

Your country in the EU



Poland

EU MEMBER SINCE: 2004
CURRENCY: Złoty (zł)
CAPITAL: Warsaw
LANGUAGE: Polish



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



38 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary

When?

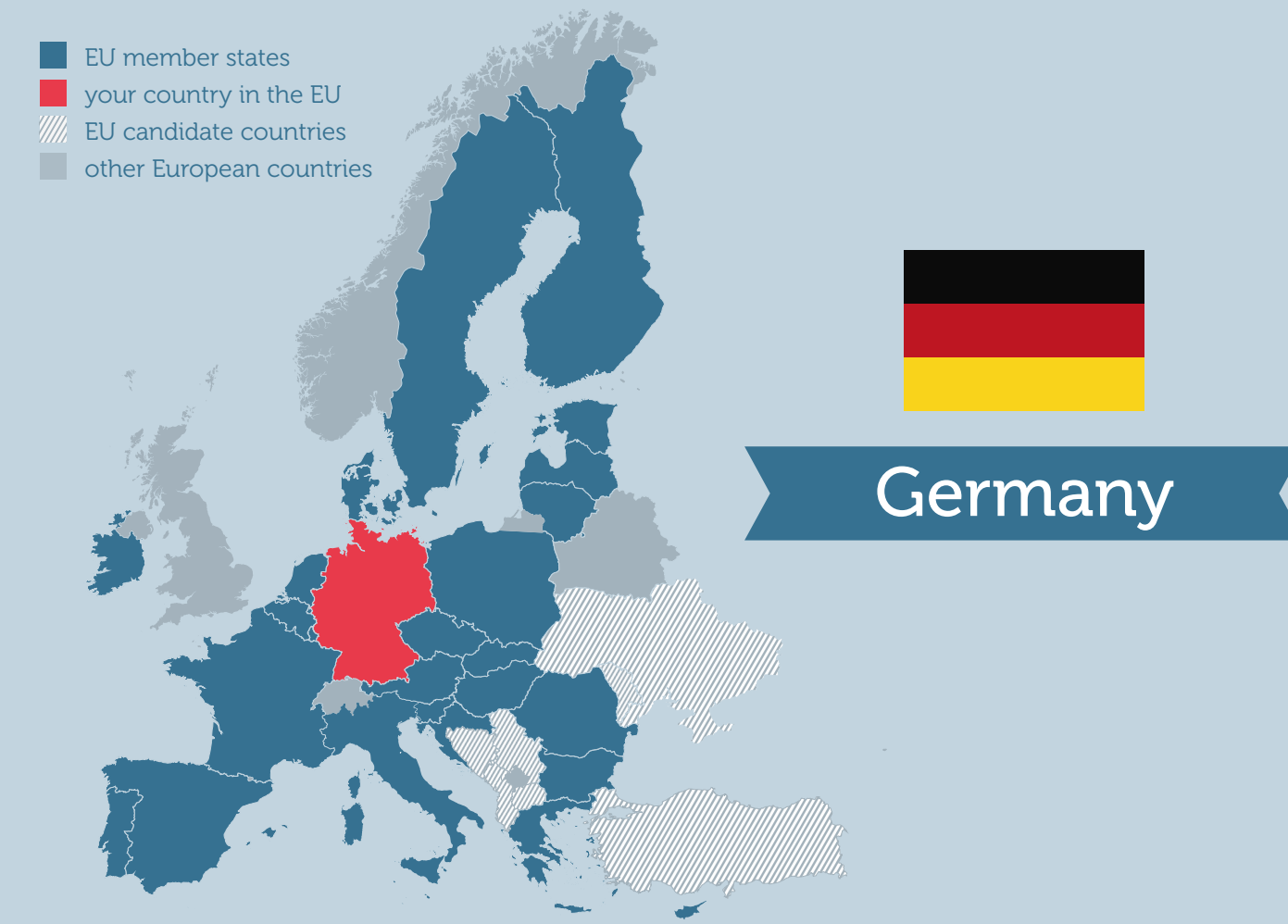
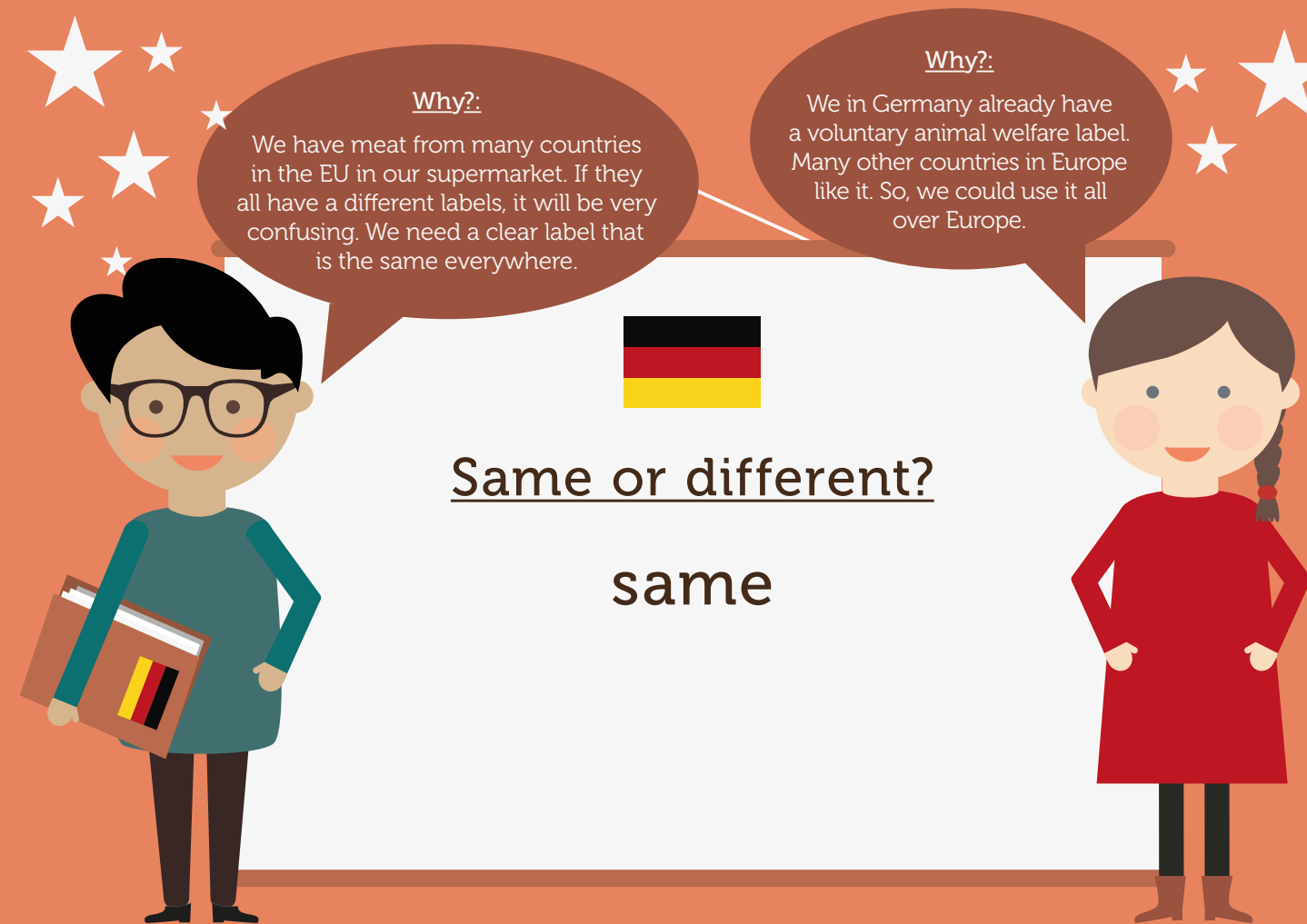
next year

Why?:

We already have many laws for animal welfare in Poland. Many pig farmers know that pigs do better when they have a lot of space.

Why?:

A lot of pig farmers in Poland want an animal welfare label. They can implement it quickly and do not need extra time.



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Germany

EU MEMBER SINCE: 1952
CURRENCY: Euro (€)
CAPITAL: Berlin
LANGUAGE: German



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84 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary

Why?:

The animals in Europe must get better quickly. All people must know how the animals fare. Only then can people decide: I want to buy this meat or not.

Why?:

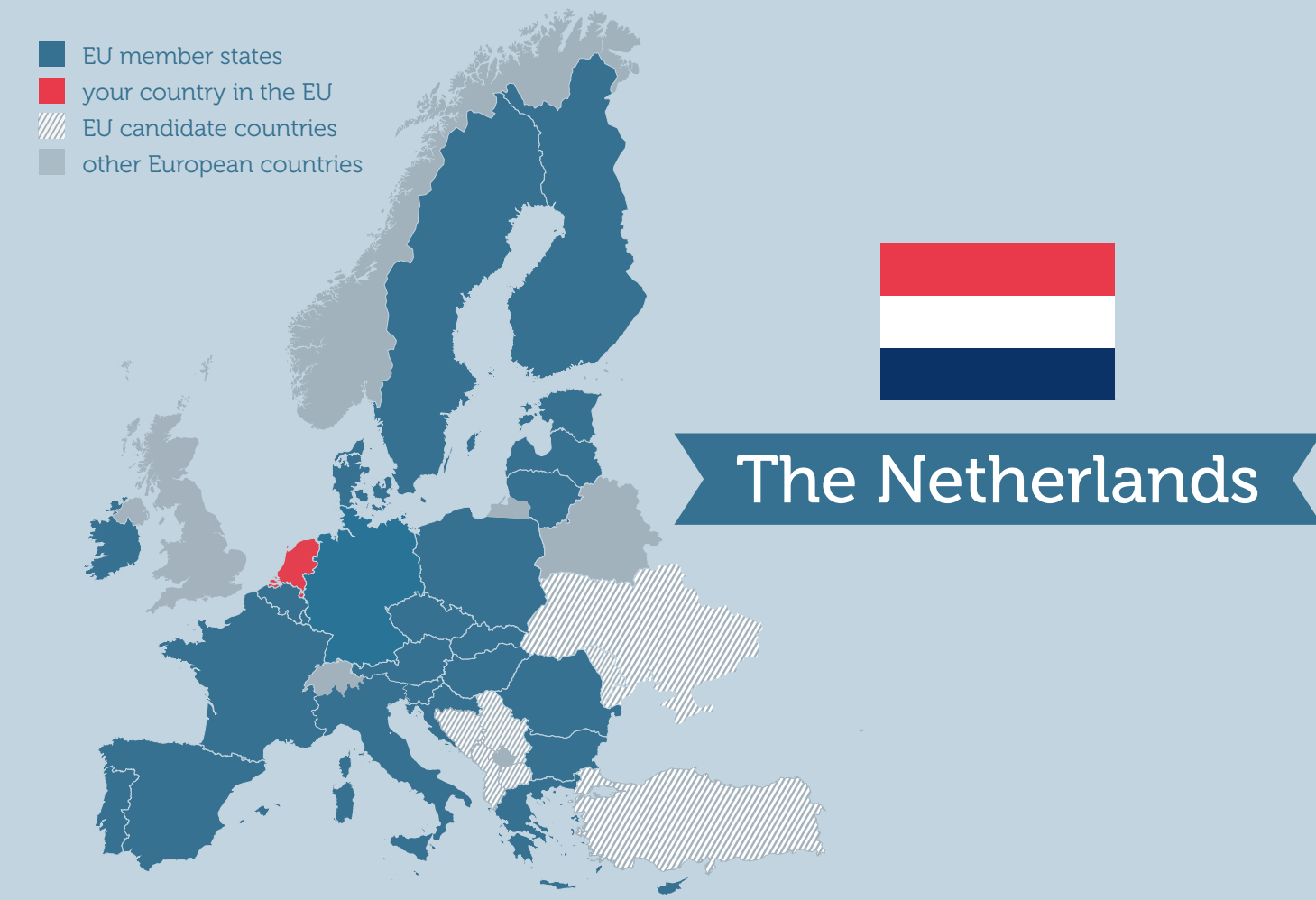
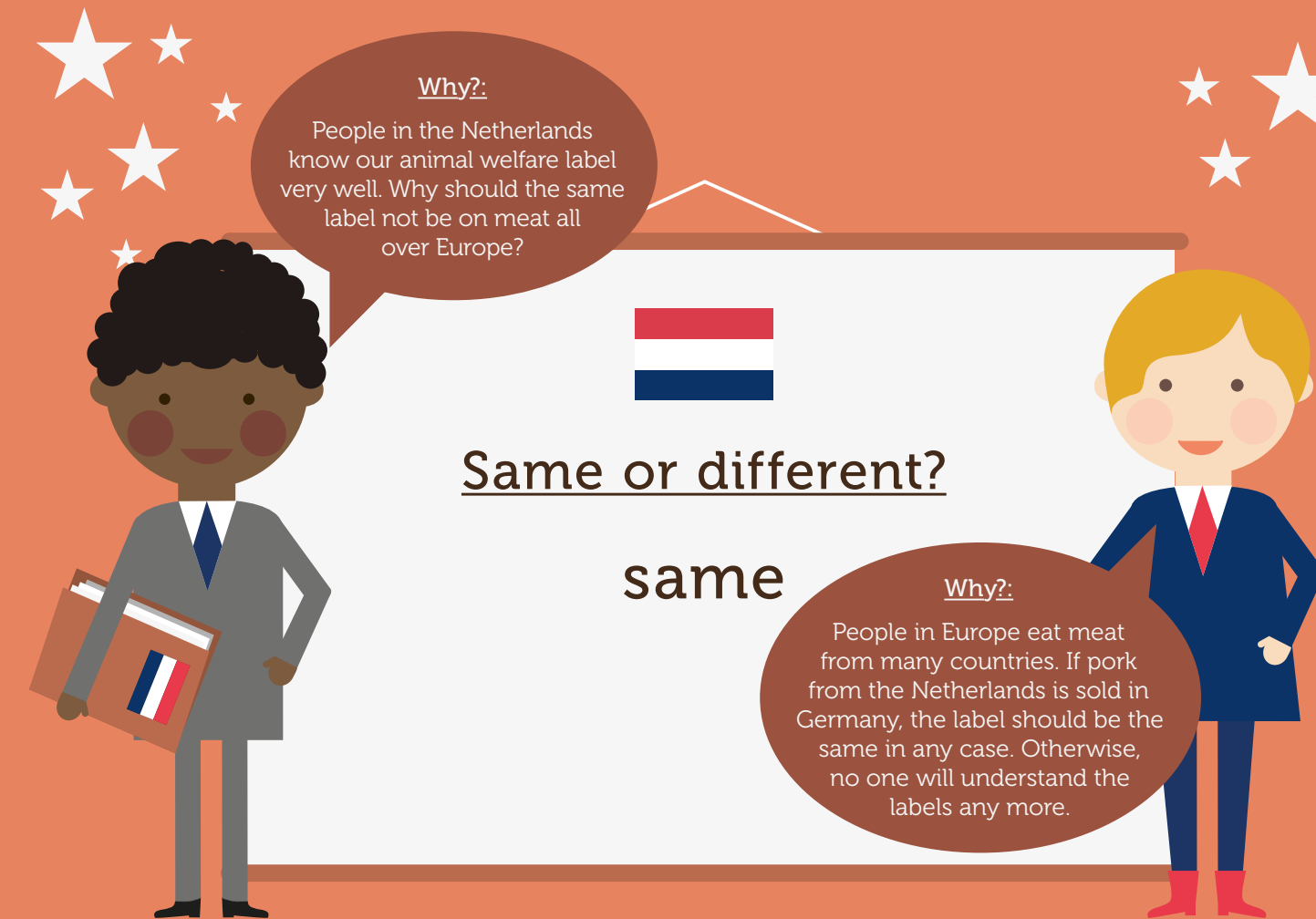
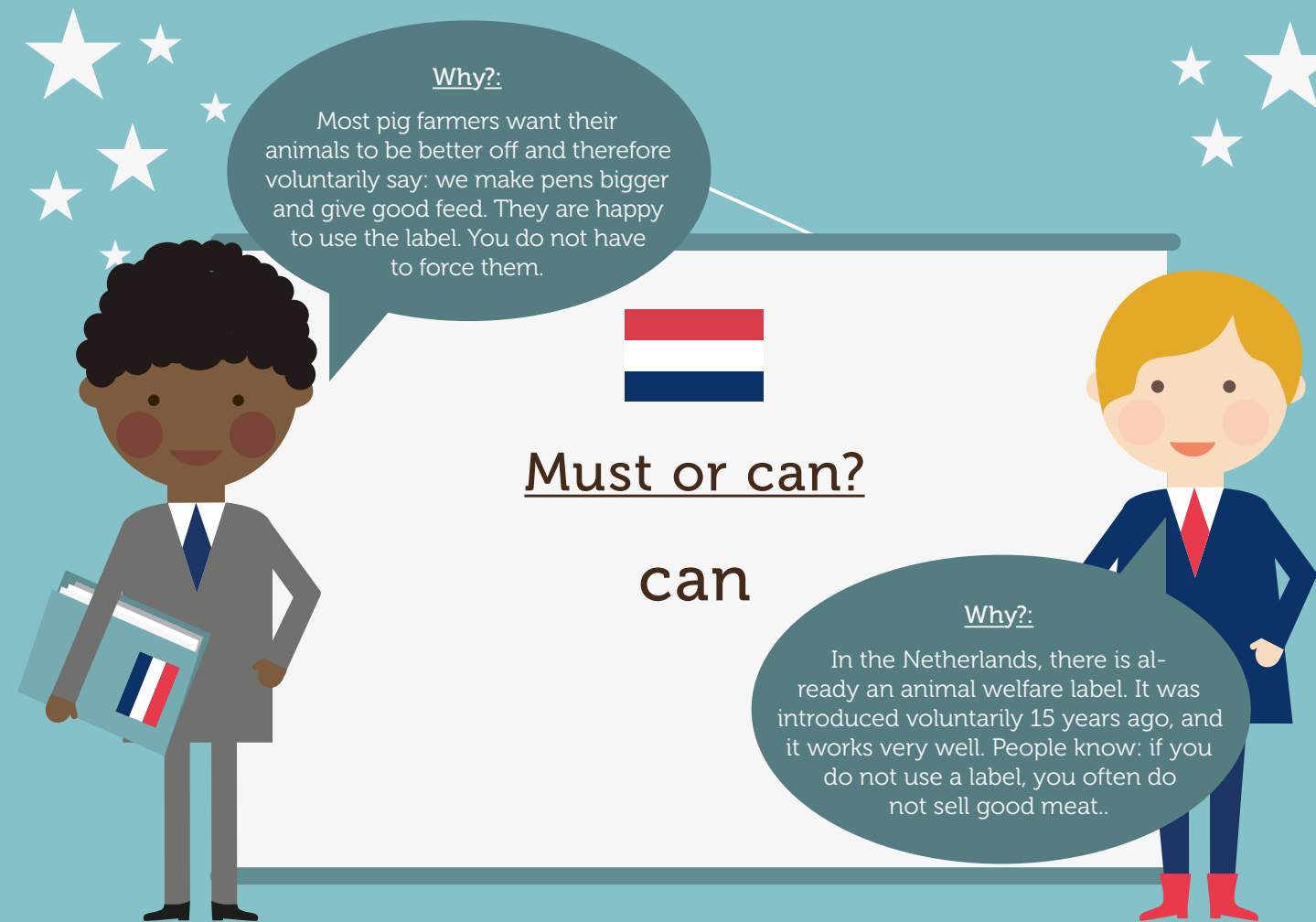
Many pig farmers are thinking: how can I improve the lives of my animals? They need time for that. They should have to put a label on their meat only later.



When?

in two years





Your country in the EU



The Netherlands

EU MEMBER SINCE: 1952
CURRENCY: Euro (€)
CAPITAL: Amsterdam
LANGUAGE: Dutch



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Inhabitants



18 million

Pig farmers:



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label:



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary

Why?:

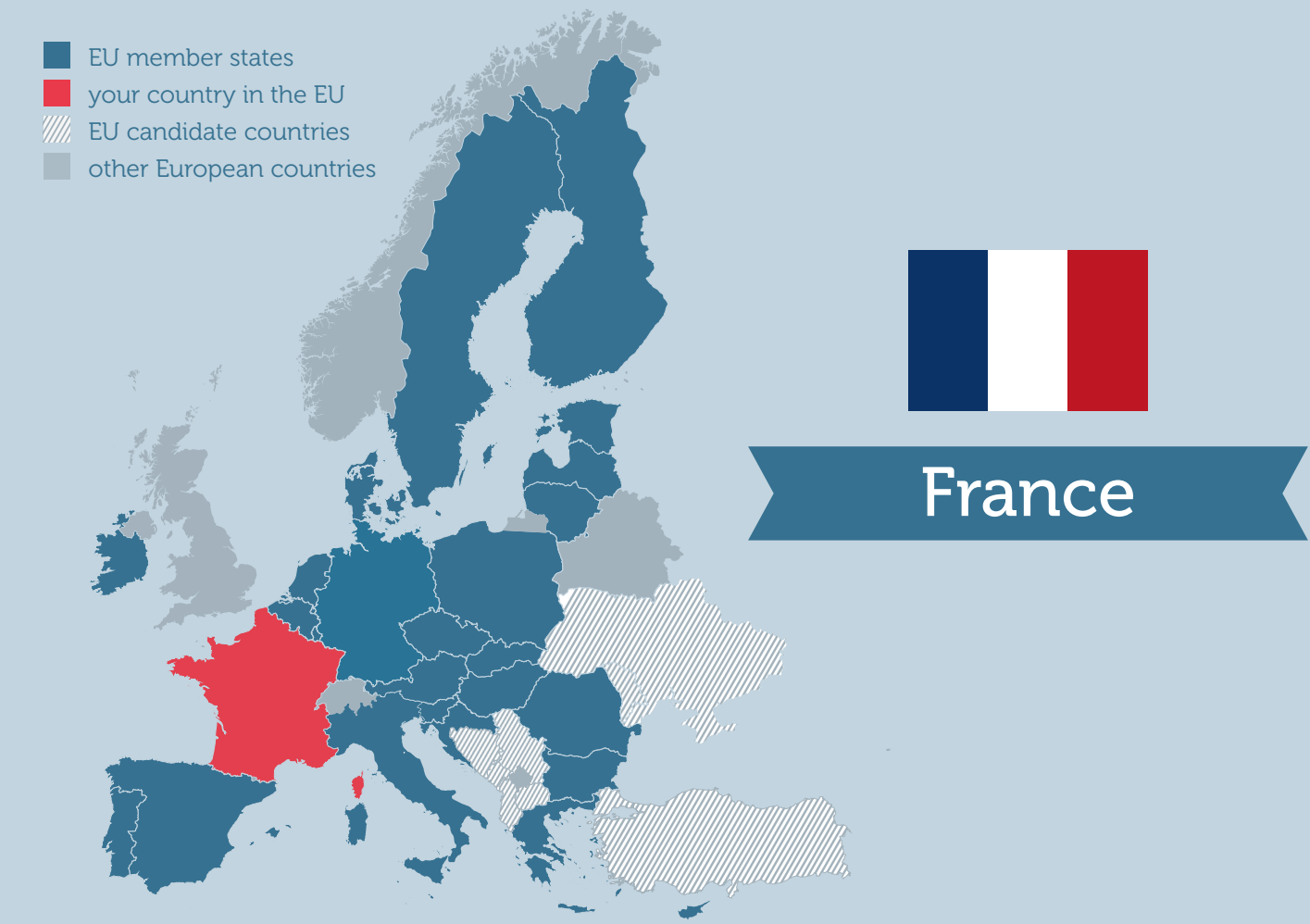
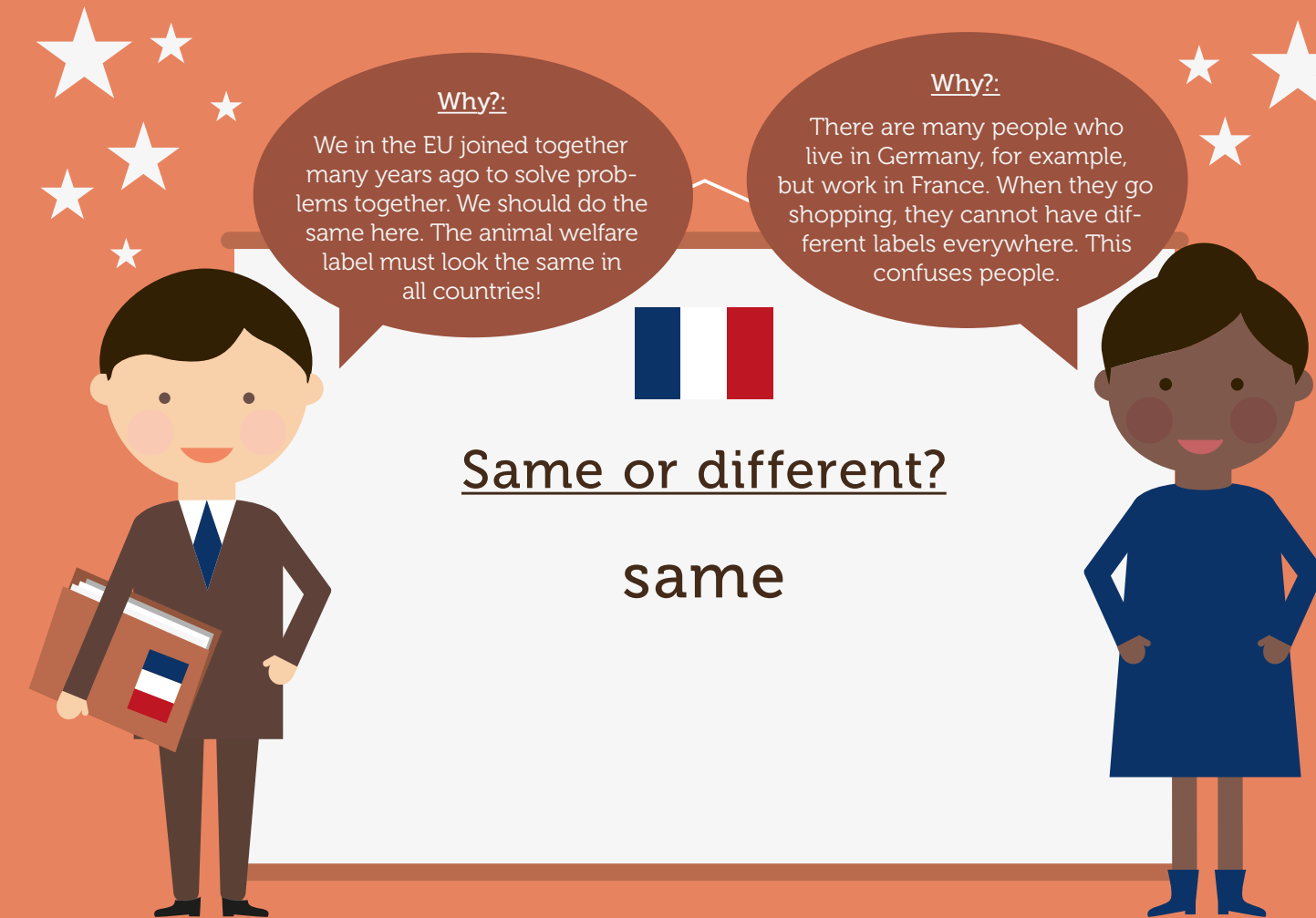
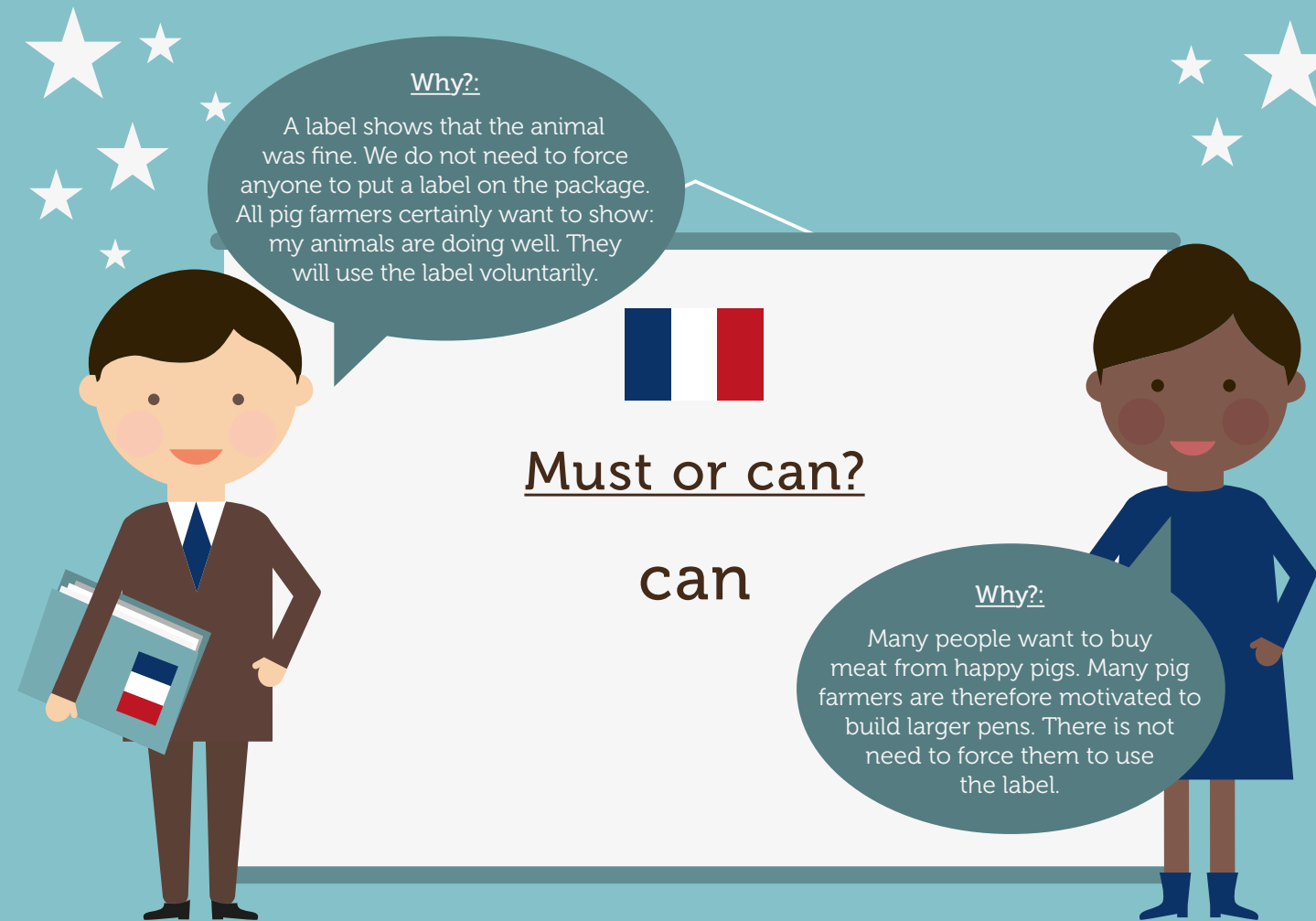
Many people in Europe want to know: how did the animals we eat fare? That is why we need a label soon – everywhere in Europe! So that the pigs get better as soon as possible!

Why?:

Pig farmers need motivation to spend money on bigger pens and good feed. An animal welfare label encourages them to do so. If they have a good rating, more people will buy their meat.



When?
this year



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France

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Paris
LANGUAGE:	French



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Inhabitants



68 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary

Why?:

Many pigs in Europe live alone in cramped, small pens. They are often sick and unhappy. That has to change! But new rules also need some time.

Why?:

2 years is a good compromise. This way, we give pig farmers enough time to improve the lives of their animals. Only then will there be a label.



When?

in two years

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Belgium

EU MEMBER SINCE: 1952
CURRENCY: Euro (€)
CAPITAL: Brussels
LANGUAGE: Dutch, French, German



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



12 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
no



Why?:

We must set a good example in Europe and show: our meat comes from happy pigs. We must implement this quickly and not wait any longer.

Why?:

A label is not much work and can be introduced quickly. Some pig farmers will need more time to improve the lives of their animals. They will simply start off with a bad rating which may improve over time.



When?

next year



Why?:

Many pig farmers have been saying for a long time: we are improving the lives of our animals. But that often does not happen at all. If everyone has to have an animal welfare label, everyone will do more for animal welfare.

Must or can?

must

Why?:

All pigs should live in a way that makes them feel good: in groups with plenty of space and good feed. We can only achieve this if the label is mandatory.

Why?:

Many countries in the EU already have animal welfare labels. Each country should keep its own label. That is much easier.

Why?:

In Sweden, there is already a label that people know very well. We do not want to introduce a new one and confuse people again.

Same or different?

different

■ EU member states
■ your country in the EU
▨ EU candidate countries
■ other European countries

Sweden

Your country in the EU



Schweden

EU MEMBER SINCE: 1995
CURRENCY: Swedish Krona
CAPITAL: Stockholm
LANGUAGE: Swedish



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Inhabitants



10 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
few

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary



Why?:

An animal welfare label encourages pig farmers to give the animals plenty of space and good feed. No one wants a label with a bad rating. Therefore, they will quickly change something so that their pigs are doing well.



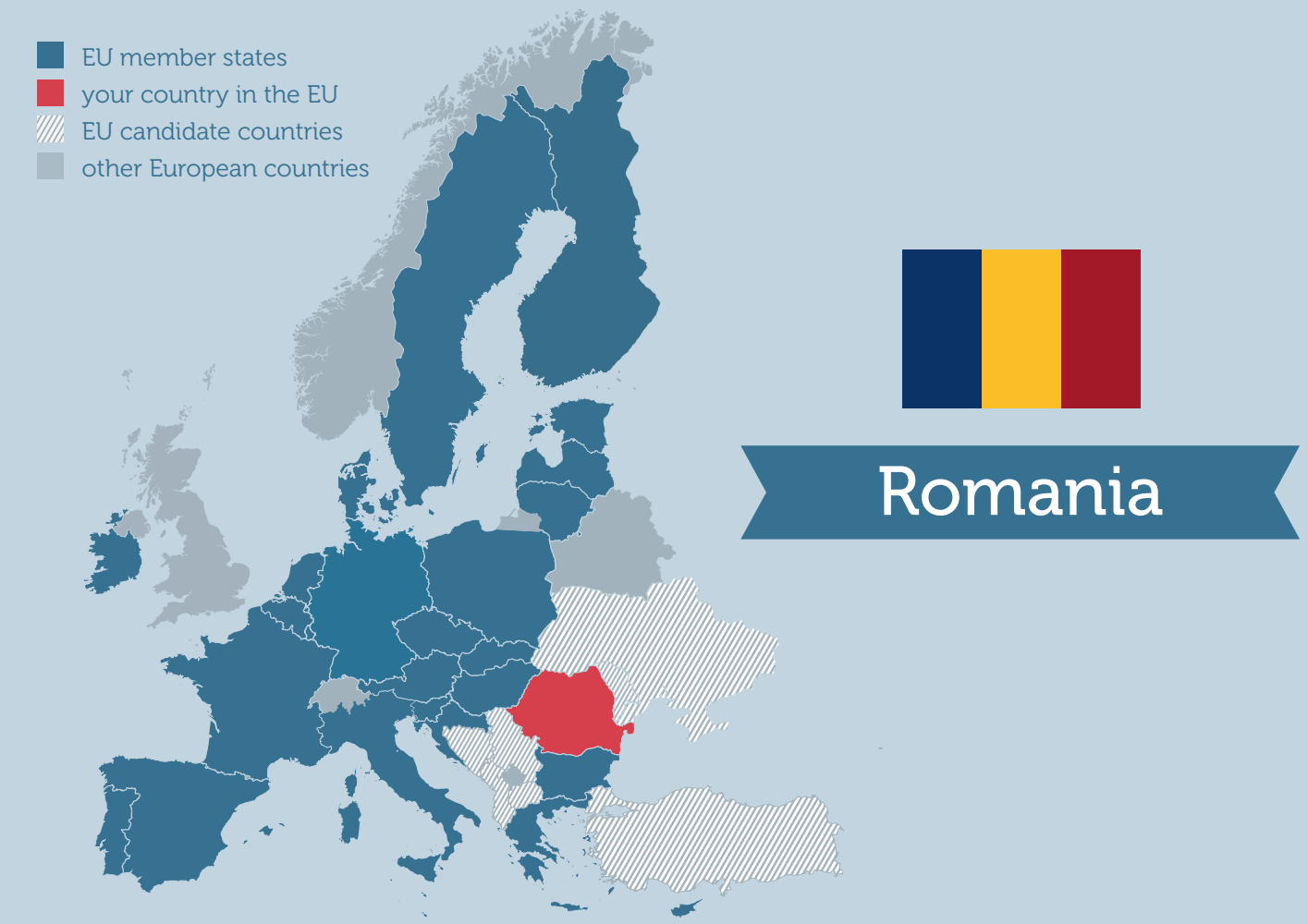
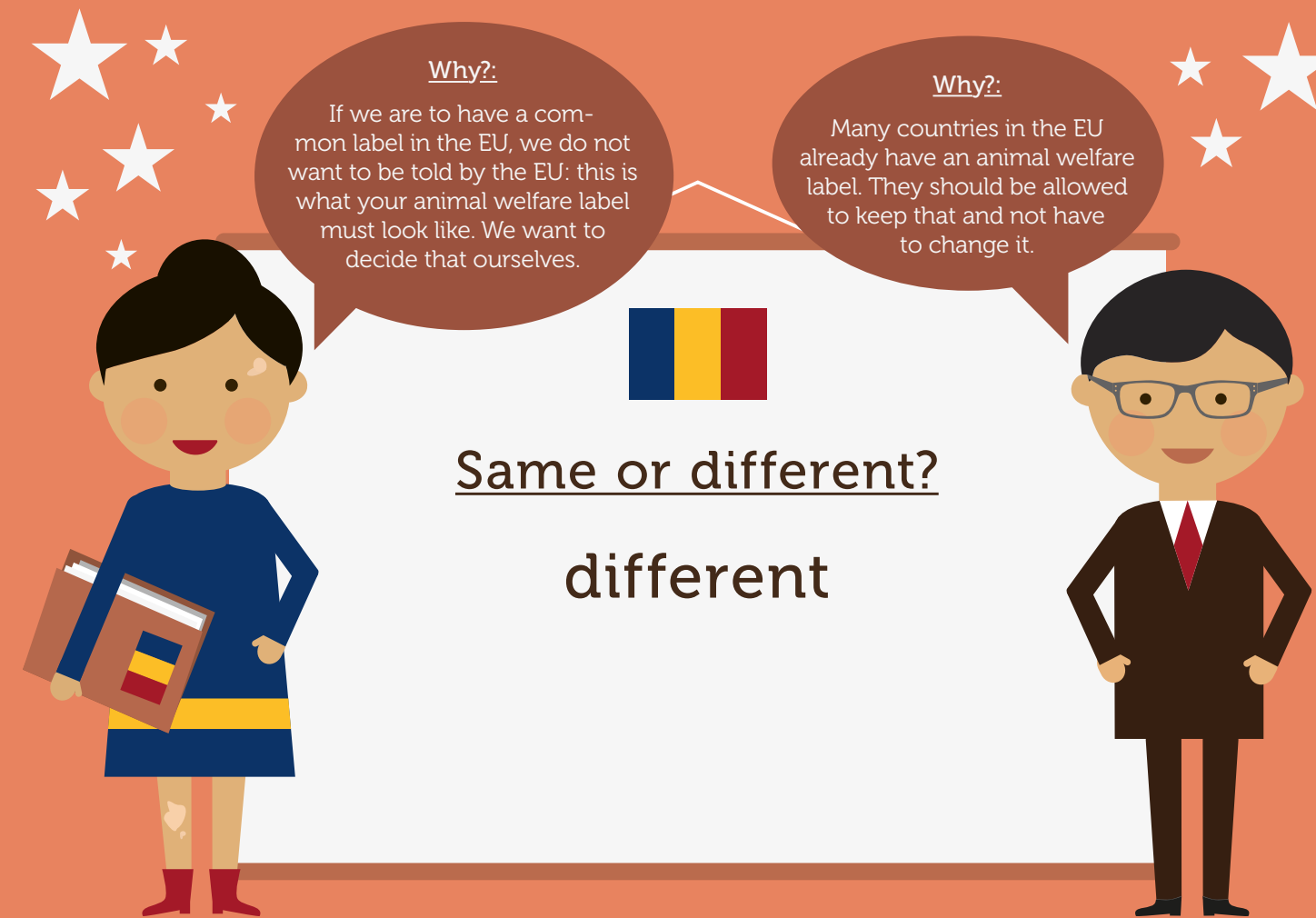
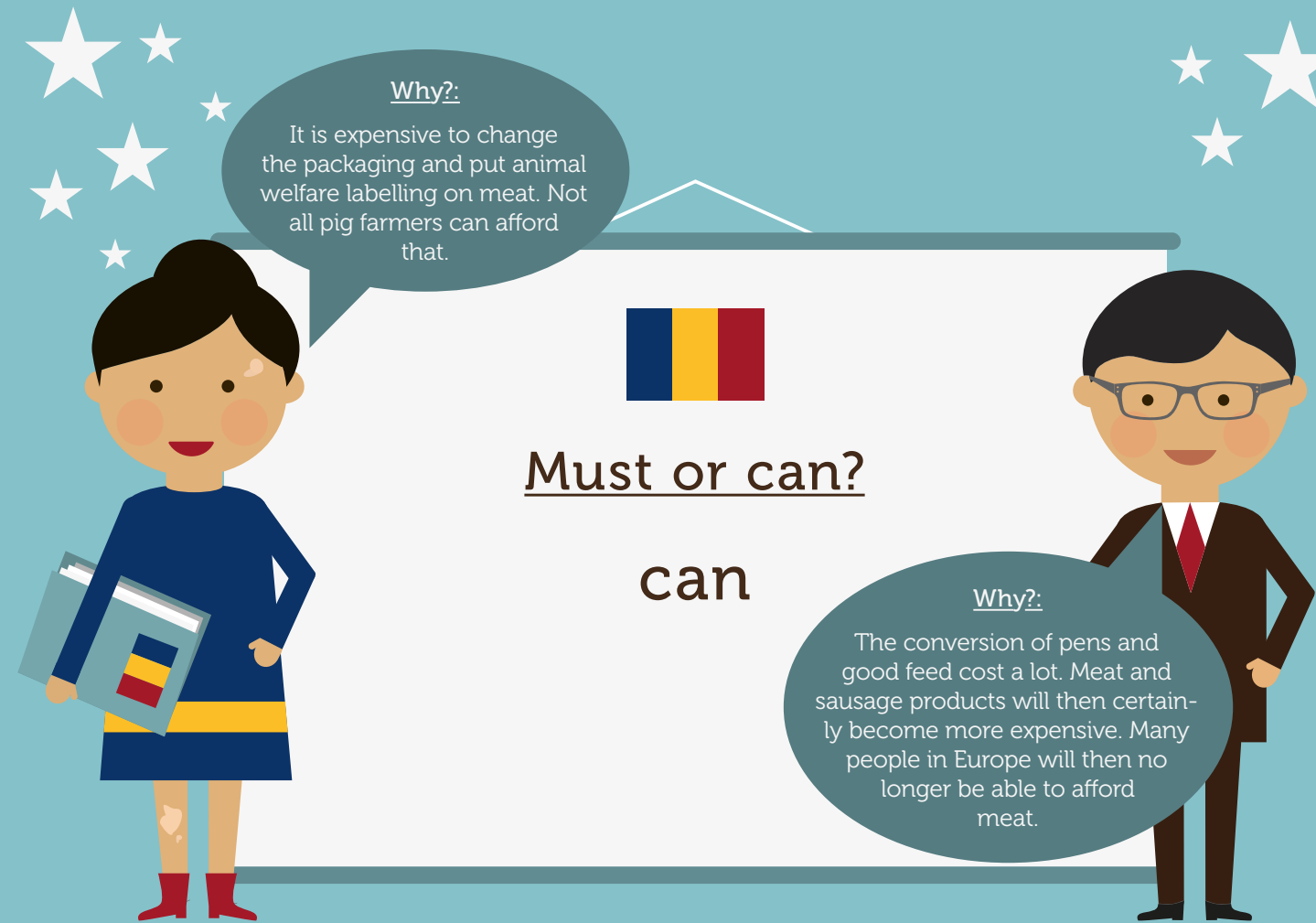
When?

this year



Why?:

The welfare of the pigs is close to our hearts! Many pigs today live alone in cramped pens and are sick. For them, things will only change if the law takes effect quickly.



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Romania

EU MEMBER SINCE: 2007
CURRENCY: Leu (L)
CAPITAL: Bucarest
LANGUAGE: Romanian



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19 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
no

Why?:

If pig farmers do not get enough time, they will get angry about the new law. Then they do not want to follow it at all in the end. That would be a problem.

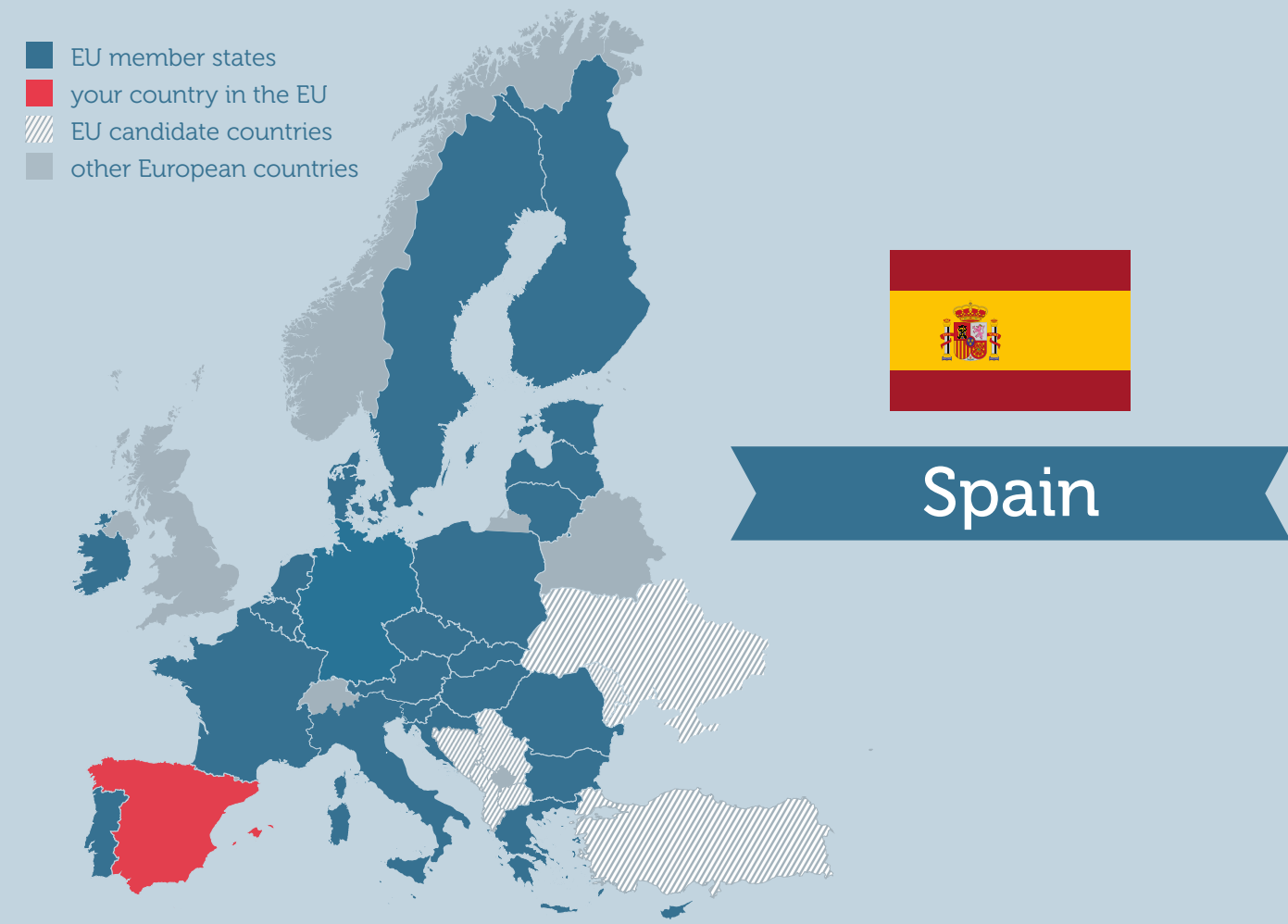
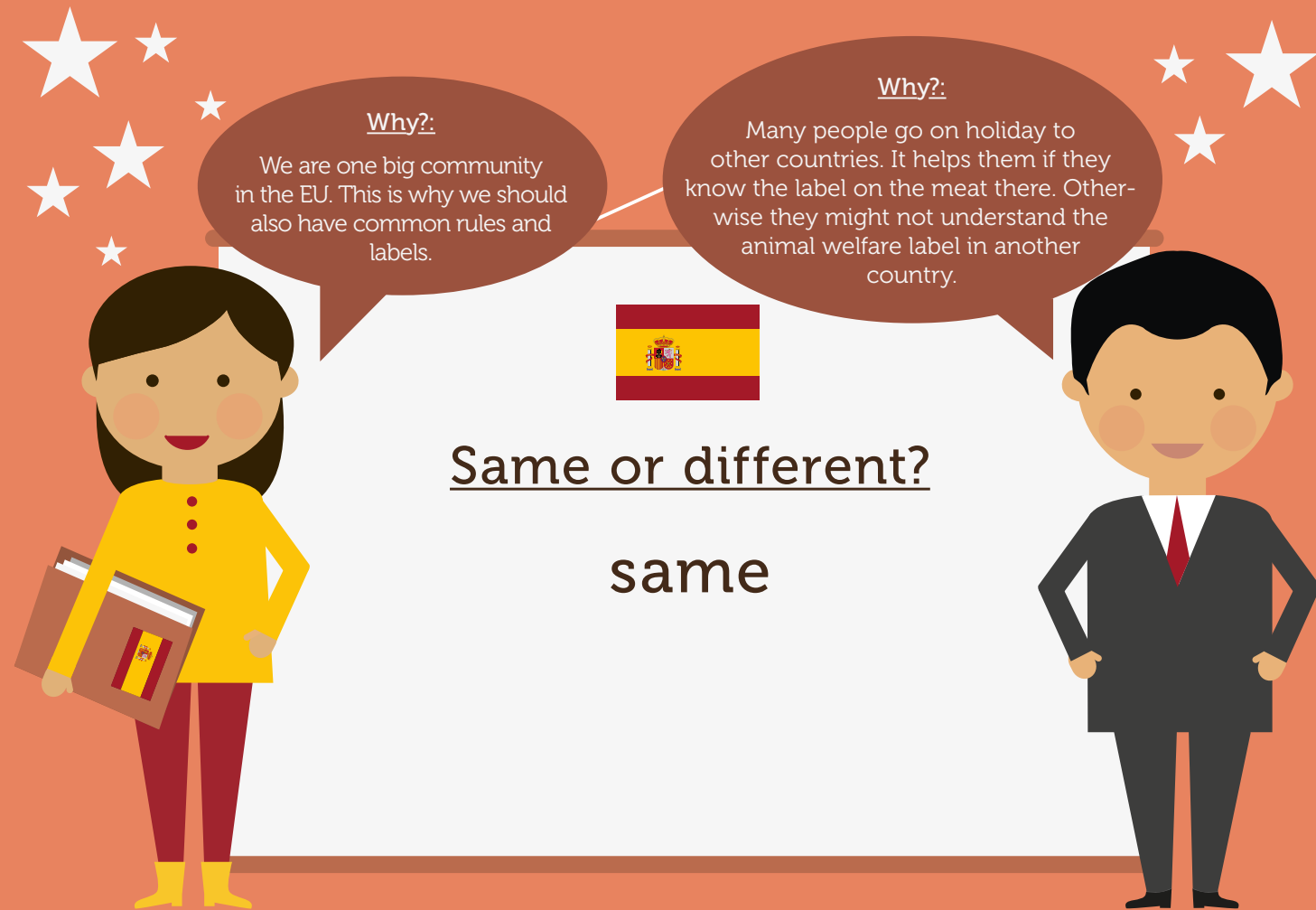
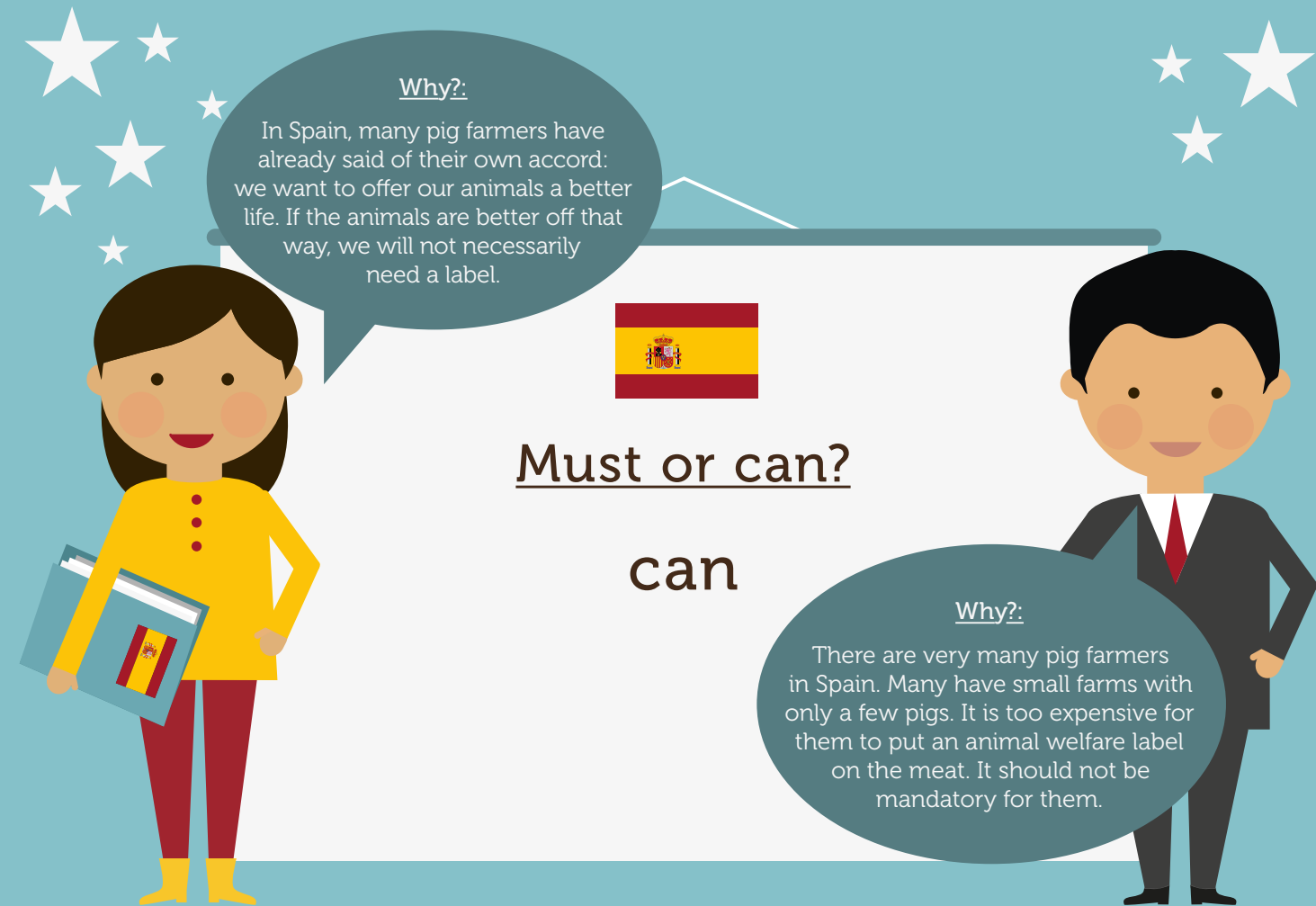
Why?:

Many say: a label motivates farmers to treat their animals better in order to get a good rating. But that is not at all clear. That is why we prefer not to have a law.



When?

never



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Spain

EU MEMBER SINCE: 1986
CURRENCY: Euro (€)
CAPITAL: Madrid
LANGUAGE: Spanish



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47 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
a great many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
no

Why?:

You cannot introduce an animal welfare label immediately. We have to give our farmers time to adapt. Many want their animals to be better off. But those who want to change their pens need many years to do so.

Why?:

For us in Spain, it is important that the pigs are doing well. That is why we think an animal welfare label is good. But it has to be well planned and takes time.



When?

in five years