



The European DNA Day Essay Contest

**16th Annual European DNA Day Essay and Video
Contest for High School Students**

DNADay 2023

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Meeting of the European Human Genetics Societies

June 2023



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Evolution of the DNADay Essay Contest

2008

- Invitation from ASHG to partner with them in DNADay
- Branch of the Education Committee

2009

- Submission from ESHG Website
www.dnaday.eu



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Welcome

General Information

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European DNA Day Essay Contest 2015

8th Annual European DNA Day Essay Contest for High School Students

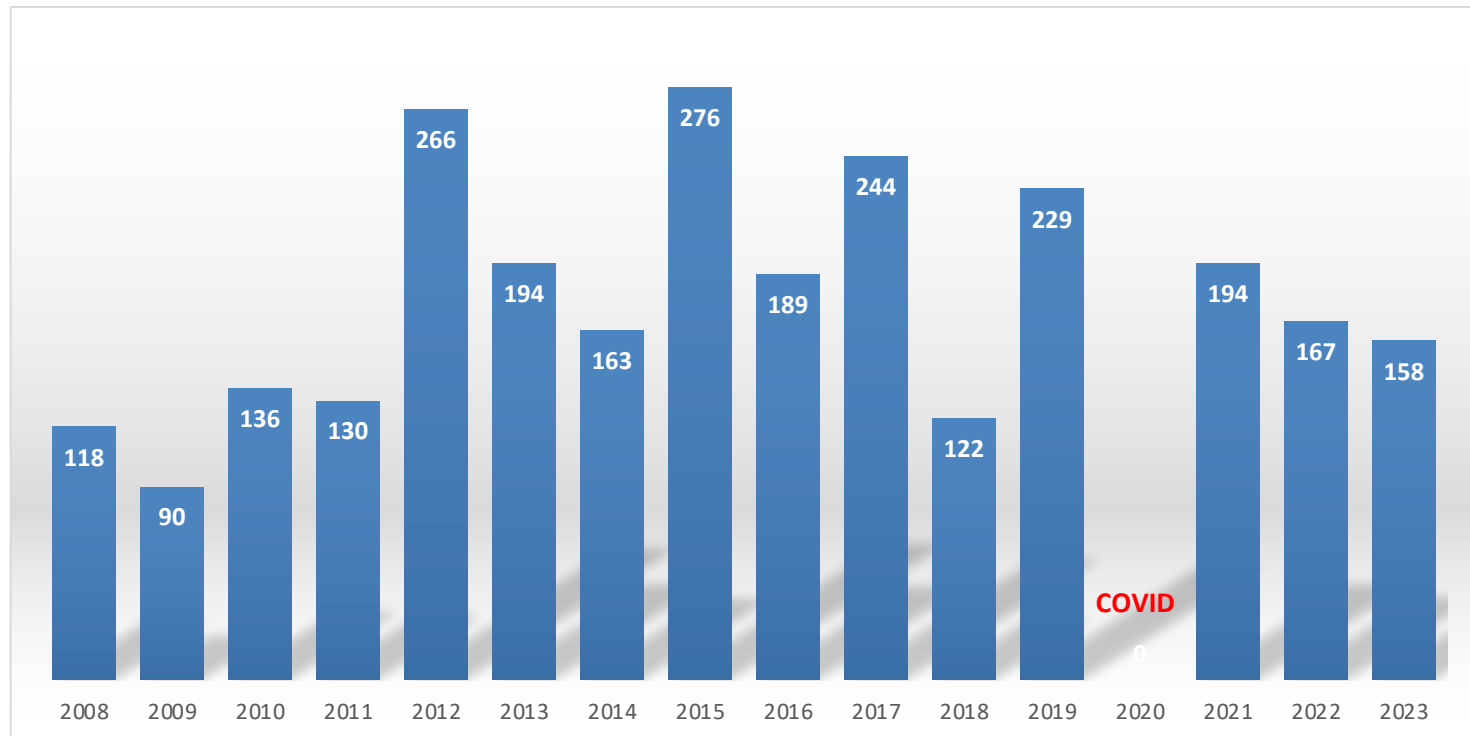
The winners have been selected!

[See this page for all details](#)



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Evolution of the DNADay Essay Contest



2019 => 4 videos
2022 => 24 videos

2021 => 13 videos
2023 => 13 videos



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Evolution of the DNADay Essay Contest

2008 : Italy (50)	2016 : Turkey (49)
2009 : MZ (33)	2017 : Turkey (47)
2010 : Italy (34)	2018 : Turkey (35)
2011 : Italy (54)	2019 : Turkey (107)
2012 : Italy (57)	2020 : -
2013 : Romania (44)	2021 : Turkey (85)
2014 : Italy (33)	2022 : Turkey (90)
2015 : BH (59)	
	2023 ESSAY : TURKEY (61)
	2023 VIDEO : TURKEY (6)



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Goals of the DNADay

- The essay contest is meant as a learning tool
- To promote knowledge of genetics within Europe
- Challenge students to examine, question and reflect on the importance and social implications of genetic research and its applications
- Essays are expected to contain substantive, well-reasoned arguments

A. Overall accuracy of genetic content (0-7 pts)	B. Use of evidence to support an argument (0-3 pts)	C. Is the essay focused on question? (0-3 pts)	D. Writing quality (clear thesis, composition) (0-5 pts)	E. References and citations (0-2 pts for several high-quality sources)
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Timeline

Special Dates

November 13	Submissions opens
April 25	Deadline for the submission to the European Society of Human Genetics
April 25	DNA DAY
End of May/Beginning of June	Essay contest winners will be announced

Prizes

First Place Winner: EUR 300

In addition, sponsoring teachers of first place students will receive EUR **1.000** to organise a science project.

Second Place Winner: EUR 200

In addition, sponsoring teachers of first place students will receive EUR **800** to organise a science project.

Third Place Winner: EUR 100

In addition, sponsoring teachers of first place students will receive EUR **500** to organise a science project.

All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation for their participation in the contest.



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Topic 2023

Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) are a type of pluripotent cells that can be obtained by reprogramming animal and human differentiated cells.

Give your opinion on what opportunities this technology should be used for, and what potential applications should be avoided.

Support your reasoning with examples.

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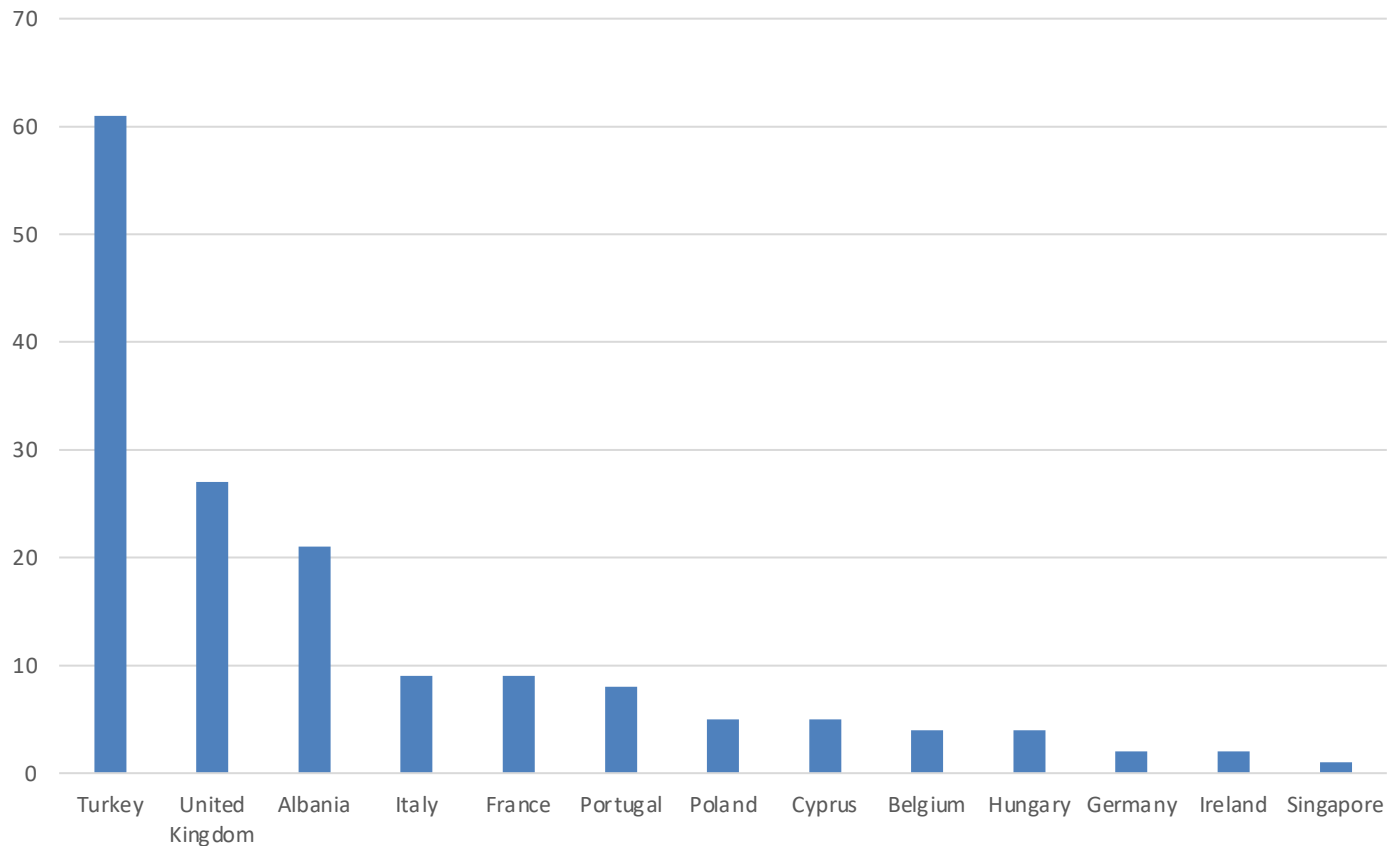
Two Formats of Submission

- **Written essay (max 750 words)**
- **New: 3 minute video**



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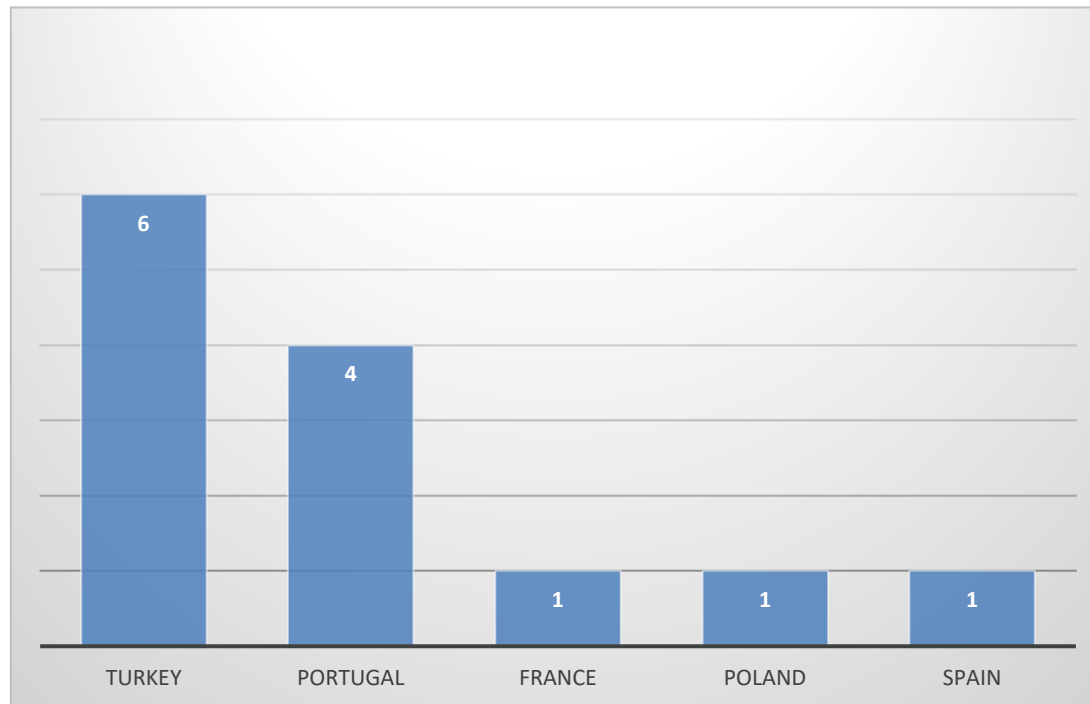
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1st Place: Dushan GUNAWARDENA (UK)

2nd Place: Rachel GEORGE (UK)

3rd Place: Giulia TOCCI (IT)

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1st Place: Klara MOLNAR-TANAKA (FR)

https://tools.medacad.org/wp-content/uploads/gravity_forms/11-7bf79a42005c54a317c28ea548c7767f/2023/04/KlaraMolnar-Tanaka.mp4

2nd Place: Claudia MONTERO MOLINA (Spain)

3rd Place: Matilde SA (Portugal)



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Thanks for your attention