

ROMANIA



Lifelong
Learning
Programme

The Interview on the Importance of Traditions in People's Lives

➤ 85 students completed the interview

1. What do traditions mean to you?

- Ways of conserving a country's national heritage - 8
- Signs of gratitude for the past - 19
- The joy of being Romanian - 6
- Love & family reunion - 11
- Ways to keep alive memories from our childhood -1
- Old habits - 7
- What makes a country special - 6
- Spending time together - 17
- A form of spiritual relaxation - 10

2. What is the most important or the best-known tradition in your country?

- Easter - 20
- Carolling on Christmas Eve - 46
- 1st of March - 4
- Weddings - 4
- "The goat"(dressing as a goat and dance in order to bring good fortune) - 5
- National Day - 3
- Killing the pig" before Christmas - 3

3. What is the most important tradition in your family? How do you celebrate it?

- Christmas – 51
- Easter - 18
- New Year's Eve - 16

4. Is it important you make people from other regions in your country know about the customs and traditions that the region you live in has?

- No - 15
- Yes - 69
- Pretty much -1

5. What do customs and traditions tell about a country?

- Its history - 38
- Its origins - 3
- Its beauty -13
- Its richness - 4
- Its uniqueness - 8
- Its culture - 8
- Not much - 2
- What's important for that country's people - 9

6. What do customs and traditions tell about you as a person?

- That they define us – 40
- That we are happy during holidays - 5
- How aware of my country's cultural heritage I am - 14
- Not much - 4
- How much we love our country – 22

7. Do you think it necessary to understand and cherish your country's national heritage?

- Yes - 61
- Pretty much - 15
- It's ok but it's not necessary to show it - 3
- It's not important - 6

8. How relevant is it for your general knowledge to improve your comprehension of other countries' culture and civilisation?

- Very important - 55
- Yes, for our general knowledge - 17
- Not much - 5
- Very relevant because you will become more open open-minded – 8

9. Do you think that traditions have any relevance being given the circumstances of a globalized Europe? How?

- Yes, because uniqueness is still treasured - 17
- Yes, because traditions define our countries - 52
- I don't know - 2

- No – 14

**10. Do you think that international projects may raise your cultural awareness?
How?**

- Yes - 35 (out of which 30 said it would be educational to go visiting other countries)
- Yes, it'd be fine to communicate to people from other countries via email - 7
- No - 2
- Yes, you gain experience - 29
- Yes, we can improve our communication skills - 12