

# WEBQUEST

## Desserts served for Christmas in European countries

### Introduction

In Transylvania, preparation for Christmas dinner begins long before Christmas Eve. For Hungarians the traditional Christmas dessert is a roll with poppy seeds paste and walnut paste fillings called '*bejgli*'. Romanians usually bake '*cozonac*', a sweetbread made of flour, yolks, yeast and other dependable ingredients, following several types of recipes.

This task focuses on discovering the tradition of preparing special desserts for Christmas in some European countries.

### Aim

To learn more about different cultures, focusing on similarities and differences among European countries with respect to desserts.

To enrich vocabulary, to enhance reading and speaking skills and to develop presentation techniques.

### Task

Work in groups of 3 or 4. Each group must gather information about one particular dessert served for Christmas in a country of Europe (except for their own), then prepare a presentation explaining its tradition and cultural importance. Following the presentations, compare notes and discuss similarities and differences regarding desserts in different regions of Europe.

Make sure you include the following information in your presentation:

- ingredients needed for the dessert;
- the process of preparation;
- its tradition and variants;
- peculiarities;
- comparison to other European desserts;
- other relevant information.

### Process

Find the appropriate web sites (the teacher will be ready to assist) with the necessary information to complete the task.

### Web support

<http://blog.ingredientmatcher.com/75-christmas-desserts-from-around-the-world/>

<https://matadornetwork.com/read/popular-christmas-desserts-around-world-infographic/>

<http://www.internationaldessertsblog.com/30-christmas-desserts-cakes-pies-pastries-breads-sweet-treats-around-world/>

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/christmas-cookies-from-around-the-world/view-all/>

<https://www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/g807/international-holiday-desserts/>

<https://www.opodo.co.uk/blog/a-quick-tour-of-europe-in-10-christmas-desserts/>

<https://europeisnotdead.com/gusto/dishes-of-europe/european-christmas-cakes/>

### Conclusion

You have done extensive research on culinary traditions in some countries of Europe and learned much about traditional Christmas desserts in Europe. You have extended your vocabulary and both reading and speaking skills. You have experienced the advantages and disadvantages of working in a team and sharing ideas. This task made you think about the cultural values that we share as well as about the differences that we appreciate.