



# EU DETECTIVE GAME – “The Missing Stars of the EU Flag”



**Theme:** “What is the EU?”



**Partners:** 14 European schools



**Duration:** 1–2 weeks



**Type:** Game-based, collaborative learning activity

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## Objectives

Students will:

- Explore the European Union’s history, symbols, countries, and values through play.
  - Collaborate internationally with partner schools.
  - Develop digital, communication, and problem-solving skills.
  - Create a joint final product about the EU.
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## Storyline

One morning, several stars from the EU flag mysteriously disappear!

The European Union calls for help from *young detectives* across Europe.

Each country hides **one missing star** and prepares a special clue or challenge related to the EU.

When all challenges are solved, the 12 stars are restored, and the EU flag shines again! ★

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## HOW THE GAME WORKS

Each of the 14 partner countries will:

1. Choose **one EU-related topic** (symbols, values, institutions, etc.).
2. Create an **interactive clue or task** (quiz, puzzle, video, QR code, etc.).
3. Upload their challenge link to a **shared interactive map** (created in Genially or Padlet).

Students from all countries will visit each digital “station,” complete the tasks, and collect all stars.

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## COUNTRY MISSIONS (14 partners)

| Country               | Topic                   | Example Task                                            | Suggested Tool                |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TR <b>Turkey</b>      | EU Symbols              | Match the flag, motto, and anthem                       | Genially / Canva              |
| IT <b>Italy</b>       | Founding Countries      | Timeline of the first 6 EU members                      | TimelineJS / ThingLink        |
| ES <b>Spain</b>       | EU Values               | Match values to examples (respect, equality, democracy) | LearningApps / Wordwall       |
| FR <b>France</b>      | EU Institutions         | Quiz about Parliament, Council, Commission              | Kahoot / Quizizz              |
| DE <b>Germany</b>     | History of the EU       | Jigsaw puzzle: “From Coal and Steel to the Union”       | Jigsaw Planet                 |
| PL <b>Poland</b>      | EU Countries & Capitals | Find the capital of each EU country                     | Seterra / Google My Maps      |
| GR <b>Greece</b>      | EU Languages            | “Say Hello” video in different EU languages             | Flip / Padlet video wall      |
| RO <b>Romania</b>     | Citizens’ Rights        | Quiz: What can EU citizens do? (study, travel, vote...) | Genially                      |
| PT <b>Portugal</b>    | Environment Policy      | Carbon footprint mini quiz                              | Google Forms / Canva          |
| NL <b>Netherlands</b> | Innovation & Science    | “Guess the EU invention” game                           | Wordwall / Canva cards        |
| BE <b>Belgium</b>     | Brussels – EU Capital   | Virtual tour of the EU Parliament                       | ThingLink / Google Earth      |
| SE <b>Sweden</b>      | Equality & Gender       | Create a poster: “Equal EU for All”                     | Canva collaborative poster    |
| HR <b>Croatia</b>     | EU Enlargement          | Arrange countries by joining year                       | Genially timeline             |
| FI <b>Finland</b>     | Digital EU              | QR code escape: find the hidden digital rule            | Google Forms / QR Code Monkey |

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## FINAL JOINT PRODUCTS

- Interactive Detective Map (Genially):**
  - A clickable map of Europe — each country’s flag links to its task.
  - Title: “*The EU Detective Challenge*”
- Video: “Rebuilding the EU Flag”**
  - Each country records a short clip: “We found the star in [country name]!”
  - All clips are combined into one final celebration video.

### 3. EU Detective Certificate

- Created in Canva, awarded to all participants.



## TIMELINE

| Week   | Activities                                                        | Outcomes                                   |
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| Week 1 | Teachers design their country's mission and upload it to the map. | 14 challenge links collected               |
| Week 2 | Students play the full detective game and collect all stars.      | Completed map + joint video + certificates |

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## DIGITAL TOOLS

Genially • Padlet • Canva • Kahoot • LearningApps • Flip • Wordwall • ThingLink • Google Forms • QR Code Generator



## Evaluation

- Students complete a short self-reflection form (Mentimeter or Google Forms):
  - “What did you learn about the EU?”
  - “Which country's clue was your favorite?”
- Certificates are given to all “EU Detectives.”