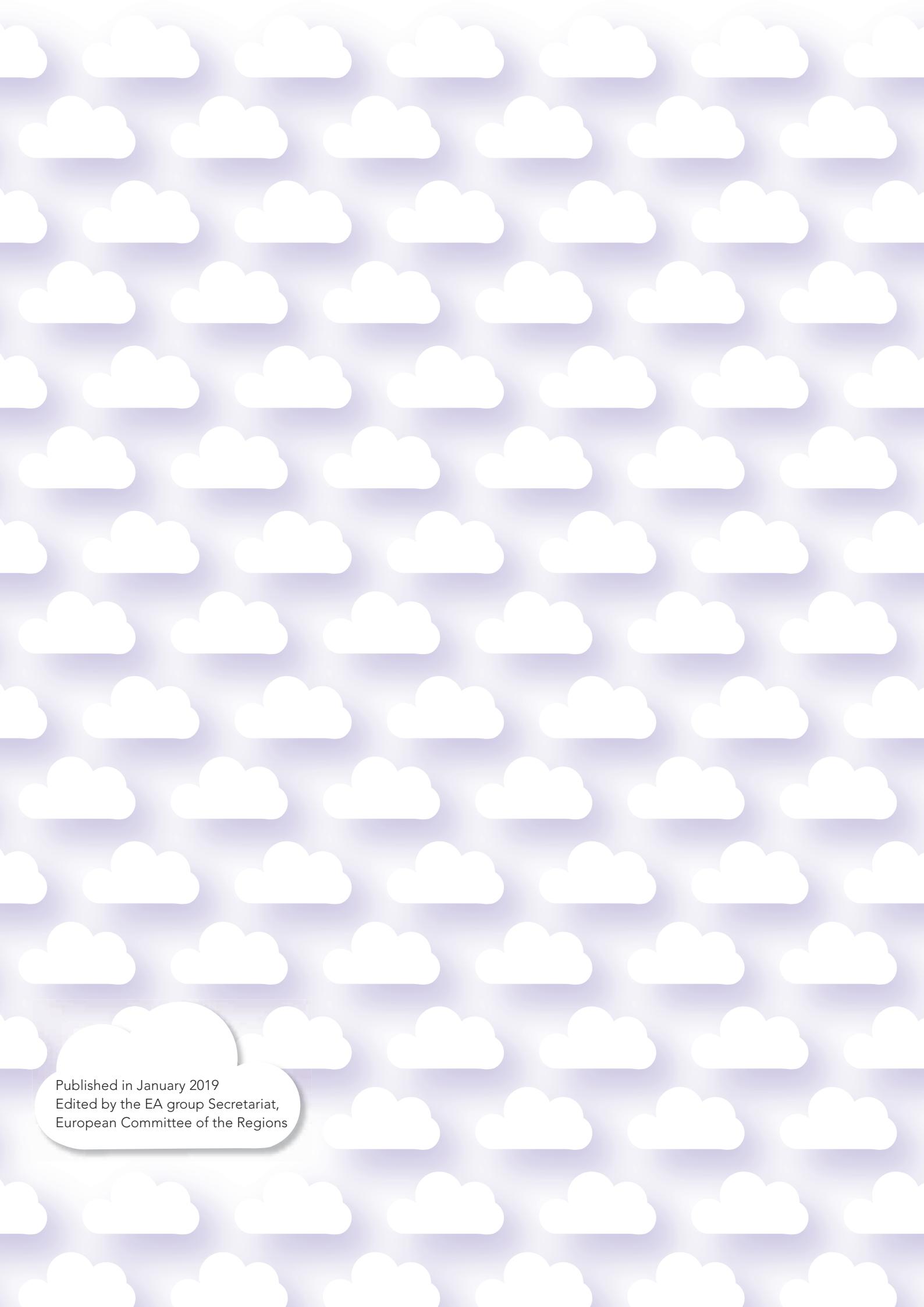


2018



# My Region, My Neighbourhood





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# 'My Region, My Neighbourhood'

Depicted in art by primary school children from 6-12 years of age.

Once again the winning entries in our hugely popular Primary School Art Competition have surprised and delighted with their colour, verve and sheer talent. The aim of this competition is to introduce the concept of the European Union to children through the medium of education and art.

Children from 13 schools in 8 Member States were asked to express their vision of 'My Region, My Neighbourhood' through art and in the context of Europe.

Many children, from Flanders to Polkowice are concerned about our planet, they see their neighbourhoods affected by environmental problems and beautifully show this in their paintings. There are many other ways the children view their neighbourhoods too, they celebrate the natural attributes of their regions, the plentiful flowers, fruits, forests, rivers and springs which local folklore says have healing properties.

They love their local buildings, castles in Lithuania, wooden churches and cathedrals in Slovakia, colourful painted houses and ancient almshouses in Ireland.

The themes of love for family, friends and for the earth itself expressed by these young people cannot fail but to fill us with great hopes for the future. I hope you enjoy looking at this booklet of the children's artwork as much as we enjoyed seeing the pictures exhibited in the European Committee of the Regions in the first week of December 2018.



**Mr Karl Vanlouwe**

*President of the European Alliance group  
European Committee of the Regions*



# With the participating schools

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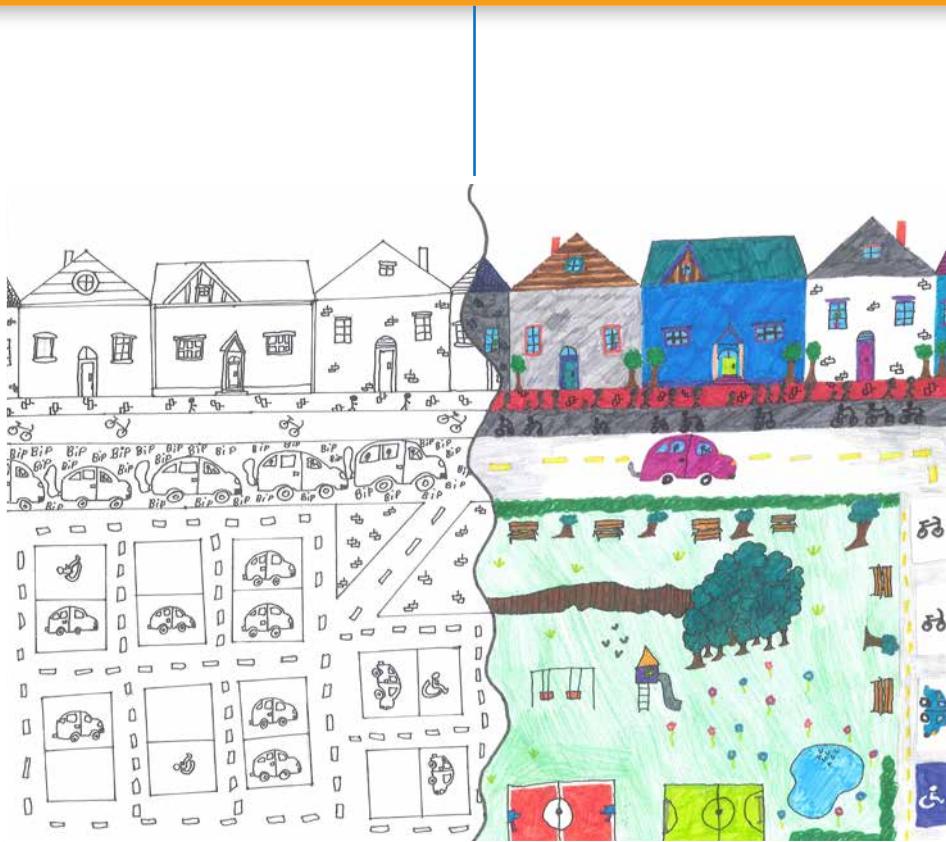




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# Regina Caeli lagere school (Basic School)

Dilbeek, Flanders, Belgium



1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
**Sarah Ouamar (11 years)**

**B**efore: air pollution, too many cars and no more green.

Now: less cars, more green

If we want to change anything, we have to work together,  
nobody can do it alone.





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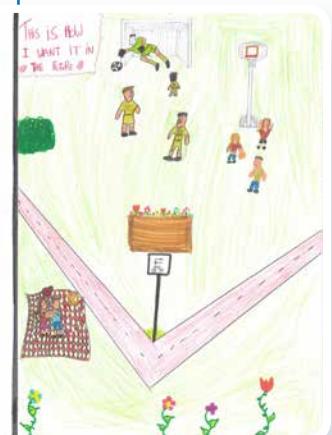


2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Nisrine Derdabi** (11 years)

If you want to change anything in the world, you have to do it yourself!

Together we can do it!



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Zoé Eker** (11 years)

Co<sub>2</sub>, pollution by gasses. Everybody does bad things that will kill the earth. I want to change that. In the future there has to be more social contact. Together we can change that!



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# Oru Basic School

Kose vald, Estonia



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Liisa Lusti** (12 years)

Hello, my name is Liisa Lusti. I am 12 years old and I live in the picturesque countryside in Saula village in Estonia. Near my village there are many fields and forests. There is a very unique place called Blue Springs of Saula. There is an old folk tale that the spring can heal all ailments if you sacrifice some golden or silver coins into the spring. You can see me standing next to the spring. I am wearing an Estonian national costume.





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2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Christofer Vaks** (9 years)

**M**y name is Christofer Vaks and I come from Estonia. I live in Oru Village. Every summer my family and my neighbours celebrate Midsummer Day. In Estonia it is a very big festival in all over the country. In my picture you can see some Estonian folk dancers dancing round the big bonfire. It is a very magical day and night and I already wait for it. If you can come to Estonia - do it in the end of June and we can celebrate it together!



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Anita Kruusmaa** (9 years)

**H**ey everybody, Anita Kruusma from Estonia is here! I love my neighbourhood because it is a nice and quiet place where children can play and walk everywhere. Our home is near the big forest. All Estonians love our forests, rivers and lakes and we try to keep our environment green and clean. In my neighbourhood there are many fields too. People grow vegetables and corn in the fields. In the middle of the picture you can see one happy child skateboarding. Can you find an Estonian flag near the house? It is blue like the sky, white like the snow in winter and black like the soil. I love my country and my neighbourhood.



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# Scoil Bhride, Eglantine

Cork, Ireland



1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
**An Oinh** (10 years)

## The Streets of Kinsale

Kinsale inspired me because Kinsale is such a colourful town. Everywhere you go, you see lots of colourful buildings. It's like a rose among the weeds, I hope my art stands out as much.





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2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Sophie Lynch** (10 years)

**T**he almshouses!

My name is Sophie Lynch and this is my drawing of the almshouses in Glanmire. I decided to draw the almshouses because they are near my house and they are very interesting. Did you know that there used to be 6 houses but they knocked 3 down. In 1820 these houses were used for the famine.



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Emma Dwyer** (10 years)

**A**utumn Leaves

I chose the Marina for my picture because it is a lovely walk and a really pretty place to go down in Blackrock. I drew 'The Marina' in Autumn because it is a really pretty time when the leaves turn all different colours like red, yellow, orange and brown. When the leaves turn different colours that means that they begin to fall off the trees. That's why the trees are bare in winter time. It is a very popular place for people to walk with their dogs.



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# St Manchan's National School

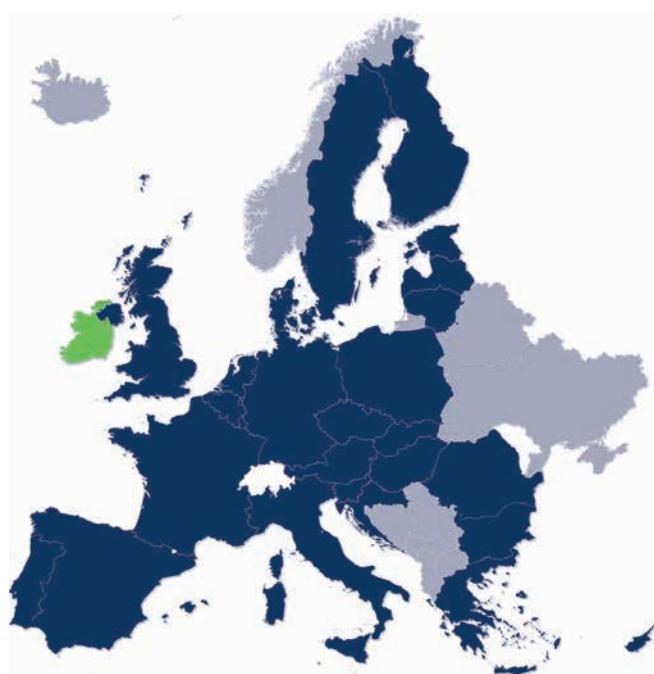
Mohill, County Leitrim, Ireland



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

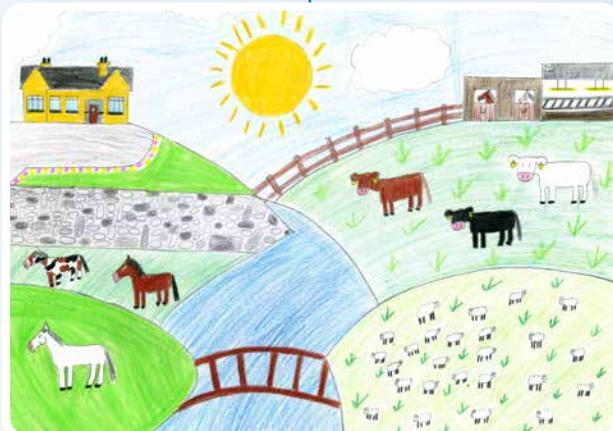
**Saoirse McWeeney (12 years)**

I live in Mohill, Co Leitrim, Ireland. Mohill is a town full of community. WE have many sports such as football, basketball and atheletics. We have a lovely town full of lovely people. St Manchan's is the school I go to and I love it there. So that's what you should know about my lovely town.





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2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Niall Mulligan** (12 years)

**M**y picture is of my neighbourhood. I live on a farm and I have lots of cows, horses and sheep. I have also drawn my house, all our sheds, the river and all my animals.



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Zoe Heslin** (11 years)

**M**ohill is a friendly and happy place. It has a great school with friendly teachers.

The Carolan statue in the town square is a great place to visit in the Summer, because the cherry blossom tree gets it beautiful leaves.



Coiste Eorpach  
na Réigiún

# Pagigiai Kindergarten

Pagigiai, Lithuania



1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
**Arnas Stirbys (6 years)**

I am happy to live here. There are a lot of castles here. I like to travel with my parents and to visit castles, just like the birds travel.





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2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Eva Judžentytė** (6 years)

I like when it is warm. I have drawn my home. In our home and in my friends' homes there are a lot of blooming flowers and it is beautiful.



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Augustė Miliauskaitė** (6 years)

I like being on the beach in summer. It is fun. It seems that the sea is boundless. It is interesting to watch ships.



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# Paistrys gymnasium

Paistrys, Lithuania



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Miglė Petrovaitė** (11 years)

I live in Lithuania. It's a small country, but very beautiful. One of the most beautiful places by the Baltic sea. Near the sea there is a city called Klaipėda. In Klaipėda is the sea museum and dolphinarium. And the most visited places are Puntukas rock, Gediminas castle, Trakai castle and much more. I'm happy that I live in Lithuania, because I love the nature around me that always colors me. I'm proud of our history, achievements and people who helped in the past. So we have to be proud of who we are and that we live in Lithuania.





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2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Mantas Juodiškis** (11 years)



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Niklas Zelionka** (12 years)

**M**y idea is to draw how Lithuania is nice. It is very beautiful, because it has so many nice views, many nice people. We are very traditional. Our traditional food is "cepelinai". I don't know people who don't like it. It's meat inside potato. Our flag's colors are yellow, green and red. Yellow means the sun, which shines very bright. Green is all plants and grasses, like in my picture. And red is blood, we lost in wars. I love, we love and you should too. My beautiful Lithuania.

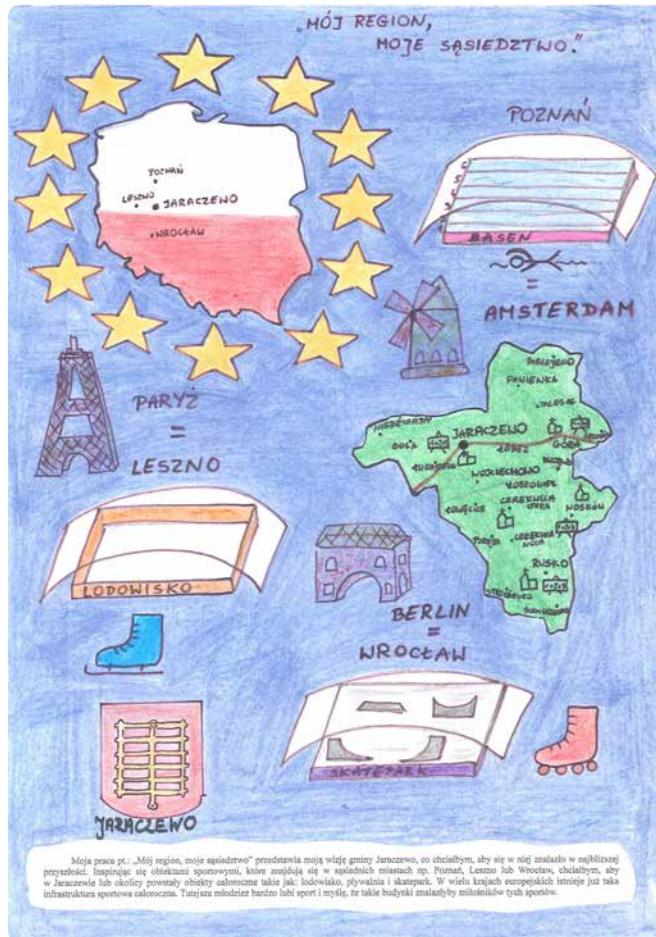
Lithuania is my homeland. Here my grandparents were born, my parents and myself. I love my country not because I live in it, but because of people I can meet and be friends with. Even if our country is small we can be proud of our achievements in basketball, swimming, rowing, weightlifting, disk throwing etc. But we are known in the world for laser technologies, in medicine and many other things. I am proud for the country I live in.



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# Szkoła Podstawowa im. Ewarysta Estkowskiego w Wojciechowie

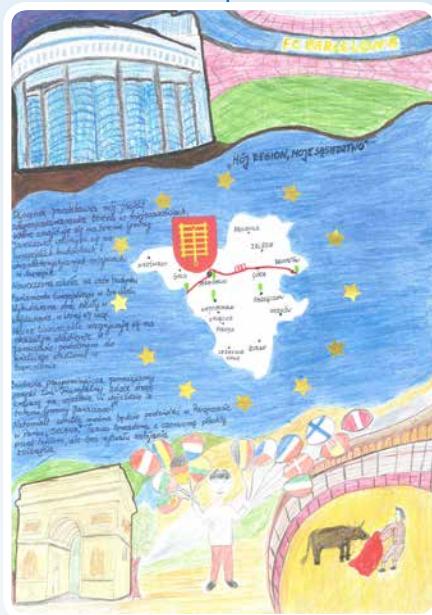
Jaraczewo, Poland



1st Prize  
**Eligiusz  
Kuszyński**  
(10 years)

**M**y contribution to "My Region, My Neighbourhood" presents my vision for Jaraczewo and what kinds of things I would like to see there in the near future. Taking my inspiration from the sports facilities in nearby towns such as Poznań, Leszno and Wrocław, I would like to see year-round amenities in Jaraczewo and around, such as an ice rink, a swimming pool and a skatepark. This kind of year-round sport infrastructure already exists in many European countries. Young people here really like sport and I think that these buildings would attract enthusiasts of these sports.





**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

**Tomasz Sieradzki (10 years)**

The drawing presents my land-use plan for localities within Jaraczewo, modelled on European buildings and well known cities in Europe. A modern school inspired by the European building in Brussels. It is built next to the school in Wojciechowo where I am a pupil. Friendly matches are being played at the grand stadium in Jaraczewo, similar to the huge stadium in Barcelona. The structure that looks like a small Arc de Triomphe adorns the national highway as it enters and leaves the town limits of Jaraczewo. Meanwhile, it will be possible to take in bullfights in Solana Park in Parzęczew. The toreador's dance with a red cloth before a bull, but without the ritual killing of the animal.



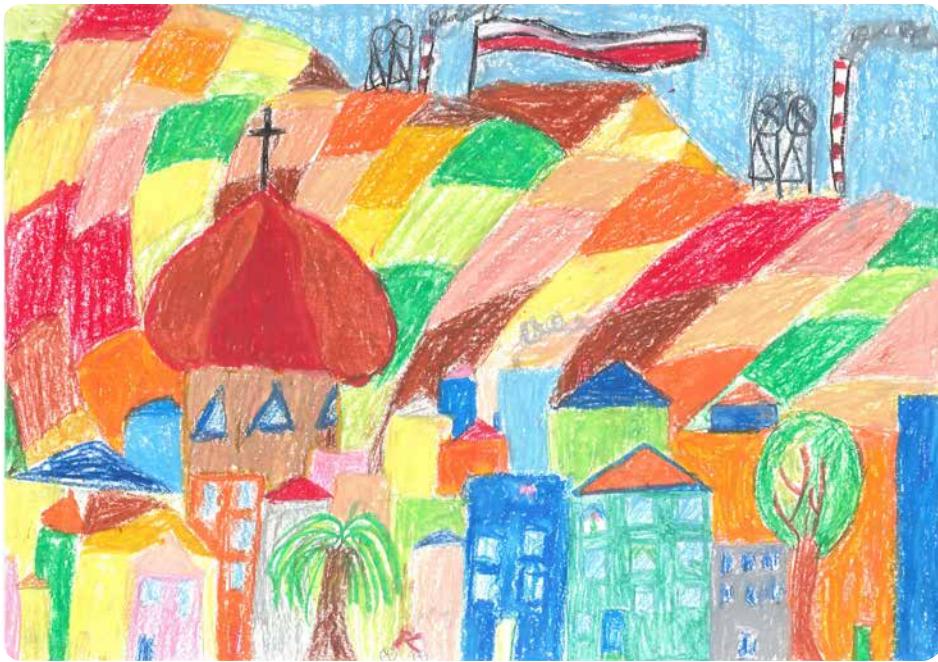
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

**Oskar Pawlak, (12 years)**

**M**y contribution depicts my vision of "My Region, My Neighbourhood"! It includes two facilities that I have invented: the Computer Gamers' Club, and the Water Park. The Water Park would allow us to improve our swimming skills and would make it possible to organise tournaments between schools. The Computer Gamers' Club would make us very happy as we could play our favourite games with our friends. The buildings could be very colourful, and seeing them would bring a smile to our faces. They would also be ideal places for meeting up with friends and spending our free time together, as well as providing the opportunity to get to know new people

# Szkoła Podstawowa im. Kornela Makuszyńskiego

Polkowice, Poland



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Amelia Płonka**

I live in Poland – a beautiful and diverse country. My homeland looks delightfully at any season of the year. The views of our fields and meadows are really magnificent. People can find the old churches and other monuments in every corner of Poland.

I live in rather a small town – Polkowice- there are some mines here. We can say that Polkowice is a mining town, however, clean and picturesque.





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Cyprian Sobczak**

**P**olkowice lies on the lower Silesia, in the centre of copper region. Its area occupies the south-east part of Dalkow Hills. It is worth seeing In Polkowice:

- old town with the town hall
- Dutch mill
- Church of St. Archangel Michael
- copper mines
- meanders of Guzice brook



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Nadia Żmigrodzka**

**T**his church is located in Michałów in dolnośląskie province, in district of Polkowice, in Chocianów commune. It is the new church that was built in 1987 -1989 in the Lemko style.



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# Szkoła Podstawowa Nr 52 w Białymstoku

Białystok, Poland



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Aleksandra Gardocka (8 years)**

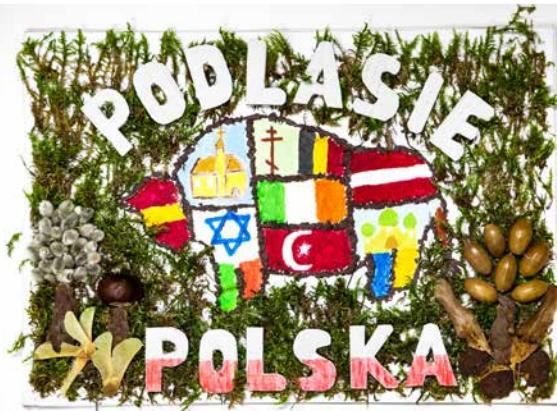
Welcome to Podlasie!

It is a region full of attractions. There are a lot of interesting places to go. You can go to the park, our zoo or visit Białowieża. Have you ever seen the European bison?

If not, come to Podlasie. People from Podlasie are very tolerant and open-minded.

You won't be disappointed.





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

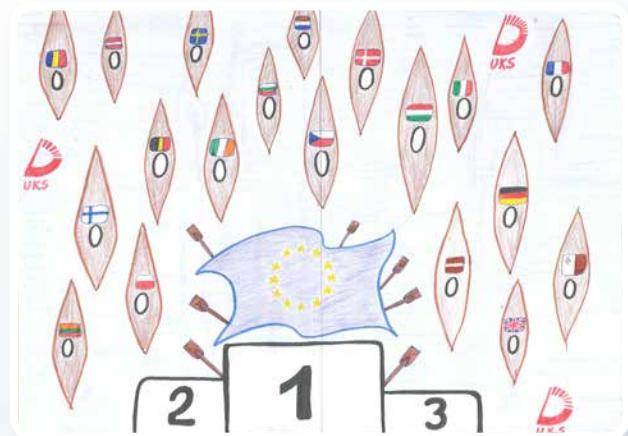
**Lena Sumińska** (8 years)

I like Białystok and its nearest neighbourhood very much. It is a place very easy to live.

There are a lot of multicultural influences in this region.

Podlasie is the capital of tolerance. Everybody feels good there.

Come and check.



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Kacper Woźniewski** (11 years)

I would like to present the wonderful place - Zalew Dojlidy (Dojlidy Lagoon).

This beautiful area attracts many people, not only from Poland.

There are canoeing races in Dojlidy. Competitors are from all over the world.

You can spend a great time there.

Come and have fun



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# Szkoła Podstawowa w Wandalinie

Opole Lubelskie, Poland



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Marcela Solis, (10 years)**

**E**verything that is tasty and healthy comes from Lubelszczyzna in Poland.

I live in a little village Wandalin in the east of Poland. My region can be proud of producing excellent fruit. We grow a lot of apples, black currants and raspberries. Bees from our apiaries make the best and the tastiest honey. We offer a large choice of this delicious product. Our neighbourhood is also famous for cultivation of cereals. Also our fishing industry develops strongly and rapidly thanks to financial benefits that come from the European Union. On the poorer sandy soil people grow tobacco. In the future I will continue the tradition of my family that is connected with agriculture. I wish that people who work very hard could sell all of their products in different countries. I am sure my dream will come true thanks to the European Union.





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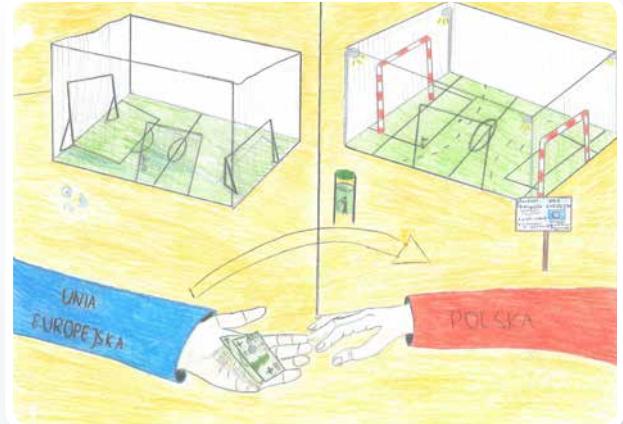
2nd Prize

**Szymon Jurak, (10 years)**

The place I live - Wandalin and its neighbourhood is a beautiful region placed in eastern Poland. It is known as a horticultural area. In our neighbourhood we mostly grow different varieties of apple trees. They bloom beautifully in spring and in autumn are festooned with fabulous, red and yellow apples. In winter we can savour delicious apple pie and tasty juice produced ecologically in our households. We all know that "one apple a day keeps a doctor away".

Our apples are our pride when they are sent abroad to be sold in all countries of the European Union as tasty and healthy Polish fruit.

My dream is to become a well-known producer of apple goods. In the future I would like to visit all European Union countries to advertise my products.



3rd Prize

**Bartłomiej Jurak, (10 years)**

My hometown is a little village Wandalin in Poland. My country receives a lot of funds from the European Union. Our government uses this money to build new roads, new buildings and new schools. New sports stadiums are built thanks to these resources, also in my region in Opole Lubelskie. I would like to have one of those new stadiums in my nearest neighbourhood. I wish that our local authorities could use funds from the European Union to construct one of those in Wandalin. A lot of children, who love sport, live in my village but our stadium is sometimes too small for all of us.

I believe that with help from the European Union all of the children living here will be happy and healthy - because a healthy body means a healthy mind.



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# Școala Gimnazială ION MAREŞ

Vulcana-Băi, Romania



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Antonia-Maria Dumitru** (10 years)

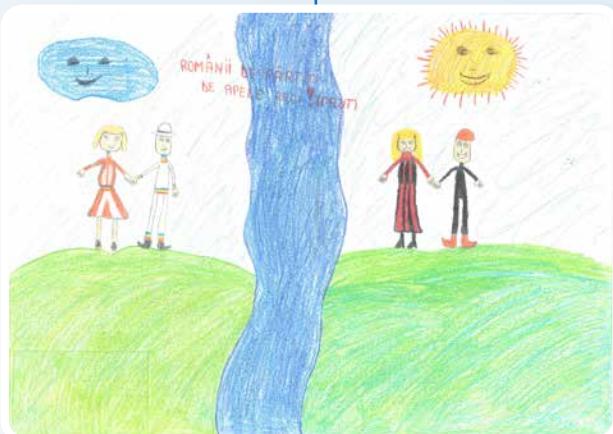
**M**y region is beautiful, not only because of its exquisite view but also, because of its local customs and traditions. It is the place where I feel safe because it has got its specific charm. If you visit the country from one part to another, you will definitely observe the rustic style and the fact that the traditions are kept with holiness from generations, thing realised in my drawing by the two children who are dressed traditionally and are very proud of this.

My neighbourhood is actually a large family made up of our neighbours without thinking to the borders which separate us.





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2nd Prize

**Bianca-Andreea Popescu** (12 years)

**S**eparates the Prut and the Nistru' is the idea that inspired me, is a lyric from a song. The idea came to me for the first time when I read the topic of the drawing „My region, my neighbourhood”. The waters which separate us can't 'separate' the Romanian people.

The countries shouldn't be separated because in this way, the sun will shine all the time.



3rd Prize

**Mara-ioana Gheorghe** (12 years)

**M**y drawing has got a scent of feelings and emotions. The idea of the drawing came to me all at once. The 'neighbouring flowers' are in Terra's garden – the mother plant where our country breaths, the same scent of love for people.

The Earth Globe is held in a hand by a girl, who is near a picture with five coloured flowers but in the same time, they are related through their love for each other. The name of the picture is 'the neighbouring flowers'.



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# Hillview Primary School

Barrhead, Scotland



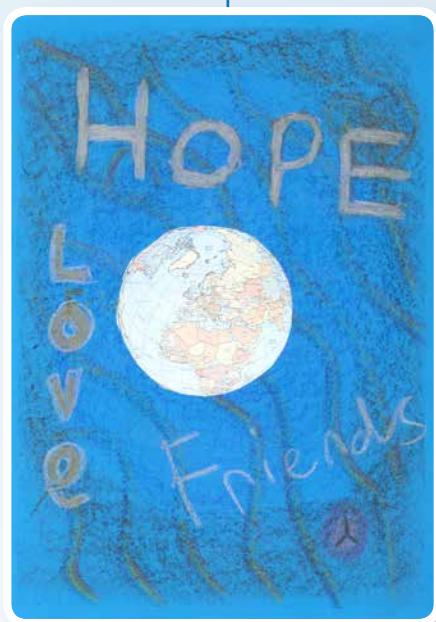
1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
**Elise F (10 years)**

**M**y family and friends are the centre of my world. I feel love around me and my home is with my family.





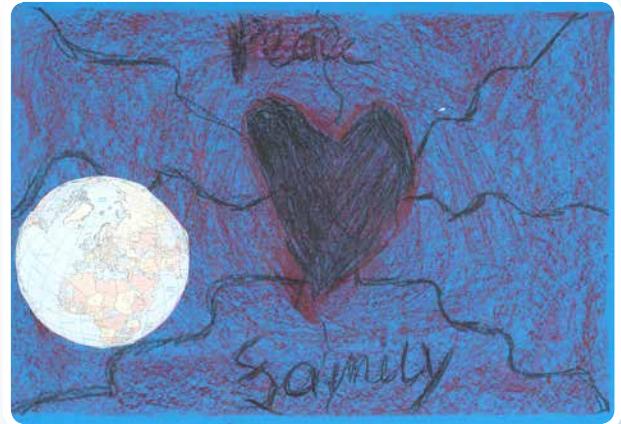
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2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Olivia M** (10 years)

I see the future as being hopeful and full of love. I want my friends to be in my life in the future.



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Beth M** (10 years)

My family are the most important people in my life now and in the future. I want a peaceful future for me and my family.



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# Základná škola

Pečovská Nová Ves, Slovakia



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Laura Štofaníková** (12 years)

I have drawn a girl wearing a traditional slovak folk costume. There are lot of beautiful historical sights in Slovakia. I like Bardejov the most, it is wonderful town with nice buildings, so I decided to draw St. Egidius Cathedral and ancient townhall of Bardejov. I very much like drawing and it was quite easy for me to draw the picture, except for coat of arms - that was not so easy to draw.





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Tatiana Mizeráková** (11 years)

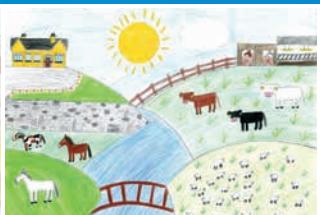
**S**lovakia is a beautiful country in the heart of Europe. There are wonderful historical sights and amazing natural places to see. I have drawn basilica of Ľutina. Ľutina is small village close to our school. It was very interesting task for me and the drawing took me 3 days. I enjoy the result of my work.



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Zuzana Pigulová** (11 years)

**O**ur ancestors built wooden churches in Slovakia. They are still well preserved today, mainly in northeastern Slovakia. These wooden churches are symbols of respect, deep faith and hope of our people. I have drawn one of them and I wish they will be preserved for next generations.



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