

**Project Erasmus  
“Creating Competent  
Citizens Using 4Cs”**

**Activity number 4 –  
Cultural identity,  
Sustainability, ICT and  
Tolerance**

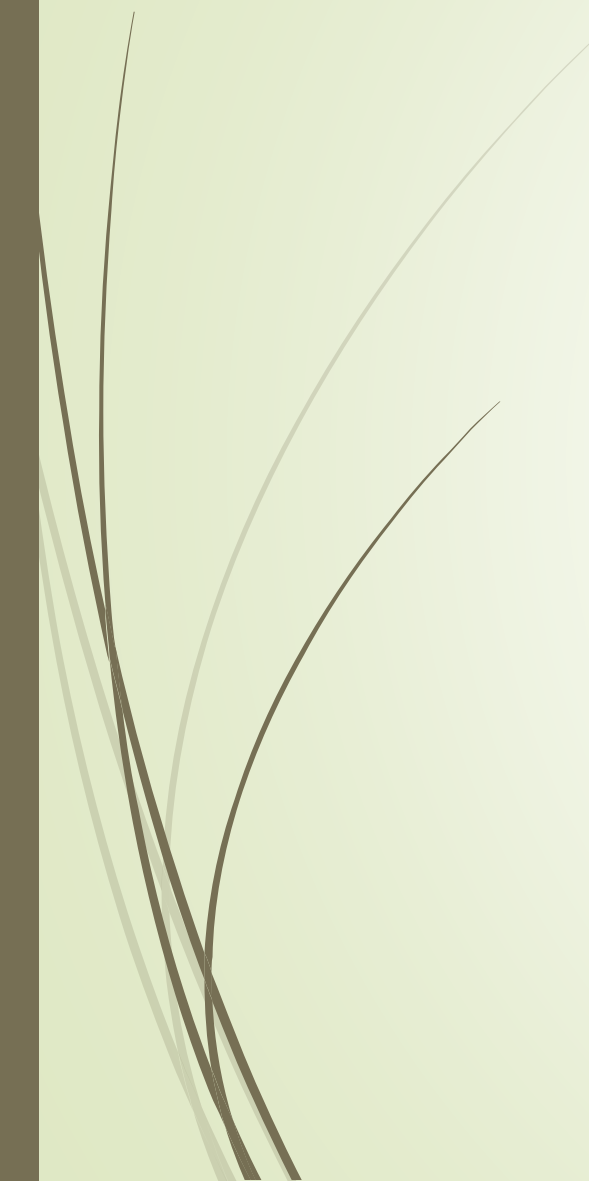


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# Introduction



For this survey we asked five peers, three family members and a local townhall deputy some questions related to the four topics of our Erasmus project – cultural identity, sustainability, media and ICT and tolerance - and here are our conclusions.

# Cultural identity



## 1. What in history has formed us (our countries), where do we come from?

- Our conquests against the Moors - Conquest of Ceuta in 1415;
- Our battles (Battle of São Mamede in 1128, Battle of Aljubarrota in 1385);
- Our sea routes to Cape Good Hope in 1488, to India in 1497 and to Brazil in 1500;
- The first World War;
- The Salazar dictatorship and regime;
- Our Independence Day and the Revolution of the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1974.



## 2. Do you know any national traditional habits?

Yes, we do.

Some of our national traditional habits are:

- people gathering around a huge fire on Christmas Eve;
- eating codfish on Christmas Eve and then, going to Mass at midnight – “Missa do Galo”;
- playing cards “sueca” and playing “jogo da malha”;
- grape picking and wine drinking – “vindimas”;
- harvest – corn and rye - gatherings – “desfolhadas”;
- the slaughtering of pigs in winter - “matança do porco”;
- the roasted chestnuts’ gathering - “magustos”;
- going to folklore festivals.





### 3. What are the factors that determine your cultural identity?

Factors that determine cultural identity are:

- our history and being a country of navigators and explorers;
- our gastronomy (soups, codfish, roasted lamb, smoked ham and sausages, olives, olive oil, wines and cheeses);
- our sports heroes (Eusébio, Cristiano Ronaldo, José Mourinho, Nelson Évora, Rosa Mota);
- our Fado music (Amalia Rodrigues, Mariza, Carlos do Carmo, Carminho);
- our Catholic religion ( chapels, churches, and the Holy City of Fatima);
- our cork , olive oil, cheese and wine production;
- our Portuguese crafts;
- our climate, islands (Madeira and the Azores), our famous beaches;
- our beautiful countryside and landscapes.



## 4. Is being a citizen of your country important to you?

- Yes, it is important to be a Portuguese citizen. It is part of our upbringing and culture.
- Of course, being a Portuguese citizen is an honour.

Portugal is our country, where we have always lived, where we have our ancestors, family, colleagues, peers and friends.

- Yes, it is important because it is where we live and part of our education.

Portugal is a country made up of strong traditions, and of people who are openminded, tolerant and know how to welcome other people ( immigrants, refugees and tourists).



# Sustainability

## 5. Do you think people should care more about their own culture or the natural environment?

- Yes, people should care more about the natural environment because if we destroy the environment there won't be anyone left on the planet.
- We value culture, but the environment is much more important.
- There are many cultures in our country and in the world, but we only have one planet and we must preserve it the best way possible for everyone and for the future generations.





# Media and Technology

## 6. Do you think media are useful for your knowledge?

All types of media are useful for our knowledge because we have a quick access to many information sites and different resources.

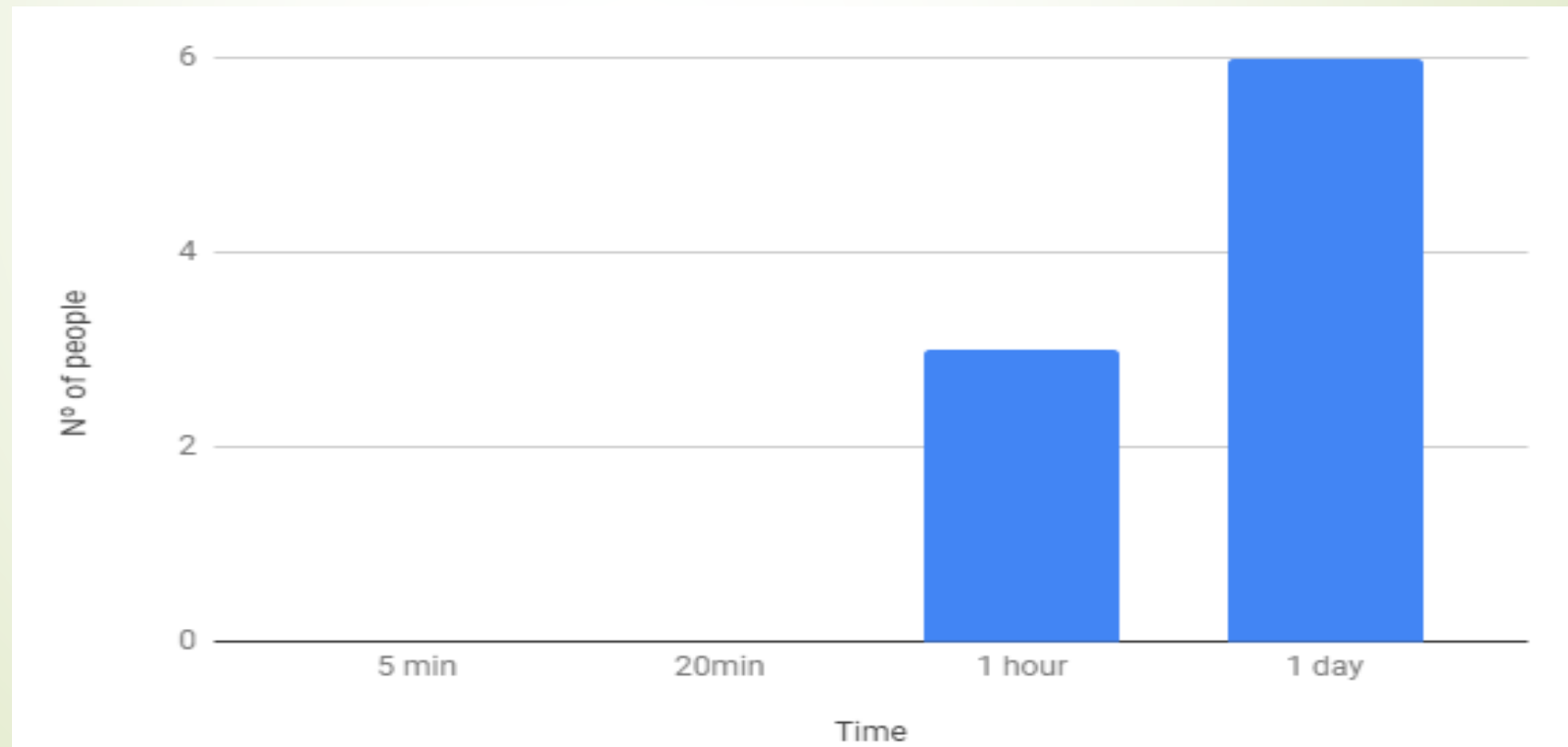
We live in a global village so we all need to be constantly informed.





**7. How much time could you be disconnected (without using your phone)? 1). 5 min. 2) 20 min 3)1 hour 4)1 day**

Peers and Family members said: 1 day (or more) The local authority said: 1 hour



## 8. Are ICT developed in your country?

Yes, ICT are developed in Portugal because:

- although it is never fully advanced, this is good enough for Portugal because many of the other countries do not have ICTs as we do;
- in almost every shop we have internet access;
- many of the Portuguese homes have wi-fi .

No, ICT aren't too developed because:

- although many Portuguese have access to the Internet, there are some people who do not have it;
- the wi-fi is a bit expensive;
- school wi-fi is slow;
- all families with students should have access to the net and some do not have this possibility;
- in winter there are lots of problems with internet connections.

# Tolerance

## 9. Do you see your country as a tolerant place where everyone can be themselves?

- Yes, Portugal is a tolerant place because it:
  - helps the homeless;
  - accepts and helps refugees;
  - accepts and receives emigrants from all over the world.
- No, Portugal isn't such a tolerant place.  
For example, when the Portuguese are telling jokes about an Ukrainian person, they aren't being tolerant. Some teens are close minded, conservative and racist just like their parents.





## 10. Do you think intolerance should be punished with jail?

Peers and family members said that we should learn from a very young age to respect everyone as we also want to feel respected by others.

We must learn to respect other people's sexuality, race, nationality, religion and cultural habits in a tolerant, openminded way. In extreme cases there should be some form of punishment (penalties).

The local authority said that everybody should learn to respect others just like they need to be respected. In Portugal we jail too many people and it costs too much.

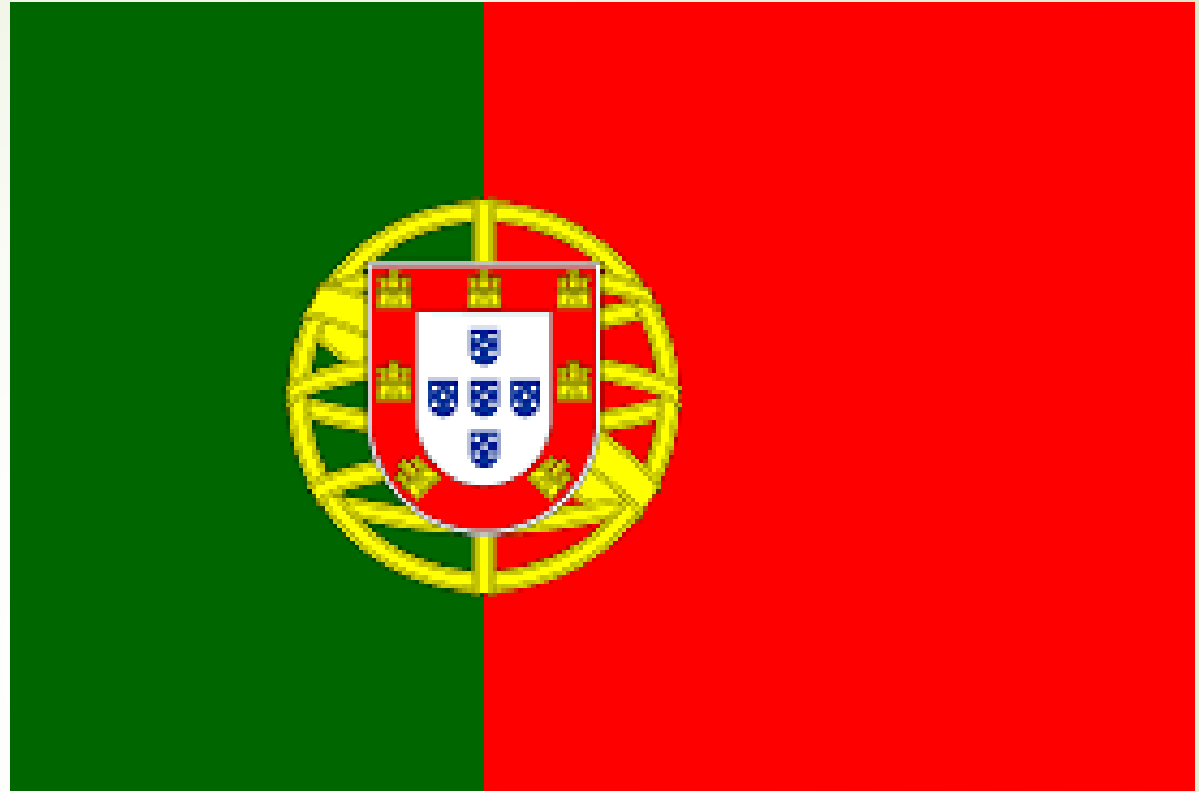
In extreme cases intolerant people should be punished with heavy fines / penalties and do community labour.





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