Hello, Comenius friends,

In France, as in Portugal, many families have a christmas tree. On the evening of the 24th of december, we have dinner families until at least midnight. And we drink good wine and some champaigne. We put our shoes in front of the chimney (or in front of anything if no chimney) and we discover, in the morning, what presents we have.

We often eat foie gras, or sea food, or a big turkey...and we have a cake called "bûche" (which should look like a log of wood ; mine never does ; it always finishes by looking like a pancake)

For those who believe in God, and some others too, we use to go to church at midnight.

In the south of France, they have what they call The 13 desserts (sweets) at the end of the meal (almonds, dry fruits....)It's a local tradition.

Bye bye, all of you.

**Martine Guinet**