

EUD Mission Facts: Primary

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1. This quarter's offering is going to the Inter-European Division. This division includes the beautiful European countries and people of Portugal, Spain, Andorra, France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Monaco, Germany, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, and Slovakia.
2. In the Italian and French parts of Switzerland, people mainly find out about God through personal or small group Bible studies; sharing stories; friendship; health activities; or themed meetings. Many people in Switzerland love the outdoors and going hiking, mountain biking, river rafting, and skiing. Children invite their schoolmates or friends to these activities run by the church—called Scout activities—where they can build friendships, then later invite their new friends to Sabbath School or themed celebrations at church.
3. In Austria people wear traditional clothing (Dirndl, Lederhosen) during festivals-and sometimes even on regular days, while the country is also at the forefront of music, medicine, environmental protection, and technology in the world. Vienna is often called the "capital of music." Great classical music composers such as Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, and Beethoven lived and worked there. Even today, Vienna hosts more than 15,000 concerts every year. Over 60% of Austria is mountainous, yet its cities are extremely well organized. You can go skiing in the morning and attend a music concert or visit a museum the very same day.
4. In France and Belgium around half the Seventh-day Adventist churches are purpose built-churches owned by the church, the other half are spaces that are rented and can be used by other people during the week for other purposes. The rooms for children are often small in these rented spaces.
5. Romania has many beautiful natural landscapes to explore: high mountain peaks, deep forests, rolling hills, flowering meadows, wetlands, and the ocean. Popular sports include swimming, gymnastics, and football (soccer). Versions of tag, and a traditional game called Castle (Castel) involving two teams, are also fun playground games. The first team tries to build a castle made of stones, while the other team tries to knock it down with a ball, then prevent the team from rebuilding by hitting them with the ball.
6. As in many European countries, the cost of living in Italy is very high, and one salary is almost never enough to support a family. There are more and more people who struggle to afford the basic things they need. It can be hard to find work, and many young people, particularly in southern Italy, leave Italy to find a job. This means there are more older people in the country.
7. In Spain, football is very popular, and children enjoy playing it from a young age in parks and on the streets. Cities are full of colorful houses, open squares, and fountains where children love to play together. Spanish people are friendly, enjoy talking and laughing, and like spending time with their families. In Spain, as in many European countries within this division, it is very easy to access the Bible. People can buy them

cheaply from a store or read them on an app or online for free. Please pray for the Adventists in Spain—young and old—to be able to share God's word and His love.

8. In the deep forests of Germany, live a very special wild cat called a lynx. They have a reddish-brown coat with black spots, short tails, pointy black-tipped ears, and tufts of hair on either side of their chin. God has given them powerful legs that help them climb trees and jump up to three metres high—about the same height as a kangaroo can jump! They have better sight and hearing than humans, which makes them good hunters.
9. Have you ever tried Swiss chocolate? It's one of the most famous foods to come out of Switzerland. Another is cheese! Many areas have their own style of cheese, made unique by the local grasses and flowers the cows eat as they graze on mountains, valleys, and in meadows. Fondue is a special dish of melted cheese, that you dip bread or vegetables into. Potatoes are widely grown and a particularly popular recipe is rösti: a kind of grated potato and onion pancake.
10. In Germany, most Seventh-day Adventist children go to public schools. One of the ways they can share Jesus with their non-Christian friends from school is by inviting them to Pathfinders. Other activities they can invite friends to are children's choir, children's Bible week, and teen camps.
11. In recent years, there have been floods and river overflows that have badly affected some areas of Italy. A great deal of help has come from the people, not just the government. Young people from many churches have shown God's love by getting their hands dirty to help those in need.
12. Pastors in Germany can preach about Jesus freely. But it can be difficult to talk about God outside of church, as society is very non-Christian. However, surveys show that young people are open to spirituality and are searching for a deeper meaning in life. Pastors proclaim the Good News through friendship, through helpful and creative projects that meet needs, through attractive worship formats, podcasts, mini-devotions on YouTube, Reels, Pathfinders, and much more.
13. In France, there are very few Seventh-day Adventist schools. Most children go to public schools, where there is a very good education system, or other private schools. However, from the 6th grade onwards there is very often school on Sabbath in the public system, which makes it very difficult for Adventist children.