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## THE ULTIMATE LIST OF

# COOL TIPS AND THING TO DO WHEN TRAVELLING IN EUROPE

By The Troll Travel Magazine



1. Cyprus haloumi is the real deal. Eat it raw and it squeaks in your mouth, grill it or fry it and it's crispy and gooey.

Haloumi cheese is served almost everywhere on Cyprus. YOU should try it!!!

2. Latvia's internet seems to be one of the fastest from European countries. So you will find Wi-fi almost everywhere (public transportation). Also you can't buy alcohol after 10 pm.

3. Belgium: Tomorrowland is the largest electronic dance music festival in the world . Alongside some 15 stages and 400+ performers, the festival is known for impressive stage design and tickets sell out months in advance, being aptly located near a Belgian town called Boom.

4. Italy: The biggest holiday in Italy is Christmas. Many people celebrate Christmas Eve with a huge feast, often featuring seafood. The Christmas season lasts until Epiphany, January 6.

5. Istanbul's Grand Bazaar has grown, over the centuries grown into a warren of 61 streets lined by more than 3,000 shops.

According to Travel + Leisure, the Grand Bazaar was the world's #1 attraction in 2014, drawing over 91 million people.

6. If you travel to Greece and you like the ciders don't search for a local brand because in this country it is forbidden to produce it. But you still can try some because they are allowed to import it. The Greeks are very good English speakers and the legal age to have sex is 16.

7. In Poland beer is often served with raspberry or blackcurrant juice (piwo z sokiem) and drunk using a straw. During colder seasons the popular refreshment is hot beer with cloves and cinnamon, sweetened with honey (piwo grzane).

8. If you like food and you travel to Sofia you should know about Free Food Tour. This is a great opportunity to get to know the Bulgarian cuisine and recommendable restaurants! On the free Food Tour by Balkan Bites you can try typical dishes and get more information about history and preparation – this tour is also recommended for vegetarians!



# LEAN, MEAN, EUROPEAN MACHINE

WRITTEN BY MARTIN NIKOLOV

Before I am able to answer, how can we improve this beautiful Europe we have build. I have to introduce you to a new science. Systemantics, or to quote the opening sentence: "How Systems Work and Espescially How They Fail". All around us we see a world of paradox: deep, ironic, and just plain silly. Big, well thought out systems just don't work. Let us give you, the reader, an example. We want a fresh apple. Ok, so do we go to the tree and pick it up? Of course not! We are not animals! We just grow it on the other side of the world, spray it with pesticides, ship it for a few weeks across the ocean, then put it in a truck for a day or two, so it goes to your supermarket.

As we all know the European Union is one great big administrative system, that brings us closer together. But it also connects multiple goverments together, so we can all have the human and economic rights we deserve. And the human in us thinks: "Oh, that is great", but the Systemantic in me thinks: "Oh, no...". To set things clear, if it wasn't for the EU. Me and you, the reader, would not probably be having this conversation. And that is just one of the many gifts we get from the EU. We could go on, and on, and on about the benefits it provides, but with thinks this big we must always be careful about overreach on its part.



We have a few controversial examples of clashes between governmental and European power. We won't get into detail and put them here as in vague manner is possible. That way we can think and talk more about them. I do not want to impose my oppinion on you, I want you to decide for yourselves.

We will start from Romania. The country has had a few issues with living conditions from prisoners. A few years ago it had to pay thousands of euros in compensations. This year, it had another infraction of prisoners right, and sentences had been severly reduced. On October 19, almost 530 inmates had been released. While some people say that it was a political moves, to release political prisoners, others say that this led to a great increase in the crime rate.

Lets move on to Poland, a beautiful, proud contry. As of writing of this article, the government is under Article 7(1), the so called "nuclear option". That word just fills you up with good feelings, doesn't it? During the latest elections, a right-winged, populist party won the majority. It campained on more money for child support, lower retirement age and that they will "decommunise" the country. After its win the party tried to grab more and more power. A political party, trying to entrench itself in the system? I don't believe it either.

And now the country of Ireland. There was found to be a secret deal between Apple and the Irish government, which spanned a big number of years. The ammount of benefits Apple received were equal a state aid. Apple was fined a record 13bn of euros. Apple isn't the only company blasted by the EU. Google was fined 2bn of euros for manipulatings it's search result. If the company doesn't change its practice, it will face up to 10.6m euroes fine each day.

But these are just the general examples. We have goverment interference in almost any walk of life. From banning charcoal kebab shops, which led to protests in Germany. To forbiding certain types of hunting in Cypres, because they were too inhumane to birds.

And now the questions! By adding more and more laws we add more and more paperwork. Does this create more loopholes for politicians? If voters elect a government which isn't aligned with the European Unions views, what steps should we take, and how much should the Union interfere? With the rising of globalisation, software and hardware multi milion dollar companies are starting to compete with nations. How should they be treated by goverments?



The more things the Union has to look out for, the more it becomes sluggish, and the more it drifts away from its original direction. It was made to bring us and our traditions together, not try to change us. With sparks of resentment for the Union going through Europe, it is easy to see that now we stand on uneven ground.

So here is my proposition. The European Union, shouldn't create more and more laws. It should take a step back, and have a discussion on what is its direction, and how to accomplish it. It should see what rules and regulations can be cut from it, and see how it could cut back on its power. In these changing times it needs to be as light and as flexible as possible.



# WHAT IS RASICM

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BY LOUKAS E.

Racism is very common nowadays in all countries and in different forms. Many people every day live in a racism environment.

First of all i will explain what is Racism.

Racism is when someone's treated differently or unfairly just because of their race or culture. People can also experience prejudice, when a decision is made or opinion formed without knowledge, thought or reason, because of their religion or nationality.

Furthermore, racism takes many different forms. These can include the following:

written or verbal threats or insults  
damage to property, including graffiti  
personal attacks of any kind, including violence  
being treated differently or being excluded because of your race or culture  
having people make assumptions about you because of your race or culture  
people making racist jokes.

It's a sad fact that racism can affect anyone. It exists in all races and cultures. If someone is abused or treated unfairly just because of their race, background or culture, this is racism - no matter where they're from. You can also be affected even if it isn't directed at you. For example, if you hear someone discriminating against someone else's culture. Even though you're not from that culture, you might still find hearing it offensive. It's illegal to treat people differently or unfairly because of their race. Nobody has the right to make you feel bad or abuse you. If you're experiencing racial bullying,

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