

# EUROPE DIRECT Warmia and Mazury Information Centre



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# EUROPE DIRECT WARMIA AND MAZURY INFO CENTRE

- Europe Direct Warmia and Mazury Information Centre is hosted by the Warmia and Mazury Agriculture Chamber - the self-government organisation which gathers all farmers - payers of agricultural tax.
- Everyone who is interested in obtaining information about EU matters may contact our Centre or contact points personally, by phone or internet



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# Europe Direct Warmia and Mazury Information Centre is open! Start up Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2005

2005 - there were  
chosen 23 the best  
projects, which created  
the Polish ED Network

2006 - 19 ED in Poland  
Specific situation - Polish  
ED Network is monitored  
by two institutions: The  
Office of the Committee  
for European Integration  
and The European  
Commission  
Representation in Poland



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# THE STRUCTURE OF ED W&M IC

The head office in Olsztyn

Manager, 2 consultants (5/8 & 2/8)

Five contact points:

- Bartoszyce (1 person on 2/8)
- Elbląg (1 person on 2/8)
- Nowe Miasto Lubawskie (1 person on 2/8)
- Olecko (1 person on 2/8)
- Szczytno (1 person on 2/8)



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# THE MAIN TASKS OF ED W&M IC (1)

## ORGANISING

- European Lessons
- Conferences and seminars
- Stands during fairs and harvest festivals
- Special competitions
- Large events for youth



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## THE MAIN TASKS OF ED W&M IC (2)

### CO-OPERATING WITH

- other European information centres
- institutions and organisation in the region
- schools and other institutions of education
- regional media



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# THE MAIN TASKS OF ED W&M IC (3)

## I N F O R M A T I O N

- providing an information service for citizens from region: question and answer service
- helping people who are looking for opportunities and services offered by the European Union
- informing about announcements of the Community programmes
- giving the public the opportunity to send feedback to the European Union institutions in the form of questions, opinions and suggestions



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# THE MAIN TASKS OF ED W&M IC (4)

## OUR OFFER

- free access to computers with internet connection for public use (limited to sites connected with the EU information)
- free access to Europe Direct Contact Centre and its services
- free access to brochures, information leaflets and publications
- library with books and documentation about the European Union, EU-law and EU-politics. Visitors may look at the material directly or copy it
- our website: [www.europe-direct.olsztyn.pl](http://www.europe-direct.olsztyn.pl)



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# THE MAIN TASKS OF ED W&M IC (5)

## DOCUMENTATION

- publishing newsletter "EU News" ( 2500 copies bimonthly), distributed by e-mail and post
- publishing free information leaflet about Europe Direct Information Network (10000 copies)
- publishing articles about EU policies, programmes and EU events in the paper "Bulletin of the Warmia nad Mazury Agricultural Chamber" (8000 copies bimonthly)
- collecting official documents of the European Union
- collecting journals and magazines



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# EUROPEAN LESSONS

- history, institutions EU and EU member states in easy way
- for pupils from primary, grammar and secondary schools
- Euro quiz with prizes after each lesson
- for free
- lots of lessons are organised in small villages because kids have difficulties with access to information about EU and internet
- we give brochures, information leaflets and publications for free



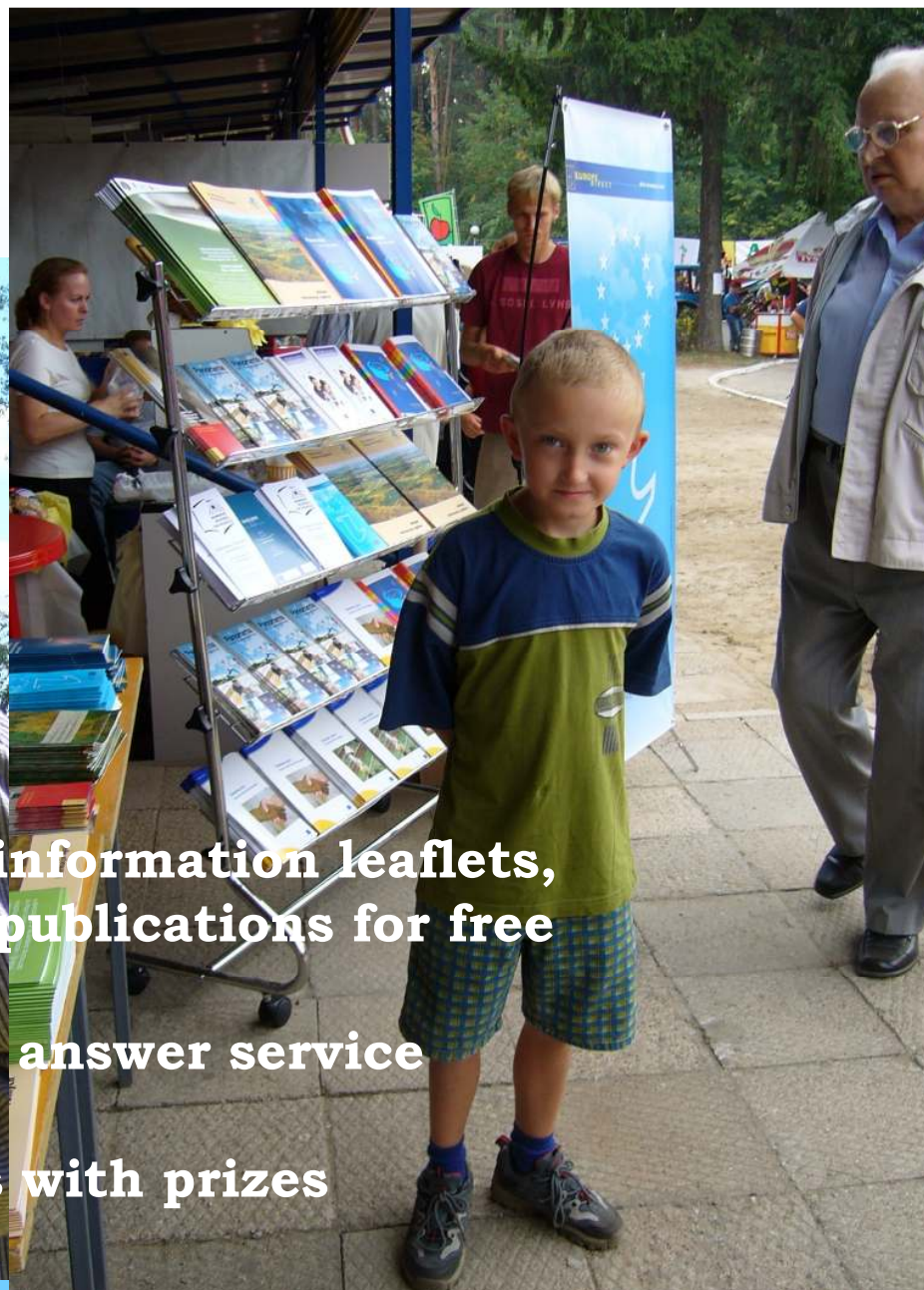
EUROPEAN LESSONS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Ruszkowo, December 2005



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# INFORMATION STANDS



- brochures, information leaflets, posters and publications for free
- questions & answer service
- Euroquizes with prizes



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# SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

## Drawing competition „Warmia and Mazury in the European Union“

- competition for pupils from grammar school
- we chose three winners and nine honours drawings
- we have made special calendar for 2006 drawings
- each month has got its own drawing and special slogan, for instance: „Do you have any question about EU? Call, come or send an e-mail!“



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# SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

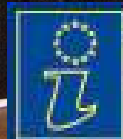
National competition organised  
by ED Słupsk

Three etaps:

I. School level: euroquiz among pupils in  
schools in every voivodship  
The best three pupils in each school  
became a team



- II Regional level: euroquiz among teams (one from each school) in every voivodship
  - III Final - The best team from each voivodship took part in final, also euroquiz
- So... the winner was... the team from warminsko-mazurskie voivodship!
- And the prize was... a tour to the European institutions in Brussels!



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# SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

## Writing competition „Me and my rights in the European Union“

- Target group: pupils from secondary schools
- Do we know our rights as a citizens of the European Union?
- essays, poems, etc were accessible
- the winner write works were published in newsletter „EU News“ and “Bulletin of the Warmia and Mazury Agricultural Chamber”



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# SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

## Writing competition „My school in the European Union“

- competition organise annually by The Office of the Committee for European Integration - we organise it in our voivodship
- there are two categories: grammar school and secondary school
- team of three pupils from one school prepared writework - esseys, poems, etc are accessible
- in each year there are different topics, but always about EU
- first, the voivodship commission choose three writeworks from each category in voivodship (they are published by us)
- then, the best writework in each category from voivodship goes to the national final
- In this year competition one of the winner was the team from our voivodship! Our team won the tour to the European institutions in Brussels!



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# SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

„The Delicacies of Warmia, Mazury and Powiśle on the European Tables”



- competition for inhabitants of the rural areas
- the aim points: to rack up the unique recipes from Warmia, Mazury and Powiśle and promotion specific food of our region and culinary heritage
- first, the participants sent to us their recipes
- then, the best were chosen by the commission and go to the final
- final - cooks brought their dishes and the commission tasted it and chose the best
- conference about culinary heritage with testing the dishes



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# LARGE EVENTS FOR YOUTH

## Spring Day in Europe 2006 - Spring Day in Dobrzyki

- "Debating our Future" 21 March 2006 - 9 May 2006
- Spring Day school debates are a great opportunity for pupils and teachers to have fresh and direct information about the EU
- our Centre was invited to primary school in Dobrzyki
- no lessons that day
- information about the EU members states
- euroquizes with prizes
- we gave brochures, information leaflets and publications out
- lots of mobile games and fun



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# LARGE EVENTS FOR YOUTH

## Under the Flag of the United Europe

- Special day at school - no lessons, but lots of knowlegde about the EU in easy way!
- Information about the european seas, lakes and rivers
- Euroquizes with prizes
- We gave brochures, information leaflets and publications out
- Lots of mobile games and fun
- Organised before summer holidays - kids were learning how to behave during swimming in water and on the beach



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# LARGE EVENTS FOR YOUTH

## Europe Day - The Open Day in ED W&M IC



- to let people get to know more about EU and our Centre we made Europe Day the Open Day in our Centre
- we invited kids, youth, pupils, teachers, students, regional media and everybody interested in our activity
- euroquizes with prizes
- we gave brochures, information leaflets and publications out



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# CO-OPERATING

## ED in Słupsk:

- Competiton „The Ring of Stars”

## ED Bornholm (Denmark):

- Rural Partnership (LEADER) and EU Information Network
- Seagull II
- Tripartite co-operation: Poland - Denmark - Kaliningrad Oblast (rural areas and EU info)
- Exchange Programme 2006 „South Baltic Youth”



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# CO-OPERATING WITH REGIONAL MEDIA



- we always invite regional media: radio, TV and journalists from newspaper for our conferences, seminars, final of competitions, etc. - and they almost always come
- we inform media about our activity



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# PUBLISHING ARTICLES IN NEWSLETTER „EU NEWS” AND „BULLETIN OF THE WARMIA AND MAZURY AGRICULTURAL CHAMBER

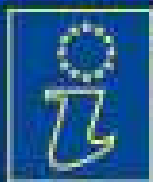
we write about:

- EU policies
- EU programmes
- EU events
- structural funds
- sectoral operation programmes
- our Centre events and competitions
- our Centre work
- we publish the writeworks which won in our competitions
- those information people are able to find also on our website: [www.europe-direct.olsztyn.pl](http://www.europe-direct.olsztyn.pl)



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