

# L-Train International On-Line Language Competition 2005



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## Finalists in 2004

L-Train is a European project which aims to motivate young people (aged between 16 and 21) to gain a wider knowledge of the languages and cultures of other European countries. The competition runs for 2 years consecutively. The first competition took place between May and October 2004 and the next and final one will start in April 2005 and end in October 2005.

In May 2004 young people across Europe, took part in a web competition: their first task was to answer a variety of on-line questions testing their linguistic and cultural knowledge of different aspects of every day life in countries across Europe. The contestants were required to answer questions in at least 2 foreign languages; Dutch, English, French German and Italian. (This year Spanish will also be added.)

The top scoring players were then selected for a second round where they were asked to submit a written piece on their town - the best pieces were then selected for a final round.

This final round involved a real train journey across Europe, from Lille to Genoa stopping along the way. The finalists were accompanied by the European Journalists who ran workshops on using camera and recording equipment and in each city certain tasks were set including writing newspaper articles, interviewing locals and producing videos. The finalists also appeared on television and radio stations in a couple of the cities.

The trip in 2005 will go from Prague to Cork, stopping in Dresden, Frankfurt, Canterbury and London.

This project is partly funded by the European Programme, Lingua. A CD-ROM will be produced with the recordings made during the 2 competitions in 2004 and 2005. This CD-Rom will be used in schools at the end of the project.

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