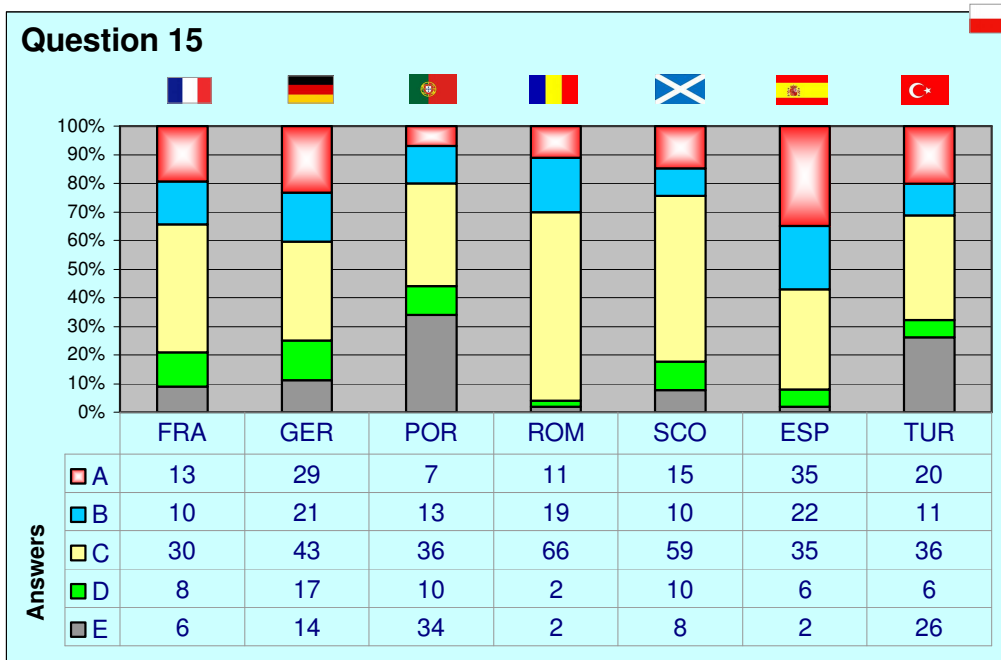


## QUESTION 15

In Poland, if someone suddenly pours water on you in the street, it must be

- ✓ **A Easter Monday, and you fall victim to a custom called Smigus-Dyngus**
- B St John's Day (24th June), when you are not allowed to show that you are in love
- C 1st September, which marks the end of hot and dry summer in Poland
- D 1st November, when millions of Poles light candles to remember the dead
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*Originally a rural tradition where girls were targeted, now Wet Monday is observed across Poland, and anyone can be sprinkled or doused with water.*



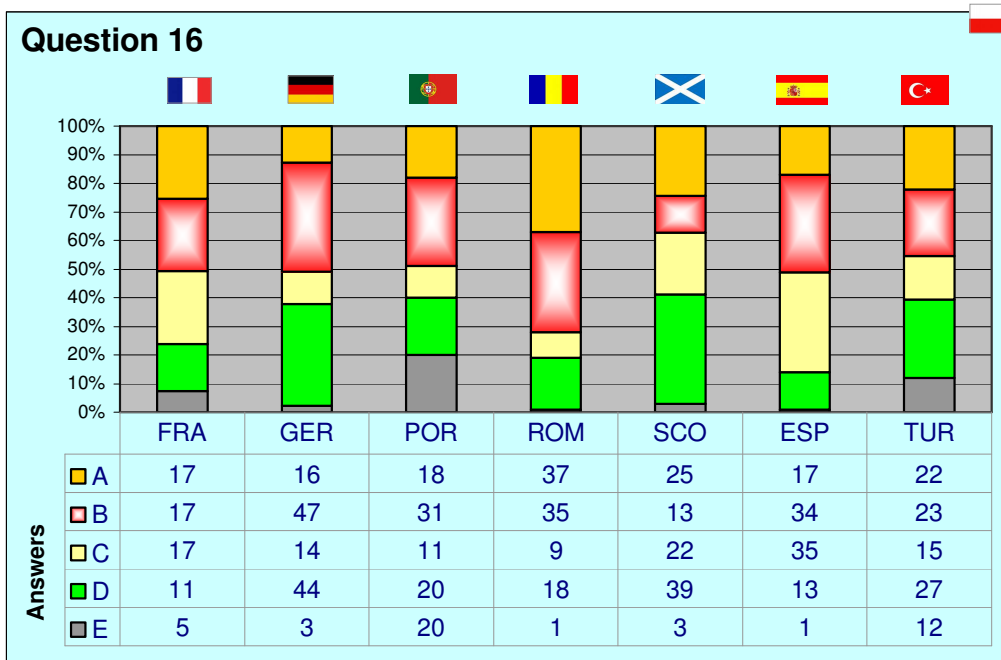


## QUESTION 16

What do the Polish people share at Christmas Eve?

- A fruit
- ✓ B wafer
- C money
- D fish
- E Don't know / No answer

*Pure white wafers are broken and shared with family as a symbol of forgiveness, while coloured wafers are given to family animals.*

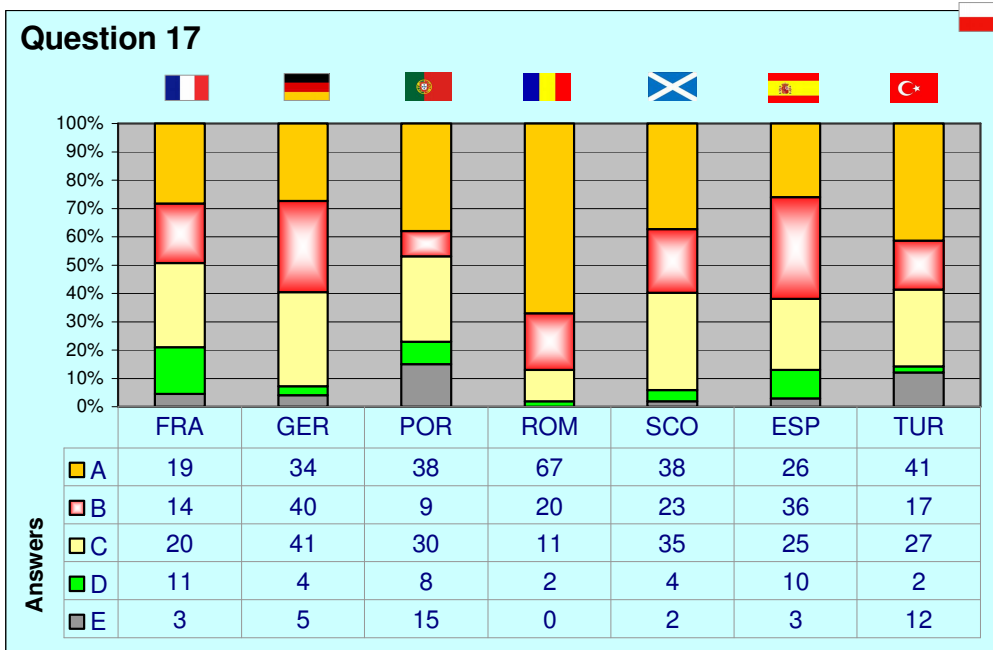


## QUESTION 17

At Christmas Eve supper Polish families traditionally leave an empty place at the table  
Who is the place for?

- A Santa Claus
- ✓ B **an unexpected visitor**
- C a ghost of a family member
- D a pet
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*An extra place at the table may be set for an absent family member or an unexpected guest*

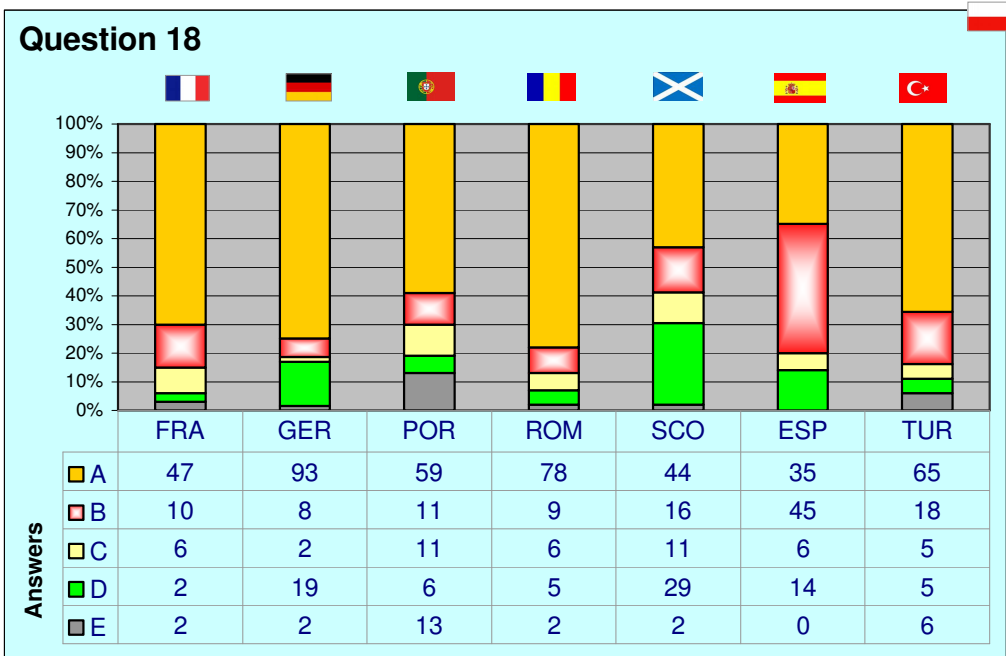


## QUESTION 18

..... is a traditional Polish dance.

- A The polka
- ✓ **B The polonaise**
- C The waltz
- D The kazatchok
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*Although very popular in Poland, the polka originated in Bohemia (now the Czech Republic). The polonaise is a slow dance and is always the first dance at the promenade ball, 100 days before final exams.*

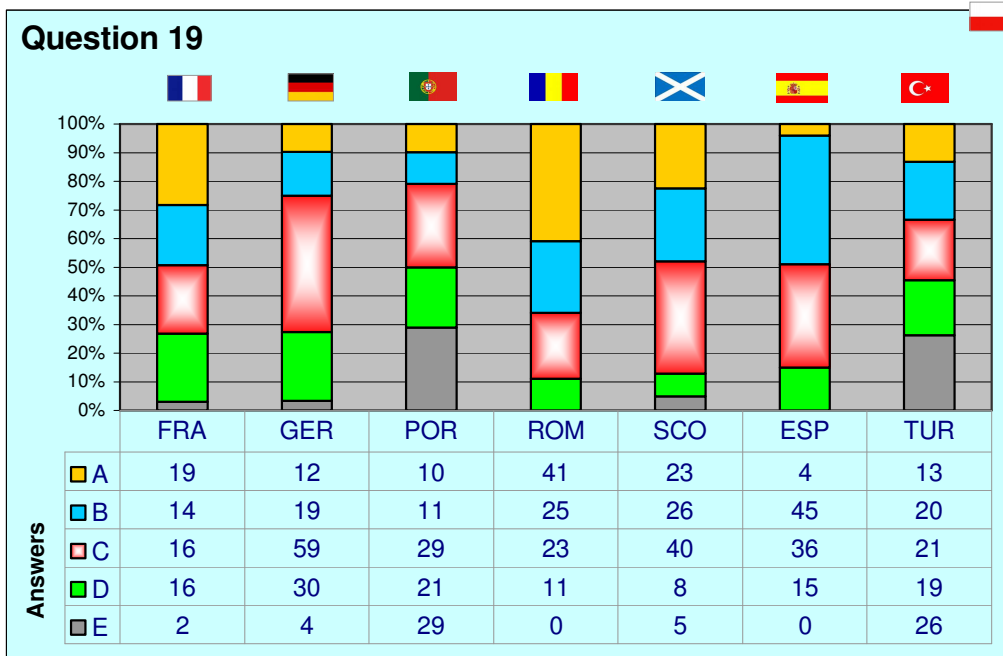


## QUESTION 19

What is the bigos?

- A the Polish version of McDonald's Big Mac
- B bison served with mushrooms
- ✓ C a dish made of cabbage and meat
- D bacon and eggs
- E Don't know / No answer

The recipe may vary from region to region, but it usually consists of sauerkraut, cabbage and meat. The European bison found in Poland is an endangered species and thus cannot be an ingredient of the bigos.



## QUESTION 20

Which is true about the legendary Dragon of Wawel?

- ✓ **A he exploded after eating lamb stuffed with sulphur and drinking water from the Vistula**
- B he was crowned king at the Wawel Castle and banned vodka in the country
- C he couldn't stand the bigos and ran away in a stolen car
- D he was a polite dragon and has become a symbol of Poland
- E *Don't know / No answer*

*The dragon terrorized the citizens of Krakow and was tricked into eating the lamb by a poor cobbler's apprentice, Dratewka.*

*The symbol of Poland is the white eagle, which can be sometimes found on the Polish flag.*

