

Euro-rail á la carte

You are boarding the train from Bucharest (Gara de Nord) to Oslo. Normally, the journey takes 45 hours, but since there are heavy works on the railroads, it will take almost four days to get to Oslo. You are travelling in a couchette compartment which you have to share with three other people.

With whom of the following passengers would you prefer to share it?

Individually select your three first choices of the people whom you would like to travel with the most and the three you would like to travel with the least.

You have **5 minutes** to do this.

After that, in groups of three persons, share your choices of the three preferred companions and the three companions you would like to avoid travelling with, and discuss the reasons, which led to your decisions.

You have **15 minutes** for this part of the activity.

- 1) A disabled war veteran from the Balkans
- 2) An overweight Greek bank manager
- 3) An Italian DJ with a stereo system
- 4) An African man selling leather products
- 5) A young artist who is HIV positive
- 6) A German rapper living a very alternative lifestyle
- 7) A blind accordion player from Austria
- 8) An Ukrainian female student without a valid passport
- 9) A middle-aged Roma woman with a child
- 10) A Dutch hard-line feminist
- 11) A skinhead from Norway with a bottle in his pocket
- 12) A refugee from Syria living in Germany
- 13) An American soldier from Kosovo in a uniform
- 14) A Russian businessman with 3 mobile phones
- 15) A young leader of a right-wing party from Slovakia
- 16) A Chinese man with five large bags
- 17) A gay rights activist from Hungary

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