

Piertschland

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INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT

This project consists in the creation of a new country. The objective is to implement our knowledge about the basic structure of a government and create our own version from one of the existing types. Moreover, test our knowledge on all the aspects, such as the religion and military, that make up a national identity. The goal is to successfully create a new country, being as realistic as possible in its geography, government structure, and politics. Nevertheless, use our creativity to give our country a unique background and national identity.

INTRODUCTION TO THE COUNTRY

Piertschland

(in *Piertschlaign*, the official language)

Piergen

(in English)

Blue:

The two rivers that outline
Piertschland,

Moselle River (right)

Rhine River (left)

Brown:

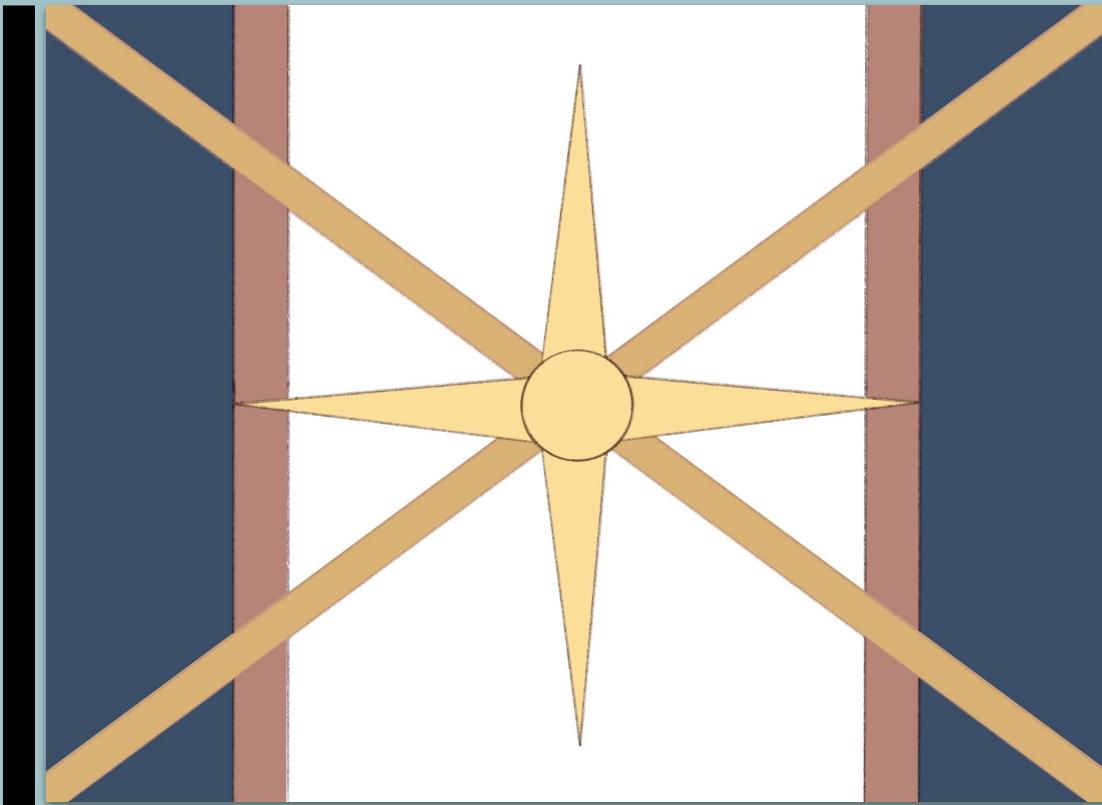
The edges of the country that touch
the rivers that connect to the other
countries.

White:

The nation of Piertschland.

Yellow centerpiece:

The sun illuminating all over
Piertschland as a promise of life,
prosperity, goodwill, and unity
between the land and the people.



PIERTSCHLAND FLAG

MAP OF PIERTSCHLAND

Absolute location:

48°41'27"N

6°11'18"E

Relative locations:

Right of the Moselle River

Left of the Rhine River

South East of Luxembourg

North West of Switzerland

South West of Germany

North East of France



Temperate climate:
mildly cold winters (25° – 50° F)
warm summers (45° – 77° F)

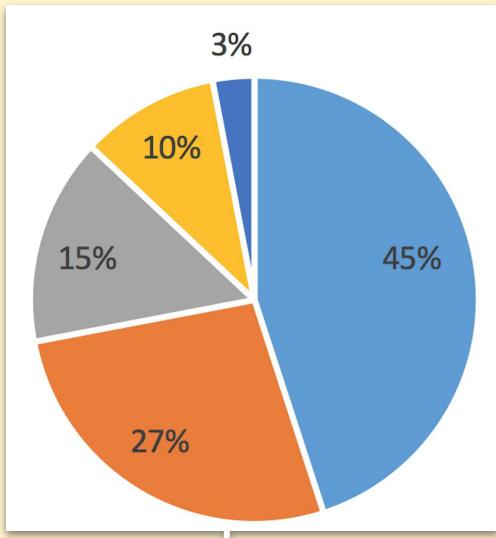
Altitude:
500 ft. – 5,000 ft.

CLIMATE

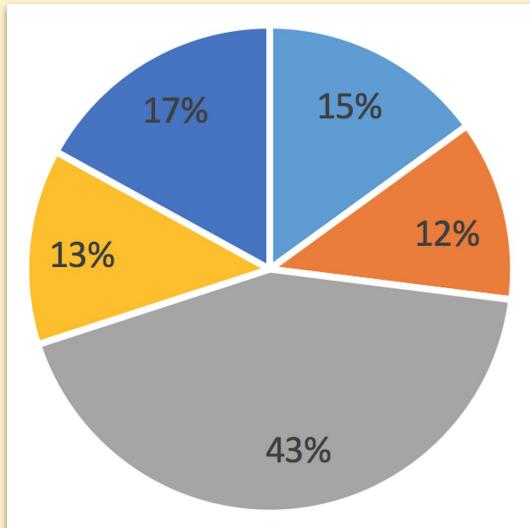


POPULATION

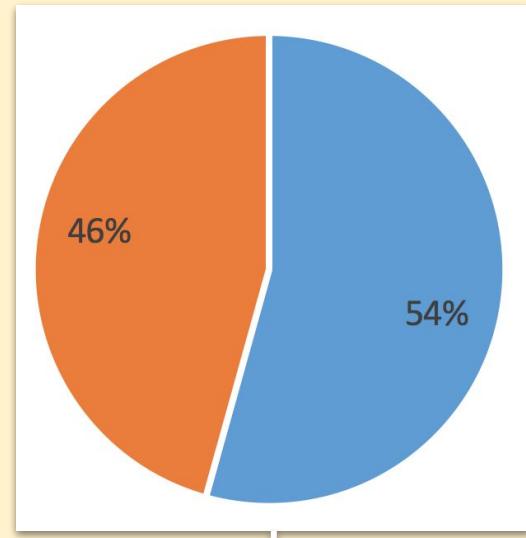
Total of people: 2,502,242 (as of 2020)



■ Piertsch ■ French ■ German ■ Swiss, Luxembourger, Belgian ■ Other



■ 0-14 ■ 15-24 ■ 25-54 ■ 55-64 ■ 65 & over



■ Male ■ Female

CONTINUATION OF POPULATION

Origin:
Germanic & Celtic

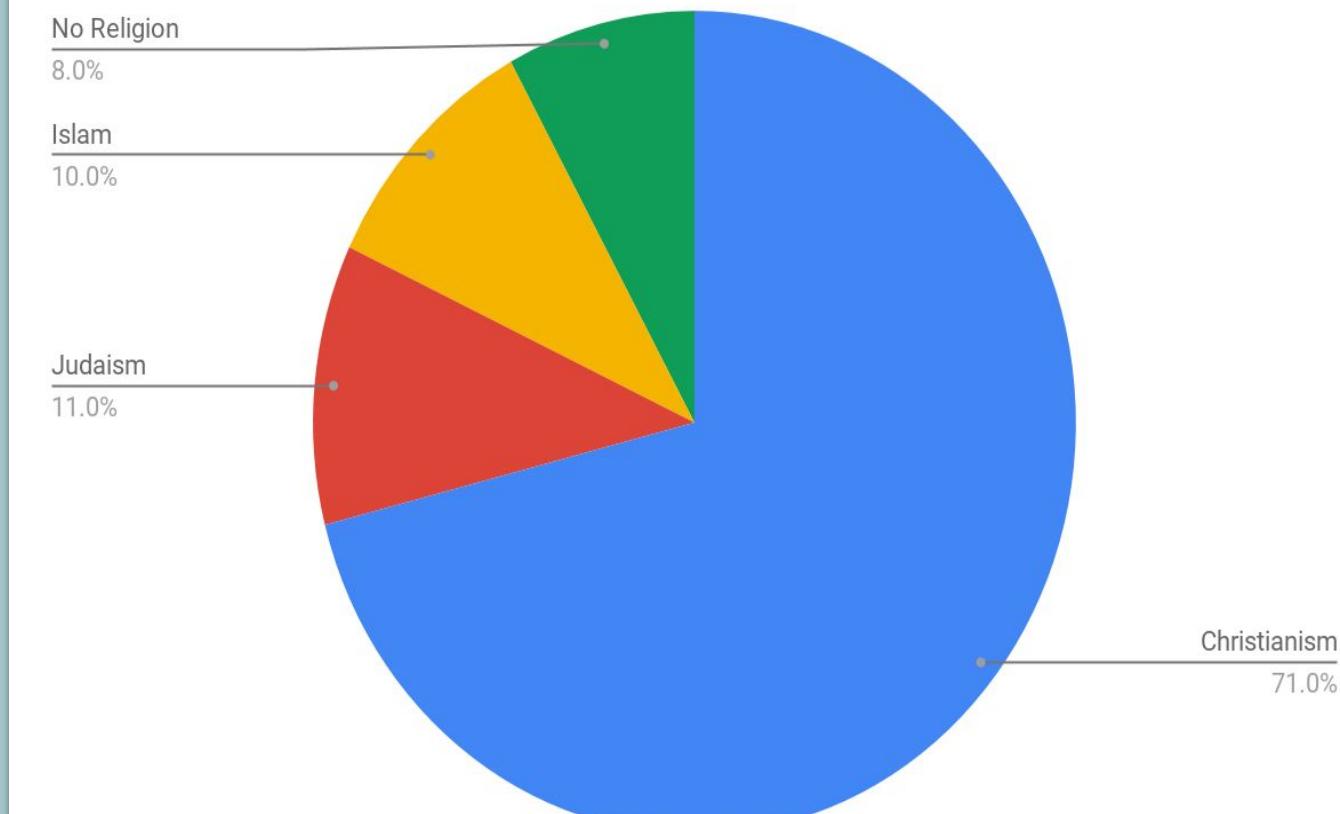


LANGUAGE

1. **Liepgir** - (v) to cross borders
2. **Satrégir** - (v) to overcome
3. **Multgir** - (v) to travel
4. **Praisedent** - (n) president
5. **Annéert** - (n) military
6. **Lürent** - (n) river
7. **Presguié** - (adv) quickly
8. **Kuigtchié** - (adv) incredibly
9. **Schëlle** - (adj) beautiful
10. **Vrightsienne** - (adj) delicious



The country's most predominant religion is Christianity, due to the large amounts of French immigrants that arrived after the French Revolution.



RELIGION



Ditte-eu Feú – Bonfire Day

CULTURE

The celebration of the spring solstice in the north of the country where Piertsch citizens and Luxembourgers cross each other's borders and burn Christmas trees as a farewell to Winter. In the past, it used to be celebrated in France and Germany too but the tradition has been lost. Since Luxembourg is the only bordering country with Piertschland that still holds it, citizens visit the north to celebrate it. Some French and German citizens also cross the borders to attend the occasion.

Educational institutions (schools, colleges, universities, etc), non-essential businesses, and public places such as malls close for a week in memorial of the tragedy caused by the invasion of Germany and France when they took Piertschland as battlefield during WWI.

Ribbons can be seen tied around the knobs of the main entrance doors to living spaces as well as recreational places. In old Piertsch belief, loved ones are thought to merge with nature once they pass, hence why the ribbons are usually yellow, meaning “life” and “unity between the land and the nation” –its symbol taken from the Piertsch flag.



Saimánit eu Sielince – Week of Silence

CONTINUATION OF CULTURE



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Lie Diu Dittes präi la Vie – The Two Days for Life

In Piertschland, school starts the same week as the first leaves of Autumn begin to fall. The weekend before this first week of school people take into the streets and decorate their cities in arrays of flowers. The occasion serves to celebrate the life of all the citizens but mainly to celebrate the children –who are entering as well as still attending school in order to become members of society as adults in the future.

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT AND HEAD OF STATE

Piertschland is a constitutional monarchy. The current Head of State is Pi-Queen Ameliare. She was the sole heir to the throne after her parents, Pi-King Eufe and Pi-Queen Amelie, died in a tragic accident sailing the Mediterranean.



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HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

The current head of government is Praisedent Kierv. He rose to power after winning the 2016 elections; and will remain in power until the 2020 elections. He is in charge of the Piertschland government. Nevertheless, his power is observed by the Piert Council (parliament).



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BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT

PRAISEDENT

Overlooks the government.

Sends bills to the Piert Council.

PI-QUEEN

Can't veto laws, only sign them. Meets with government officials from around the world to discuss treaties.

PRAILAW COUNCIL

Composed of 20 elected officers. They revise that the bill presented by the Prai-Ministers is compliant with the constitution. They also edit the bill.

PRAI-MINISTERS

Composed of 10 ministers elected by the Praisedent. They are in charge of the government agencies. They can also present bills for new laws their agencies deem necessary.

PIERT COUNCIL

Composed of 10 elected officers and 10 elders from powerful families. Approve laws or veto them. They can also remove the Praisedent if they feel it's necessary.

HOW ARE LAWS MADE

Laws are created in a five-step process:

1. The Prai-Ministers present a bill.
2. The Prailaw Council accepts, edits and checks that the bill does not break any of the other laws under the Constitution.
3. The Praisedent then sends the bill to the Piert Council.
4. The Piert Council can either accept the law or veto it.
5. The Pi-Queen signs the bill and it becomes a law.



CURRENCY

Before joining the European Union and switching to the Euro, Piertschland used the Pier.

This currency consisted of three coins: The Gold Pier, Silver Pier, and Bronze Pier.



GOLD PIER

One Gold Pier compared to the:

- Dollar = \$15
- Sterling Pound= £ 12.06
- Euro= € 13.76



SILVER PIER

One Silver Pier compared to the:

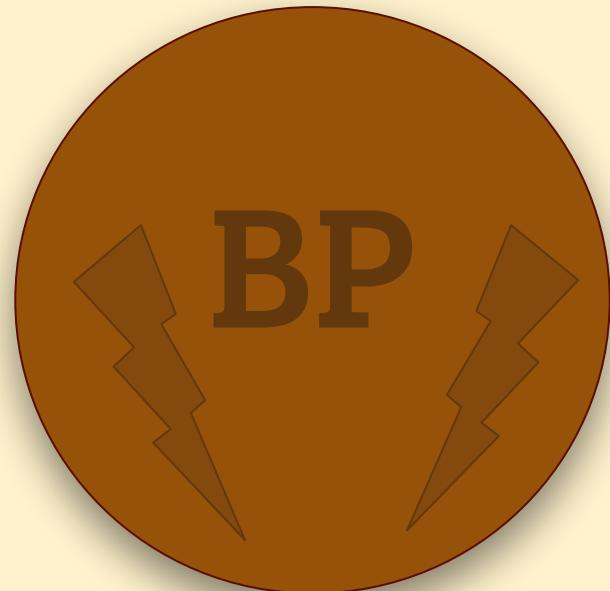
- Dollar = \$10
- Sterling Pound= £ 8.04
- Euro= € 9.17



BRONZE PIER

One Bronze Pier compared to the:

- Dollar = \$5
- Sterling Pound= £ 4.02
- Euro= € 4.59



ECONOMY

Piertschland has a mixed economy. It's mainly a capitalist economy with certain aspects of socialism. The socialist aspect being that healthcare, water, and electricity are free for all citizens. Nevertheless, education and other aspect of everyday life, are controlled by the private sector.



AGRICULTURE

Cereals

Oil crops

Other

crops

Vineyards

Fruits

Dairy

products

Livestock



INDUSTRY

Major exports:

Machinery and equipment, metals, chemicals, agricultural products, beverages.

Major imports:

Machinery, vehicles, metals, chemicals, agricultural products, textiles, plastics, minerals, aircraft.

Resources:

Iron ore, zinc, salt, timber, arable land.



Piertschland's military is called the *annéert*. Before World War I, there was no need to have a military branch of government. Nevertheless, this war caused devastation to the country because it was invaded by German and French officers and used as a battlefield; since it is located between France and Germany.

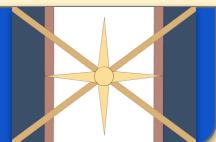
The *annéert* consists of three branches. What Americans call the army is called the *anné*; the air force is called the *anné-aerie*; and the civil guard is called the *anére*.

MILITARY ASSETS

Anné



Anné-aerie



Anére



INTRODUCTION TO THE CONSTITUTION

The people of Piertschland uphold to be utmost true that everyone should have the opportunity to live a happy and healthy life. As Piertschs, we live by the decree that we must always help our neighbour. Helping others will teach our children values that will make our country one of the happiest and healthiest in the world. Live happy, healthy, and most important of all, in service of others.

*Introduction to the Constitution of Piertschland.
Written in 1818 in Piertschlaign by Pi-King Verreia;
Updated translation into English by Maurice Kräin.

TREATIES

*Photo taken on the day of
the Pakté-eu Päss.*



“Pakté-eu Päss”

Peace Agreement with France and Germany following the invasion of both countries into Piertschland during WWI.

“Arrispecht eu Nütralitét”

While France and other neighboring countries recognized and respected Piertschland's status as a neutral power during WWII, Germany once again attempted to invade it. However, the annéert pushed the Germans out and Praisedent Dáenisse suggested establishing a “Consensus of Respect for Neutrality” with Germany, to which both Pi-King Iossefeu and Pi-Queen Nöelle – parents of current Pi-Queen Amelie – signed in agreement.

WORLD ORGANIZATIONS

United Nations (UN)

Piertschland finally decided to join the UN in 2004. Since the nation had established itself as a neutral power during past wars, and its Constitution prevented it from associating with military alliances aside from its own, they had refused to join. However, after Switzerland –who was in a similar position to Piertschland– decided to change their constitution in order to join the UN, the Piertsch government followed behind.

European Union (EU)

Piertschland joined the EU in 1976 when the country was faced with the possibility of an economic fall. The European Parliament was established in Strasbourg in 1999. The euro was finally adopted as the new Piertsch currency in January 1st, 2000.



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