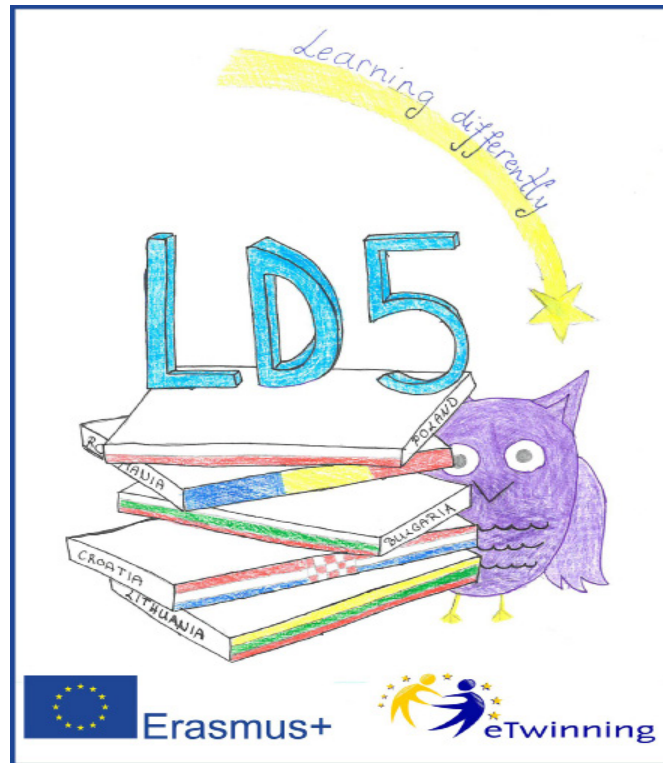




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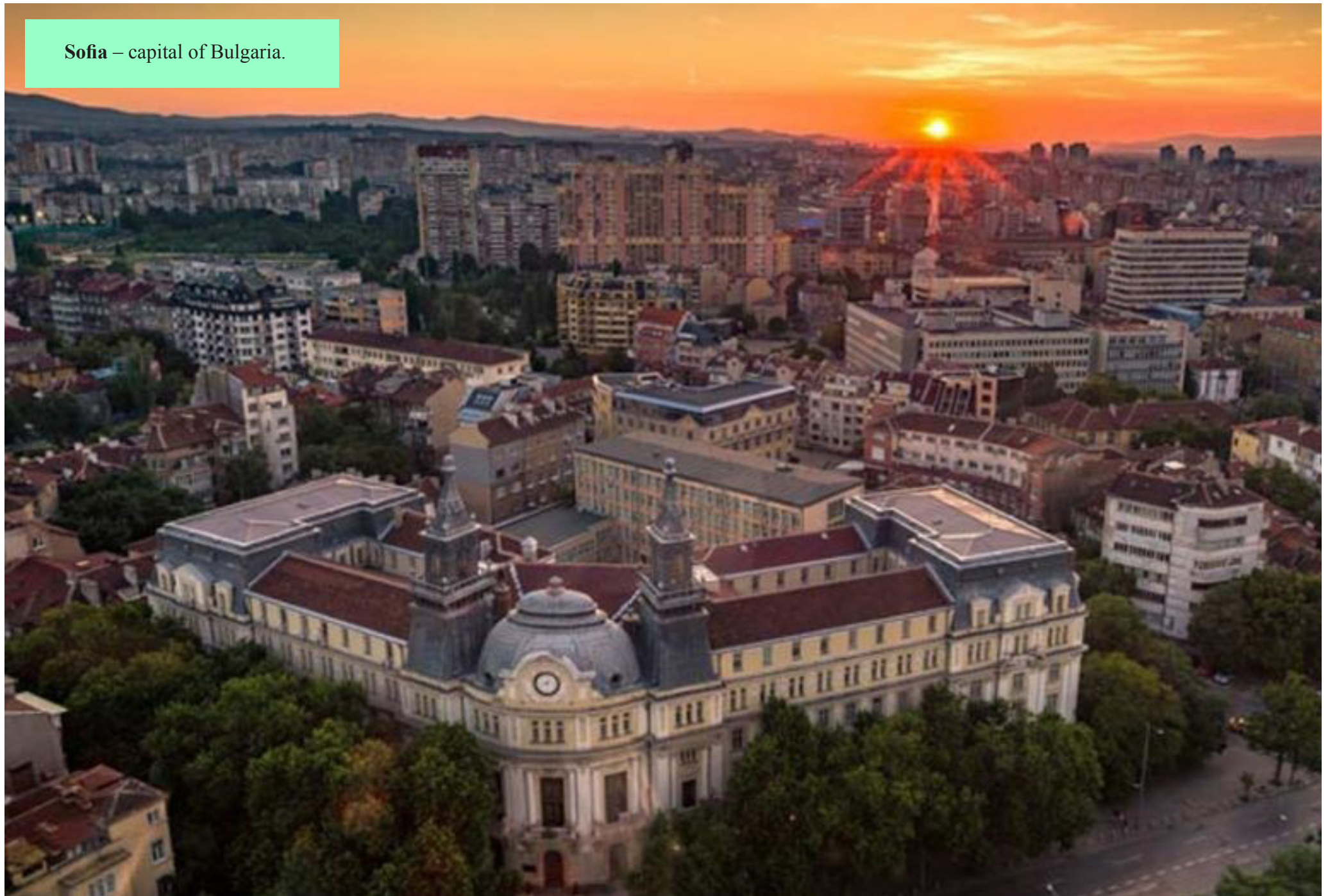
What do we know about partner countries?

BULGARIA



LOCATION: Southeastern Europe
CAPITAL: Sofia
LANGUAGE: Bulgarian
AREA: 110 993.6 km²
POPULATION: 6 951 482
CURRENCY: Lev (BGN)

Sofia – capital of Bulgaria.



Varna – beautiful resort town on the edge of the Black Sea.





Rila Monastery - entered the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1983.

Belogradchik Rocks - group of strangely shaped sandstone and conglomerate rock formations located on the western slopes of the Balkan Mountains near the town of Belogradchik in northwest Bulgaria.



FAMOUS BULGARIAN ATHLETES:



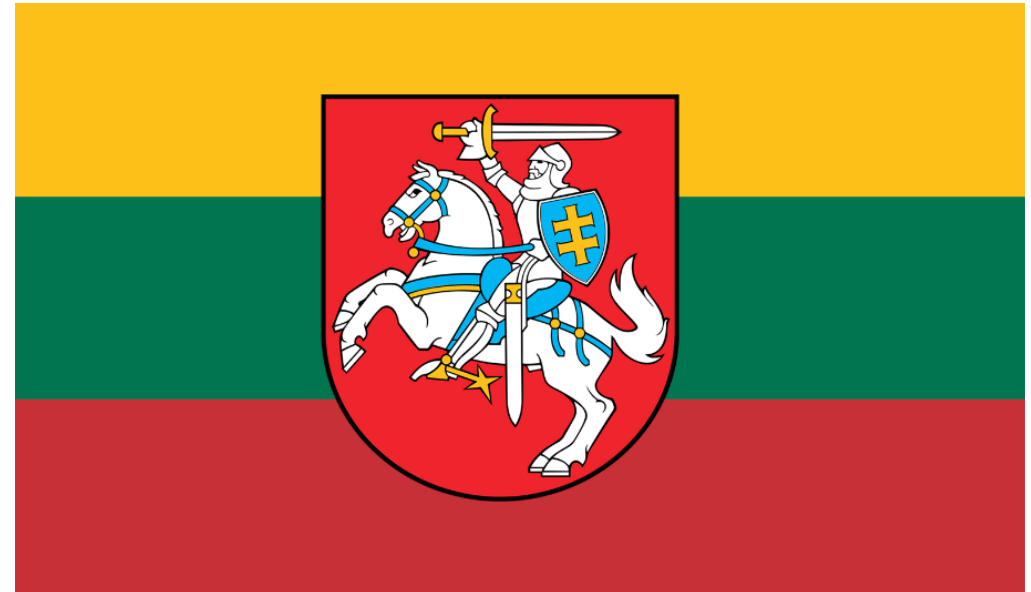
Stefka Georgieva Kostadinova (born 25 March 1965) is Bulgarian retired athlete who competed in the high jump. Her world record of 2.09 metres has stood since 1987. She was the 1996 Olympic champion, a twice World champion and five-times a World Indoor champion. She has been the president of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee since 2005.

Grigor Dimitrov (born 16 May 1991) is Bulgarian professional tennis player. His career-high ATP singles ranking is world No. 3, which he achieved in November 2017 after winning the ATP Finals. Dimitrov is the most successful Bulgarian male tennis player. He has won eight ATP singles titles.



Dimitar Ivanov Berbatov (born 30 January 1981) is a Bulgarian former professional footballer. A striker, he captained the Bulgaria national team from 2006 to 2010, and is the country's all-time leading goalscorer. He is regarded as one of the greatest Bulgarian players of all time.

LITHUAMA



LOCATION: Southeastern Europe
CAPITAL: Sofia
LANGUAGE: Bulgarian
AREA: 110 993.6 km²
POPULATION: 6 951 482
CURRENCY: Lev (BGN)

Vilnius – capital of Lithuania.





Kernave - a tourist attraction and an archeological site.



Dzukija National Park - Lithuania's largest national park established in 1991 in order to preserve the pine forests, the landscape, and the villages of the region.

Palanga - a seaside resort town in western Lithuania, on the shore of the Baltic Sea.



FAMOUS LITHUANIAN ATHLETES:



Virgilijus Alekna (13 February 1972) is a Lithuanian former discus thrower. Alekna has won two gold medals in the Summer Olympics in the discus throw, the first was in 2000 and the second in 2004. He also won the bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. In 2007, he was appointed as UNESCO Champion for Sport. His personal record is 73.88 meters.



Dainius Adomaitis (born January 19, 1974) is a Lithuanian professional basketball coach and former player. He was most recently working as the head coach of Hapoel Jerusalem of the Israeli Basketball Premier League. Adomaitis was a member of the Lithuanian national team, which won bronze medal at the 2000 Olympic Games.



Austra Skujytė (born 12 August 1979) is a Lithuanian athlete, competing in both the heptathlon and the decathlon. On 15 April 2005 in Columbia, Missouri, she broke the women's decathlon world record, with a score of 8358. She is the 2004 Olympic silver medalist and 2012 Olympic bronze medalist in the heptathlon. She is an eight time national champion in the Shot Put. She has also won National Championships in the Discus, 100 metres hurdles twice and Long jump three times.

POLAND



LOCATION: Central Europe
CAPITAL: Warsaw
LANGUAGE: Polish
AREA: 312 696 km²
POPULATION: 38 268 000
CURRENCY: Złoty (PLN)

Warsaw – capital of Poland.





Krakow - one of the oldest cities in Poland.

The Tatra Mountains and National Park – a natural border between Slovakia and Poland. Because there are no borders between EU countries anymore, it's now possible to hike between countries easily.



Bialowieza Forest Reserve - Europe's largest remaining section of the primeval forest that once covered much of the continent, the Bialowieza Forest Reserve has definitely earned its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

FAMOUS POLAND ATHLETES:



Robert Lewandowski (born 21 August 1988) is a Polish professional footballer who plays as a striker for Bundesliga club Bayern Munich and is the captain of the Poland national team. He is renowned for his positioning, technique and finishing, and is widely regarded as one of the best strikers in the world, and one of the best players in Bundesliga history. He has scored over 500 senior career goals for club and country.



Agnieszka Roma Radwańska (born 6 March 1989) is a Polish former professional tennis player. Known for making intelligent use of the court, she won 20 career singles titles, two doubles titles, and achieved a career-high singles ranking of world No. 2 on 9 July 2012. Her achievements include winning the season-ending WTA Finals in 2015, Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Fan Favourite Award six times, Shot of the Year five times, and Shot of the Month on a regular basis.



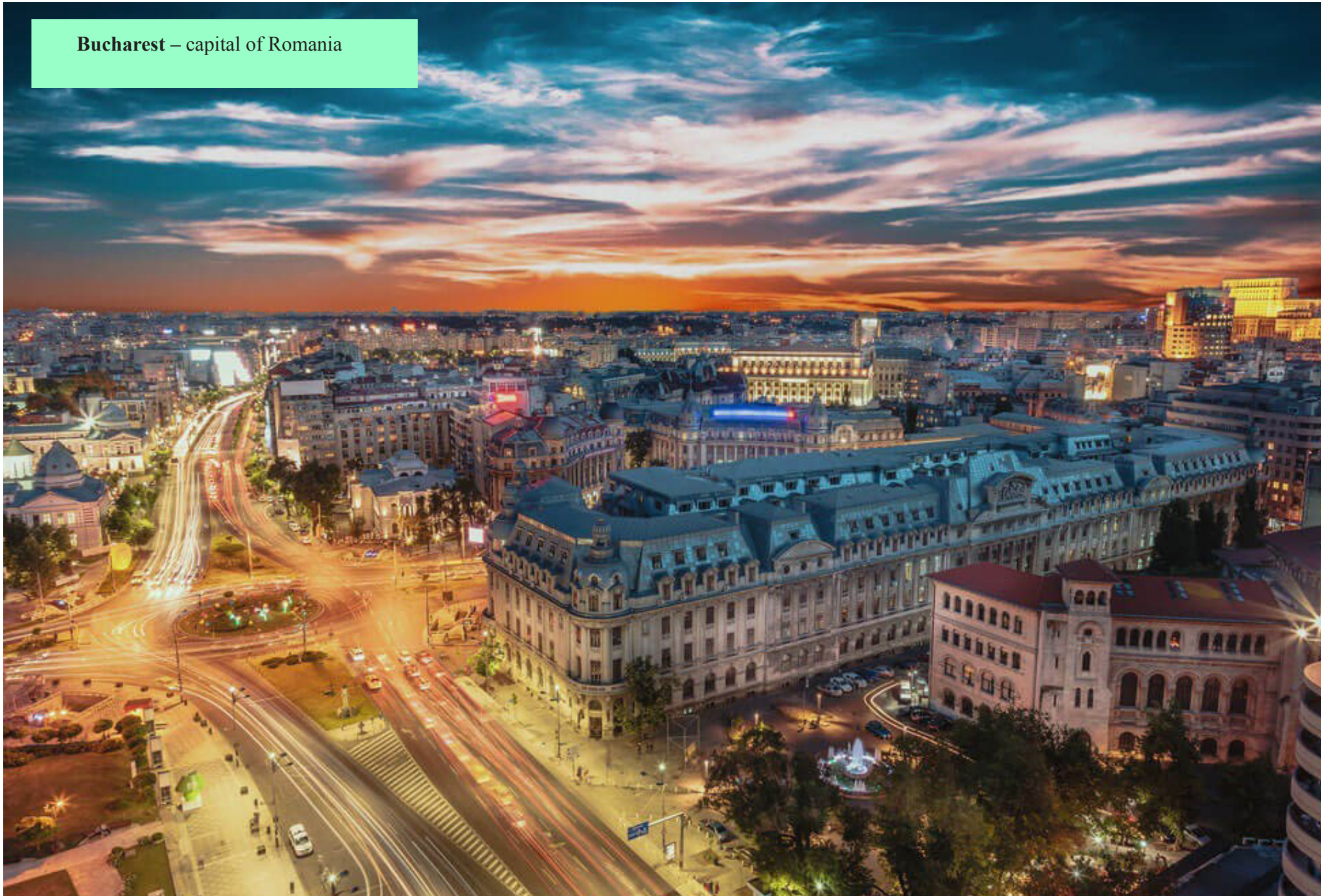
Irena Szewińska (24 May 1946 – 29 June 2018) was a Polish sprinter who was one of the world's foremost athletes for nearly two decades, in multiple events. She is the only athlete in history, male or female, to have held the world record in the 100 m, the 200 m and the 400 m. Between 1964 and 1980 she participated in five Olympic Games, winning seven medals, three of them gold. She also broke six world records and won 10 medals in European Championships. She was a member of the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and the IAAF Hall of Fame.

ROMANIA



LOCATION: at the crossroads of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe
CAPITAL: Bucharest
LANGUAGE: Romanian
AREA: 238 397 km²
POPULATION: 19 317 984
CURRENCY: Romanian leu (RON)

Bucharest – capital of Romania





Sighisoara - a 12th century Transylvania-Saxon town, one of the best preserved medieval towns in all of Europe.



Sinaia - a mountain resort town that grew up around a monastery that was named for Mount Sinai. The monastery, which contains a copy of the first Bible printed in Romania, is a popular site today with tourists, who enjoy hiking in the summer and some pretty tremendous downhill skiing in the winter.

Deva Citadel Hill - a nature reserve being protected because of the rare floral species found there as well as the horned adder.



FAMOUS ROMANIAN ATHLETES:



Nadia Comăneci (born November 12, 1961) is a Romanian retired gymnast and a five-time Olympic gold medalist, all in individual events. In 1976 at the age of 14, Comăneci was the first gymnast to be awarded a perfect score of 10.0 at the Olympic Games. At the same Games (1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal), she received six more perfect 10s for events en route to winning three gold medals. Comăneci is one of the world's best-known gymnasts and is credited with popularizing the sport around the globe.



Gheorghe Hagi (born 5 February 1965) is a Romanian football manager and former professional player, who played as an attacking midfielder. Hagi was considered one of the best players in the world during the 1980s and '90s, and is regarded by many as the greatest Romanian footballer of all time. Nicknamed “The Maradona of the Carpathians”, he was a creative advanced playmaker renowned for his dribbling, technique, vision, passing and shooting.



Cristina Georgiana Neagu (born 26 August 1988) is a Romanian professional handballer who plays as a left back for CSM București and the Romanian national team. Often considered the best player in the world and rated by many in the sport as the greatest of all time, Neagu is the only female handball player in history to win four IHF World Player of the Year awards (in 2010, 2015, 2016 and 2018). A prolific goalscorer, Neagu is the European Championship's all-time leader in goals scored (237).

MY FAVORITE BOOK

Relámpago

My favorite book is a book about a boy and a girl fighting the world to survive, whilst falling in love. Now, he knew he loved her since the moment he saw her, but she was innocent, sometimes didn't even understand what was going on around her. That changed through their journey, though, and she slowly but surely fell in love with him as well.

The book is called 'Relámpago' which means 'lightning' in Spanish. The book is written by an anonymous writer and it's 75 chapters long. As a whole, the book is a slow burn, but there is always action going on. I've re-read this book three times and would read it again just to see the little 'Wow' after they first kissed, or to see her smile when she realizes that she is worth being loved.

One of my favorite characters is Nadia, the main character, which is so cliché, I know, but through the book you can see how much she grows and how she finds a safe place to call home. I feel like I can see her change from being a shy little girl to a social butterfly around her friends.

I think this book shows that home doesn't have to be a place but a person, and how every person needs to find their home. No matter where or who it is.

Jana Filković, 7.b



Artwork

'Artwork' is a book written by an anonymous author and it's published on Wattpad (a website and app for amateur writers).

The book talks about a love story between two teenagers. The main character, Sierra, starts her senior year in high school and gets assigned to do an art project for her art class. She was always passionate about art and it was her favorite subject and I was able to relate to her in that way. But everything takes a turn when she gets partnered with the popular boy Harry, who has a bad reputation. Sierra was extremely shy and Harry was extremely rude so things weren't working out at first. As time passed, they slowly started getting along. Harry was always coming over to Sierra's house where she had an art studio and with time they developed feelings for each other. They were pretty good at hiding them at first, but slowly it got harder for them not to express love for each other. Sierra showed Harry the beauty of art and taught him how to express his feelings through it.

Art was always a sensitive topic for Harry and at the end of the book we find out why. I think 'Artwork' is a beautifully written book. It talks about how love can be expressed through many different ways and one of them is art.

Sara Studak, 7.b



'Martin against the CIA and the KGB'

My favorite book is 'Martin against the CIA and the KGB', written by a Croatian writer Dubravko Jelačić Bužimski. When we got that book in our Croatian class, I thought it would be boring but when I started reading it, I couldn't stop. This book is about a boy, Martin, who travels the world and runs away from the enemy. Martin had only his grandfather and his girlfriend to take care of him. When evil people kidnapped Martin, his girlfriend and grandfather were very worried. An agent came to their door and helped Martin to get out of trouble. Martin has travelled almost around the whole world. He has been to Russia, Afghanistan, Germany and other countries. He was very cunning and didn't let himself be fooled by some crazy tasks.

I really like this book because it is associated with the police organizations and I'm very interested in that. Also, I love adventure books very much. I would recommend this book to everyone.

Lorena Žmegač, 7.a

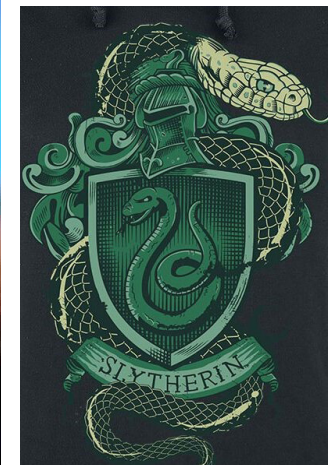


'Harry Potter'

My favorite books are 'Harry Potter' series, by J.K. Rowling. I like them because they are full of magical things and stuff like that. My favorite character is Hermione because she is a very good friend and she is always there for Harry and Ron. She is also very smart. The character I hate is Voldemort because he wanted to kill Harry and he just wanted to rule the world. If I were in Hogwarts, I would like to be in Slytherin because I really like them even though many of them are mean. I would also like to make some potions, like love potion, a potion for smartness, a potion for flying, etc.

I don't really like reading books because most of them are boring, but 'Harry Potter' are the only books I like and I would definitely recommend them because they are very interesting and fun.

Magdalena Vugec, 7.a



'The Wild Horse'

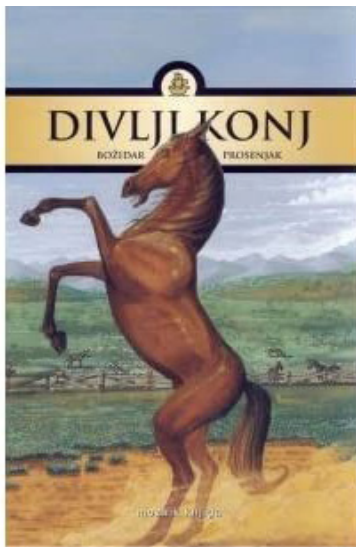
I'm not a big fan of books, but this book was one of the best I've read. I love horses so that was probably the reason for liking it so much. It's written by Božidar Prosenjak, a Croatian writer.

The wild horse had beautiful shiny hair and large, firm muscles. He was very attached to his mother. He also had a father, who defended him and taught him how to fight the enemies. He liked the wilderness, but he could never know what tomorrow brings. One day he was caught and became a Master's horse. He learned to like his Master over time, because the Master never doubted him and always came to his aid. Also, he liked the farm because he felt safe there. However, he also liked the freedom and he decided to run away but was caught by horse thieves. He regretted running away. Luckily, he found his way back to his Master and he even started his own family there. He grew old on the Master's farm.

I admire the Wild Horse because he was brave, especially when his father was attacked by wolves or when the herd no longer wanted him as their leader. He never gave up.

My favourite quote is: "Never follow the same path twice. If you always go back the same way, your opponents will always be the same."

Hana Mihok, 7.a



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