



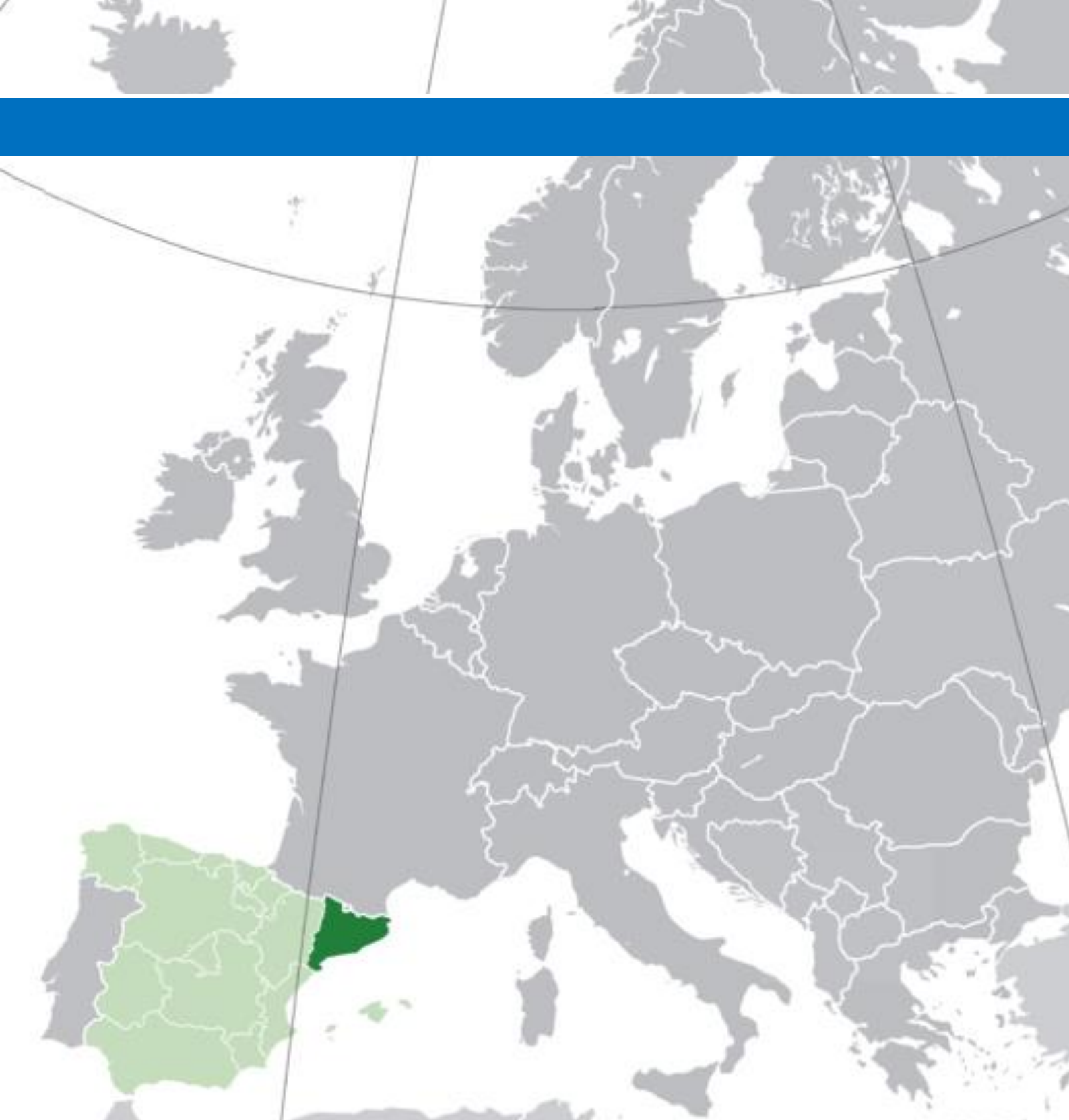
Catalonia

A little bit about us

**What do you know about
Catalonia?**

**...and about the Catalan
language?**





Catalonia

- It is an Autonomous Community of Spain... but looking for more sovereignty.
- Designated as a nationality by its Statute of Autonomy.
- It has a total population of 7,727,029.
- It is a region with a rich culture and heritage.

Bordering the Mediterranean sea...



...and up to the Pyrenees in the North

Land of diversity, creativity, passion, beauty, tradition, innovation



and welcoming & alive

With astounding places such as...



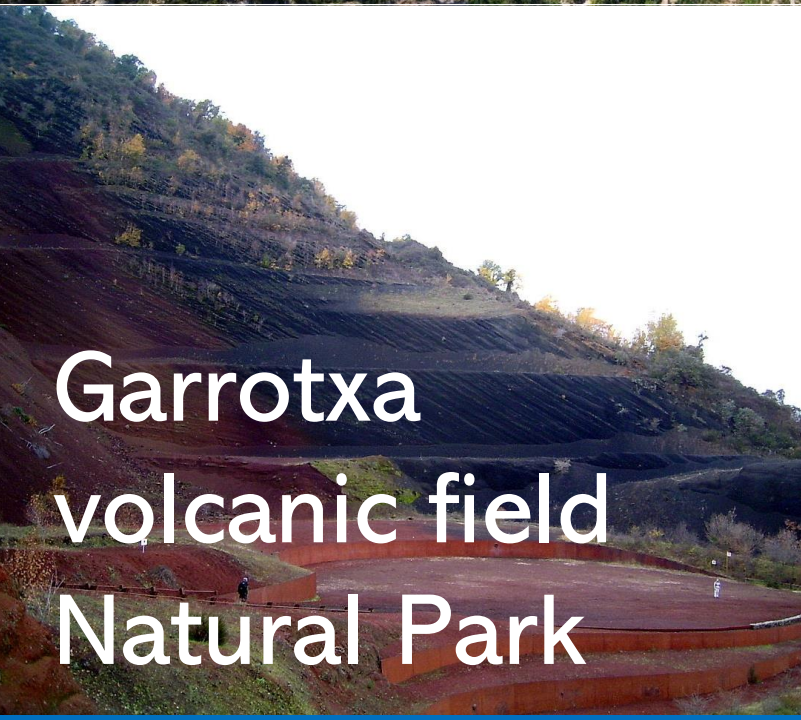
Montserrat



Costa Brava and
Cap de Creus
Natural Park



La Fageda
d'en Jordà



Garrotxa
volcanic field
Natural Park



Aigüestortes i
Estany de
Sant Maurici
National Park



Delta de l'Ebre
Natural Park

Catalonia has a rich history and has been a meeting point throughout



Roman

Archaeological remains of Empúries



Medieval

Tossa de Mar



Barcelona

Modernism

centuries, which is reflected in its diverse cultural heritage

Some of our traditions include...

Typical
dance: La
Sardana

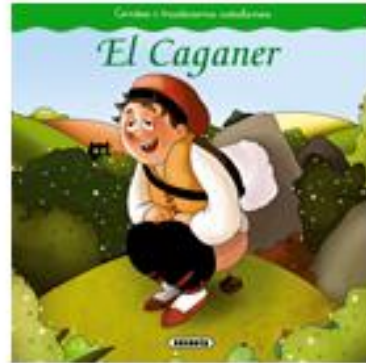


At Christmas: El Tió
de Nadal i el Caganer
«the Christmas Log
and the Pooper»

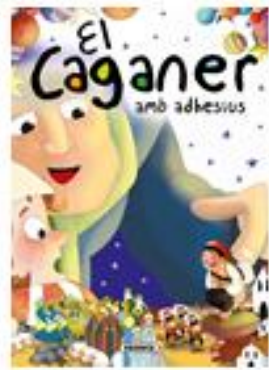


It may be a little bit strange...

El caganer



I mean, it's a thing, there's a wide range of books for children inspired in



these popular and peculiar Christmas characters



But it's widely spread and trendy

In our towns' and cities' festivities you can always find...

Castellers: Human towers



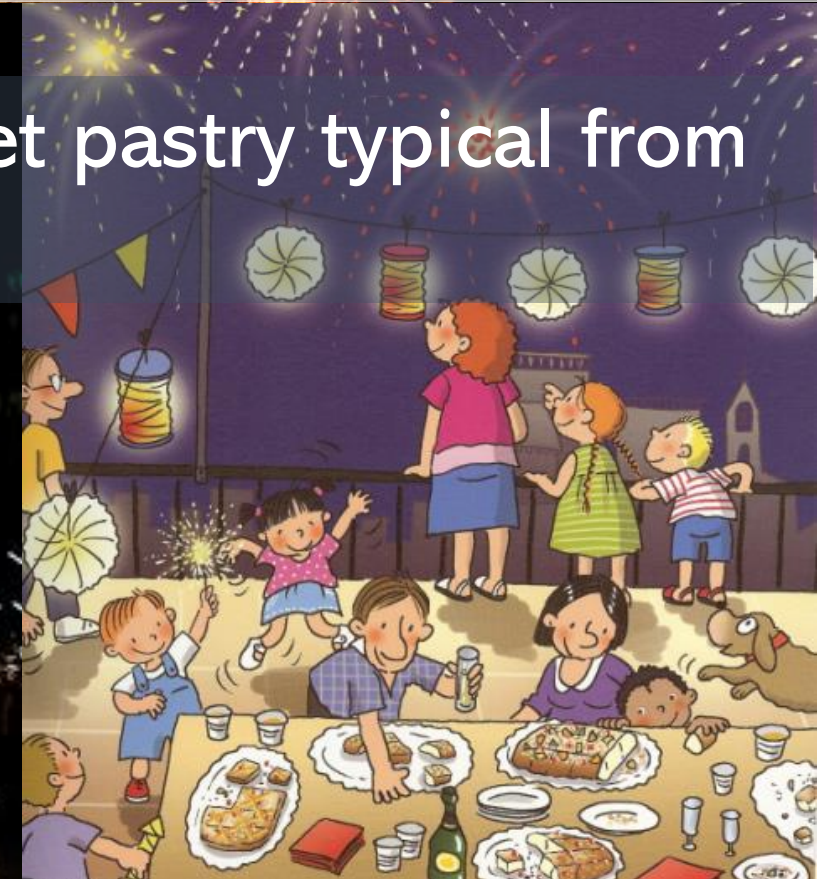
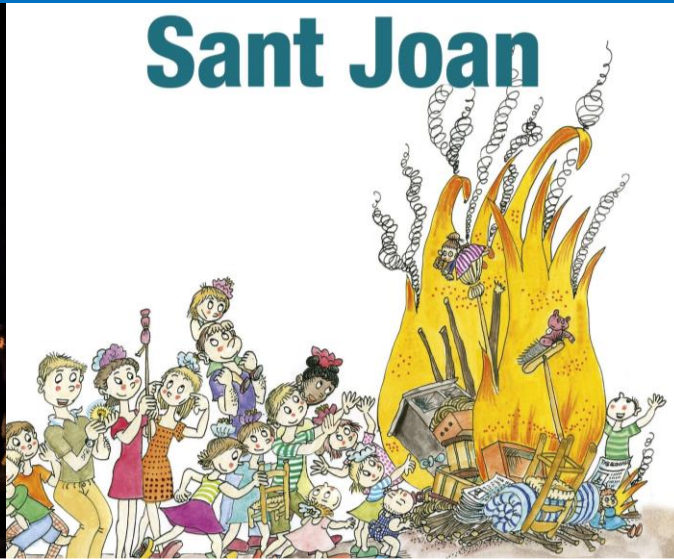
Diablers i correfochs: Devils and fire-runners

Two of our main festivities are...



Sant Jordi: roses and books to the loved ones.

Sant Joan: it closely coincides with the June solstice



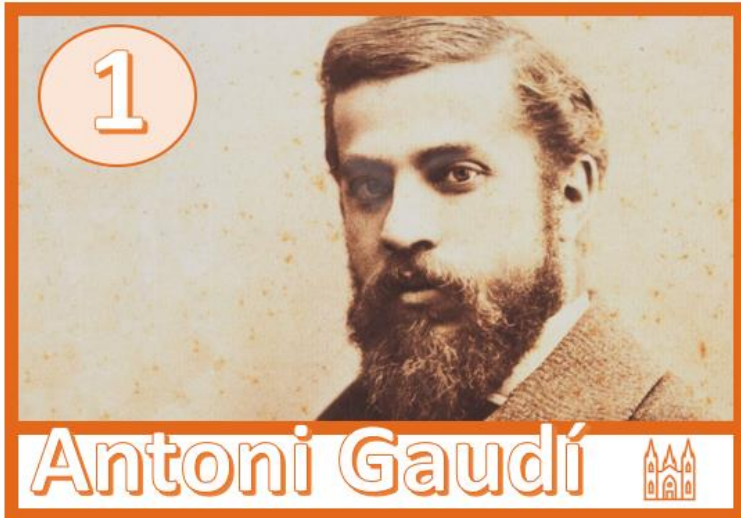
and is associated with fire.

An idiom used to define us is: “seny i rauxa”, meaning a mixture



between enjoying life & celebrating (rauxa) and being wise & reasonable (seny).

Remarkable Catalan personalities



Joan Miró, Montserrat Caballé, Custo Dalmau, Pau Casals, Ferran Adrià...



...and don't miss our gastronomy!

Canelons



Calçots amb salsa romesco



Pa amb tomàquet



Espinacs a la catalana



Escudella amb carn d'olla

Crema catalana

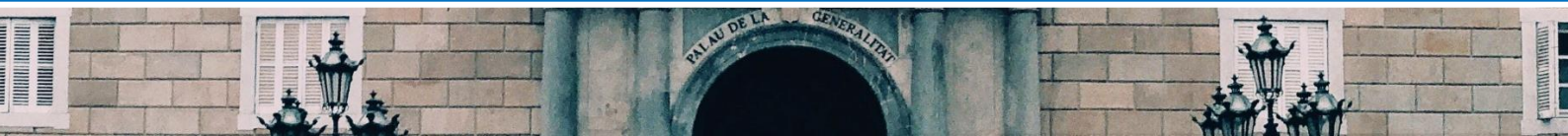
Patates d'Olot

Coca de Sant Joan



Catalonia

- Had one of the **first parliamentary bodies** of Europe (Catalan Courts): in 1283 got power to create legislation with the monarch.
- In 1359 a permanent representation of deputies was established: the Deputation of the General. It was usually known as **Generalitat**, which is currently still the name of the Catalan governing body.





Catalonia

- Lately the Catalan independence movement has become widely known. It has been severely and harshly repressed by the Spanish authorities.
- Several of the civil and political leaders of the movement were imprisoned and some of them went into exile.



Catalonia



Balearic Islands



Communny of Valencia



Eastern Aragon

The Catalan language...

...where is Catalan spoken?

The Catalan language

- Area covered: 68.000 Km2.
- Population: 13.992.127
- Those who understand Catalan: 11.907.000
- Those who speak Catalan: 9.670.000



South-Eastern France

Andorra

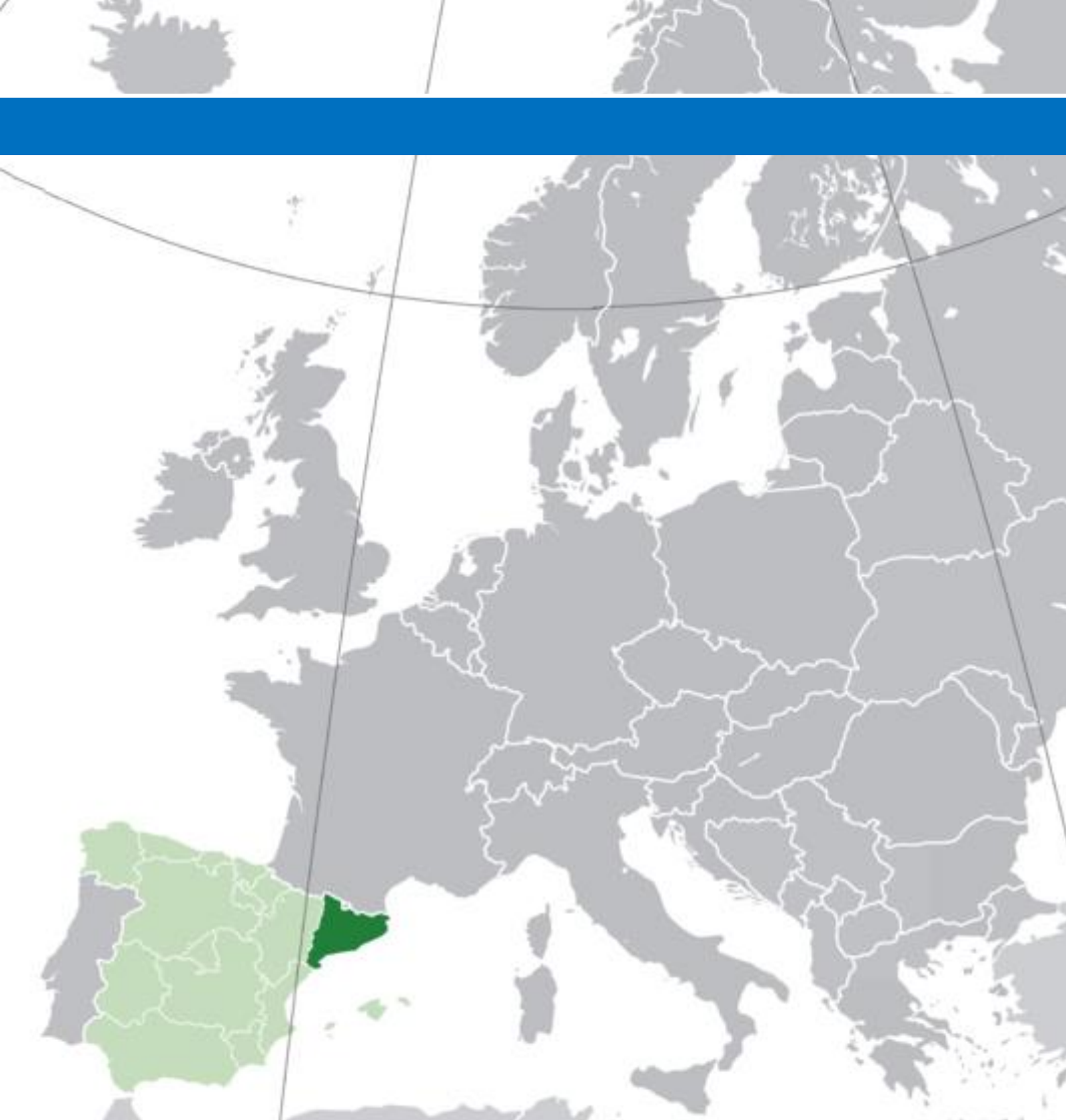


Alger (Alghero, Italy)

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The Catalan language

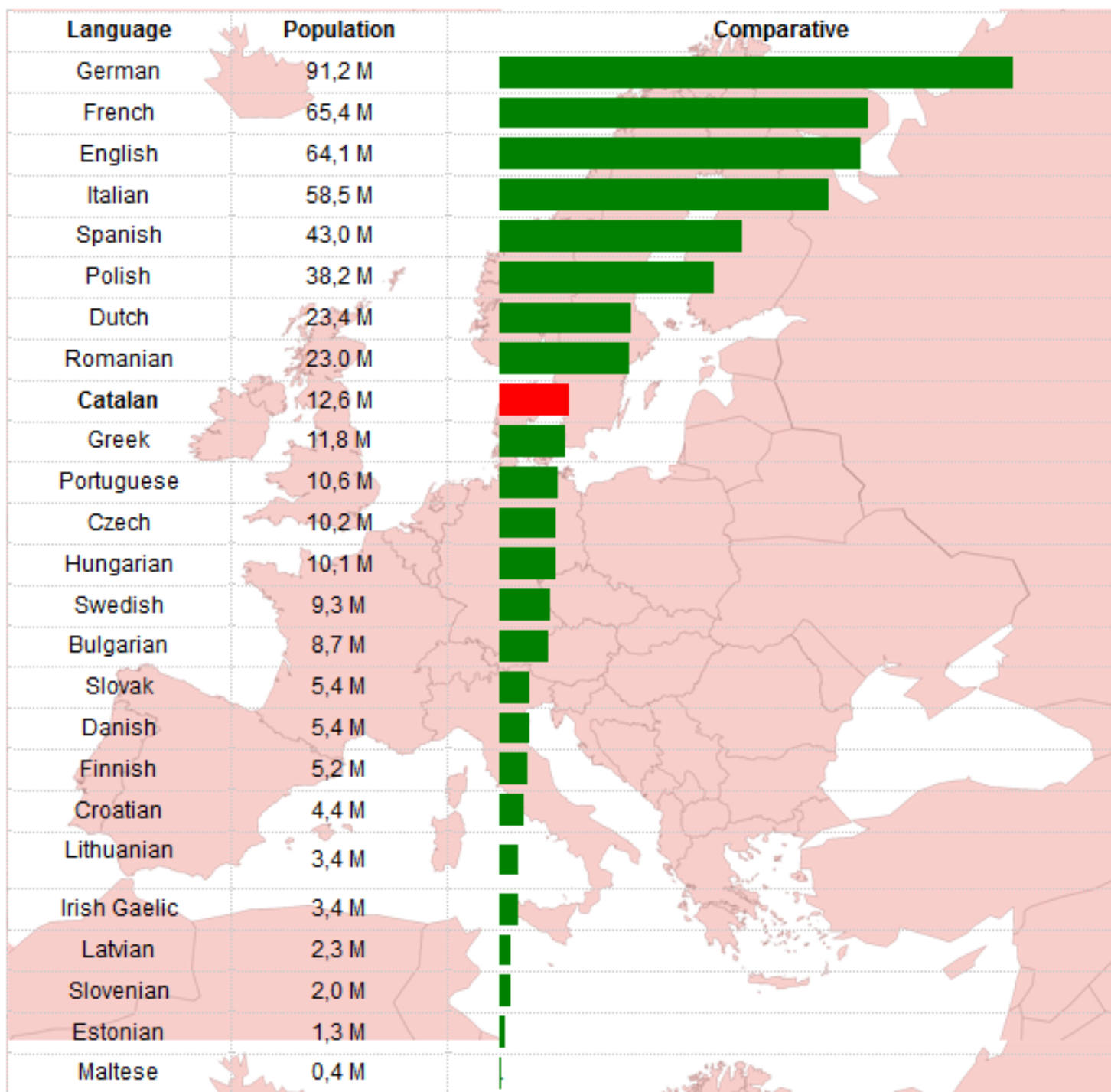


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The Catalan language

It is not a dialect of Spanish, but a language that developed independently out of the Vulgar Latin spoken in the Roman province of Hispania Tarraconensis (Tarragona area).

- 10th century: fully-formed language, clearly distinguishable from its Latin origins.
- 12th century: appeared for the first time in written documents.
- 12th or early 13th centuries: first text written originally in Catalan: The Homilies d'Organyà.



Catalan in a European and international context

- Catalan is a medium-sized language.
- More than 7000 students study Catalan in 132 universities all over the world.



**This is a welcoming land and we hope
you feel at home!**

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