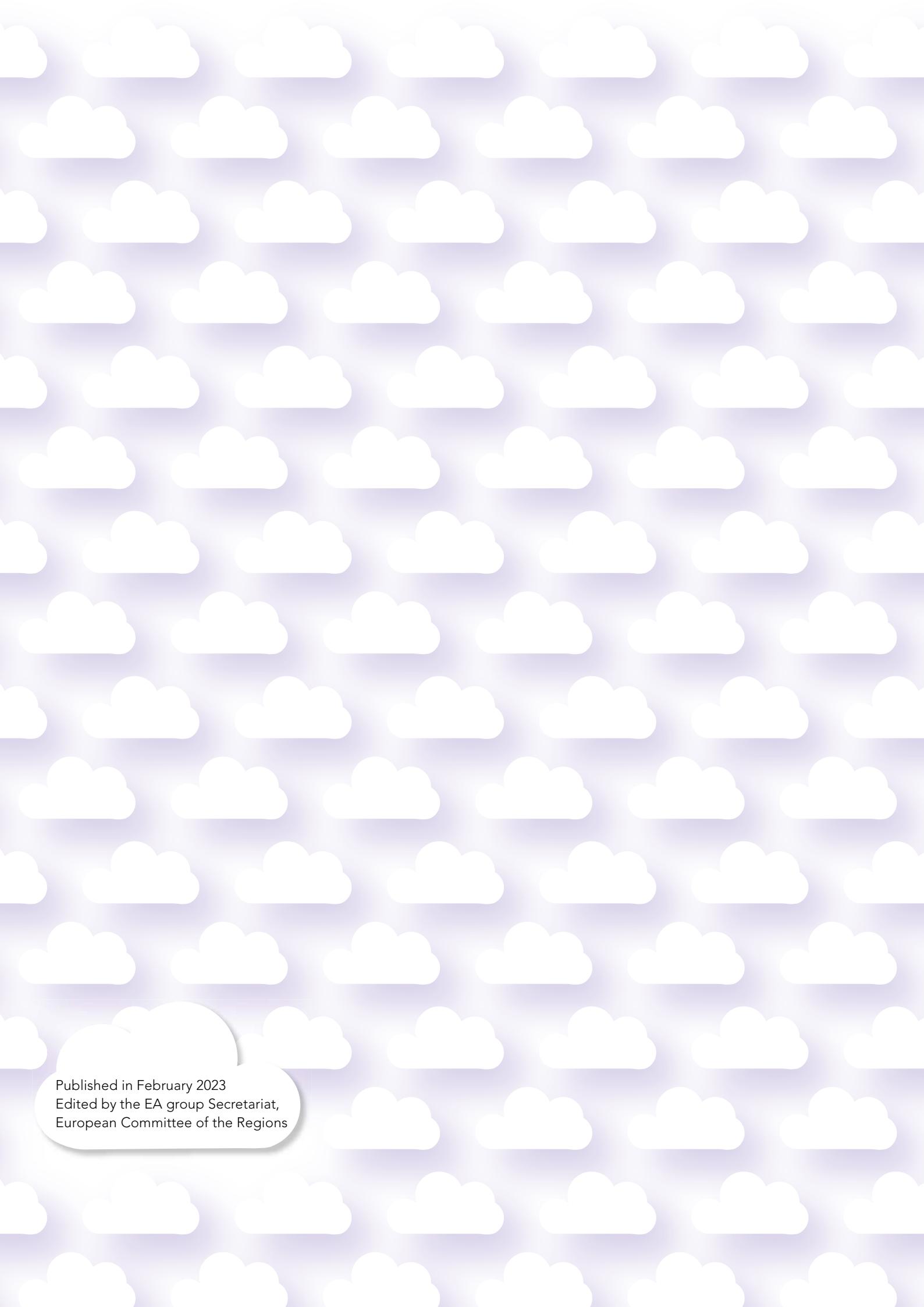


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# My Region, My Family

Over the past twelve years primary school children from all over Europe have expressed artistically their ideas about their regions and of Europe on the theme of the European Committee of the Regions / European Alliance Group primary schools art competition. This year I am delighted to present to you this booklet showcasing some of the talent of the winning schoolchildren in our very popular annual primary school art competition for 2022.

Children from schools across Europe's diverse regions were asked to express their vision of 'My Region, My Family' through art and in the context of Europe. In this booklet you will enjoy a vibrant, colourful and imaginative artwork. Our aim is to introduce the European Union to children through edu-

tion and creativity and in a way that relates to their own experiences in their regions.

In some of the accompanying comments the children refer to the European Union. I am so pleased to see such warm, positive and happy images.

In short, our competition is a great way of connecting and engaging with young Europeans and helps us learn what their views are of the important things in their lives and how they understand the European project, we hope our competition has also helped them reflect further on this topic. The regions of the European Union and the Union itself can look forward to a great future as these optimistic and creative young people grow up over the years to come.



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## Description

The EA Group has been organizing the Primary School Art Competition every year since 2010. Each of the last 12 years we had the privilege of creating a space for the

creative expression of children's relation with their region, and its embeddedness in the different aspects of their lives. We believe that such an initiative helps them ap-

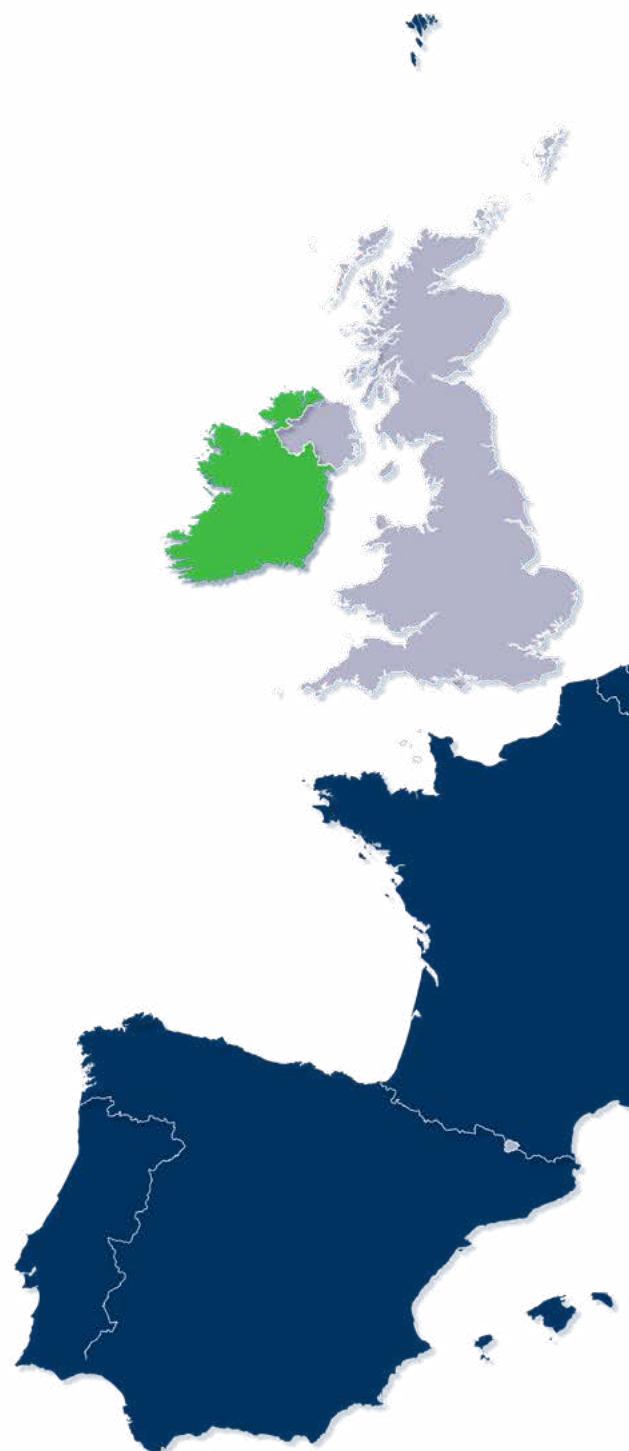
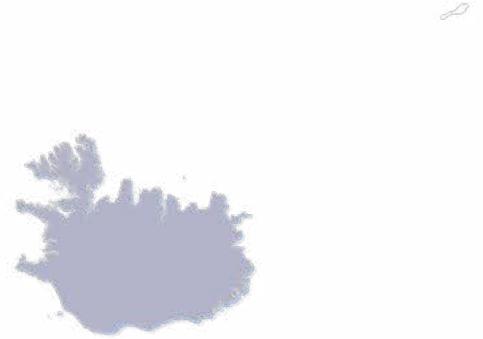
preciate their heritage and sense of belonging in their respective European region, while simultaneously fostering the youth's positive outlook on Europe



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# Lakeview Special Education Schools

Galway, Ireland



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Connot McHugh** (13 years old) (Hazel Class)

**M**y picture has many colours which show the many different colours that make up Families in my region.





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Alessandro Incarbona** (9 years old)  
(Sycamore Class)



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Martin Delaney** (12 years old) (Hazel Class)

**M**y region is made of many different people. We have a green region and an orange region. The white in our Flag shows the peace between our regions.

I live in Galway. My mom and dad are from Italy.



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# Our Lady of Lourdes N. S

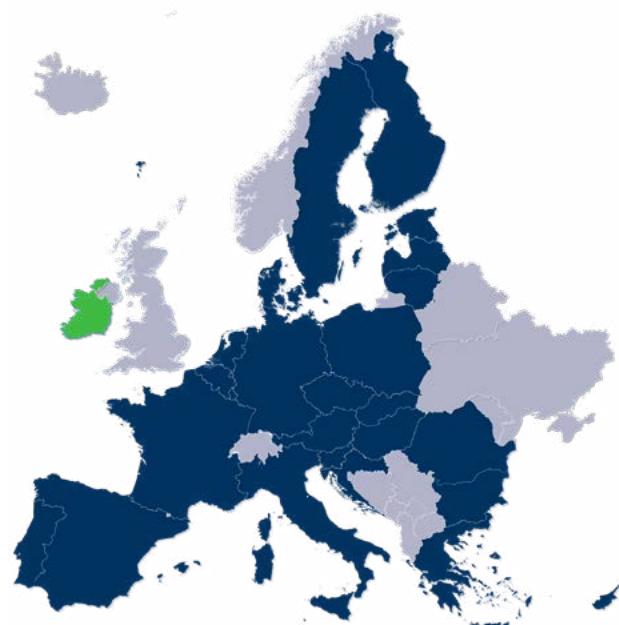
Cork, Ireland



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Lucy O'Brien** (10 years old) (5th Class)

**M**y art is about... even though there is lots of people in Europe that are different, we are all one big family!





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Faye Murray** (11 years old) (5th Class)

I decided to draw European Union flag and some horses and to finish it off there are stripes of colour.



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Camille Goggin** (10 years old) (5th Class)

**F**amily is at the heart of our common European values of democracy, the rule of law, and fundamental rights.



Coiste Eorpach  
na Réigiún

# Newtowncashel Primary School

Newtowncashel, **Ireland**



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Pippa O'Shea** (11 years old) (5th Class)

**F**or my artwork I decided to draw our local GAA football pitch and a tractor because my family an I have a farm and I love to play football. If we didn't have a local GAA pitch, we would have to travel so much further to go to football training.





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Helena Casey** (8 years old) (2nd Class)



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Luke Hassett** (7 years old) (2nd Class)

I drew my family on our farm. We have a large sheep farm. I have fun helping out at lambing time. Everyone has a job to do. Mammy feeds the sheep, I help my daddy pull the lambs. I enjoy farm life.

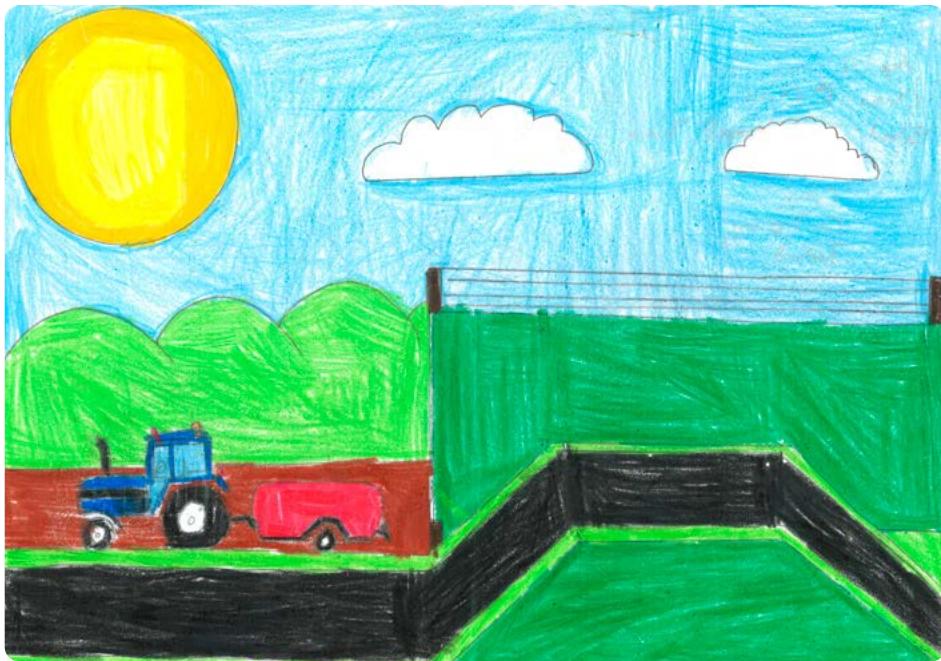
I drew a picture of my family at my house. I love my family. I love living in Newtowncashel. It is a small place. I help my family doing jobs in the pub. I enjoy chatting to people that come to visit.



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na Réigiún

# Scoil Teampall Toinne Ballyporeen

Ballyporeen, **Ireland**



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Ciarán O'Flynn** (12 years old) (6th Class)

I drew this picture of a local farmer spreading cow manure. The farming industry in Ireland is very important because we wouldn't have food, milk, butter, eggs, fruit, and vegetables, which we need to live. The sight of a tractor puts smiles on the faces of all the little boys and girls every day.





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

**Jack Purcell** (11 years old) (6th Class)

I drew this tractor which has been a part of the work life of my family since 1985. Farming is important in my family and in Ireland, because it helps provide for the needs of the local people here.



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

**Emily Maher** (12 years old) (6th Class)

Our faith is a big part of Irish heritage, passed on to us from our ancestors. This is Ballyporeen church which was built back in 1870. People find peace, comfort, and support in difficult times here. The local people are very lucky to have such a beautiful church in their parish. It is the heart of our community.



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# Antanas Belzaras Primary School

Uptytė, Lithuania



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

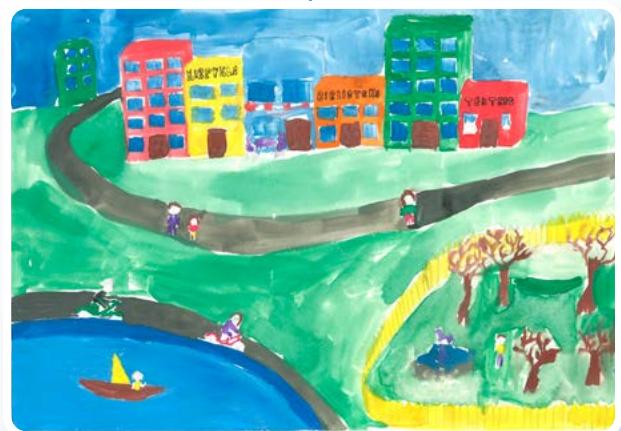
**Aistis Kirsnys** (12 years old) (Grade 6)

There is a town with a railway of high-speed trains and wide cycle ways. Moreover, environmentally-friendly energy is taken from nature: the sun and wind. Nature is needful. It needs our help. We can make a difference in the fight to save forests by cutting less trees. We can also clean up rivers and protect animals.




 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

Anna Danysenko (10 years old) (Grade 5)


 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

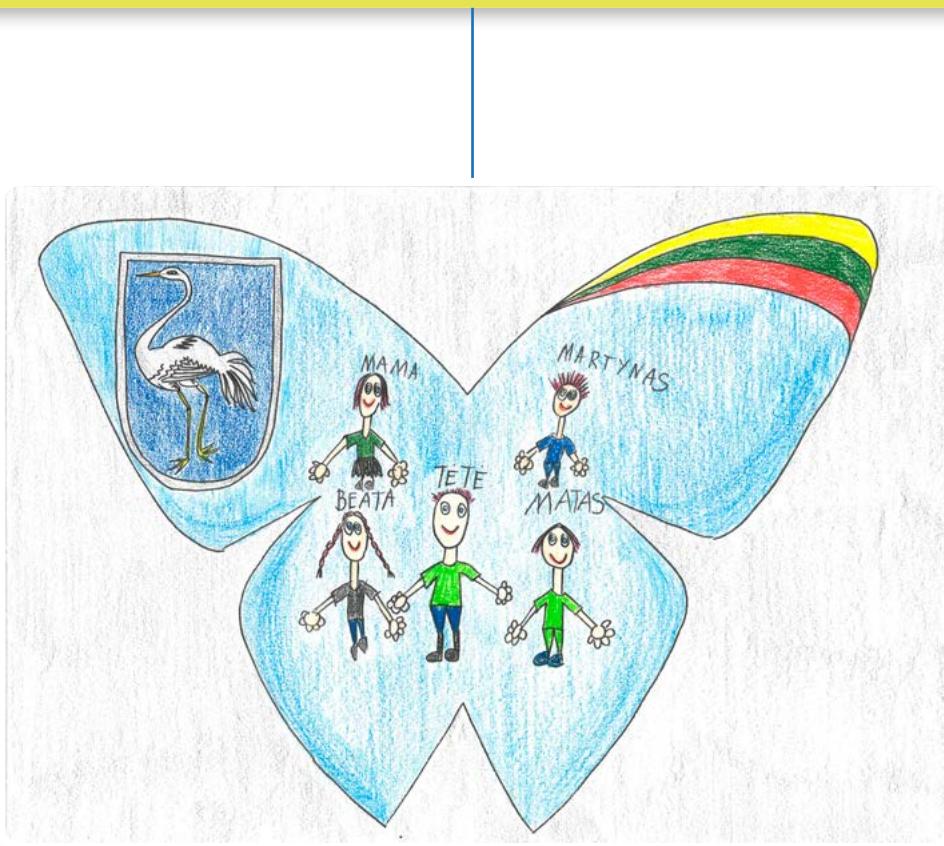
 Margarita Šniukštaitė (12 years old)  
 (Grade 6)

If we do not try to keep our planet clean, we cannot live there later. We are killing ourselves by doing nothing. We throw rubbish into the oceans, seas and rivers. Water gets in the bottles and, finally, we drink that water. Do not forget animals! Tons of rubbish, made from plastic, are everywhere. Animals live among rubbish. They are dying because of the rubbish. We must appreciate animals and keep our planet clean.

There is a colourful city centre in my picture. A lot of happy people spend their free time there. You can see a barber's shop, blocks, a café and a theatre. A footpath and a park with a fountain are in front of these buildings. Near the river, where the boat is sailing, there is a cycle way. Green lawn is everywhere. Green colour symbolises kindness, friendship and love for nature.

# Ziburio Primary School

Visaginas, Lithuania

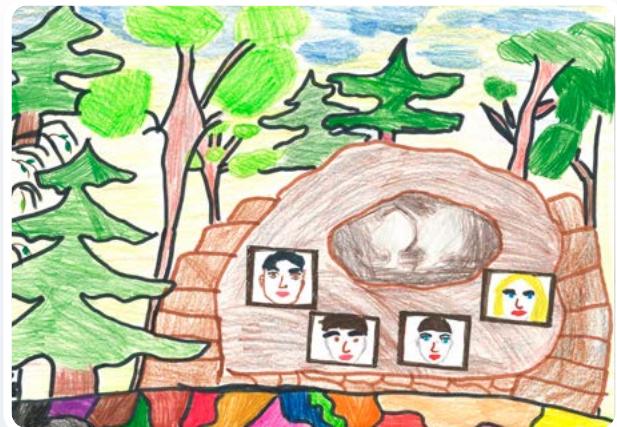
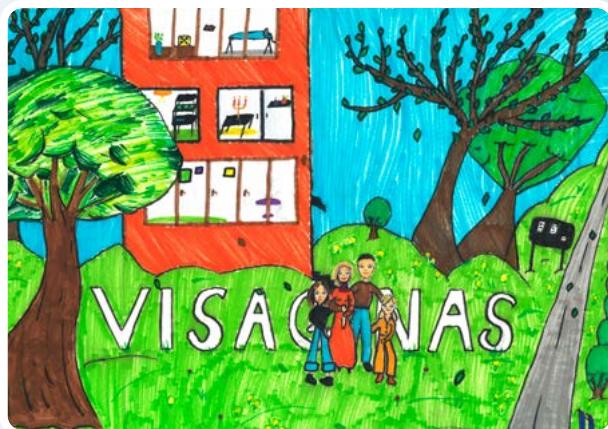


1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Matas Skukauskas** (7 years old) (Grade 2)

**“B**utterfly” – I really love my family and my native town. I value my family as it's my life, the place where I feel my happiness. My native town is Visagina. I live here with my parents, my sister, and my brother. The symbol of the town is a butterfly, which symbolizes the unity of all European people living there. Also the butterfly is a symbol of my family, each wing symbolizes a member of my family. I am a Lithuanian citizen and I'll never forget the colours of our national flag. We are all members of the European Union and we are open to all European people.





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Polina Soroko** (7 years old) (Grade 2)

**"The best place for living"** – Can you imagine yourself living in the centre of Europe among green forests, fields, and lakes? I live in a small town of Visaginas, in Lithuania. It is the friendliest town in Europe. People of 40 different nationalities live there and all of them are happy.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Martynas Petkevičius** (7 years old) (Grade 2)

**"P**untuko stone" – Lithuania is my native country. There are lots of historical places. My favourite one is Puntuko stone which symbolizes the first flight over the Atlantic Ocean. The 1933 Steponas Darius and Stasys Girėnas became the first Lithuanian pilots to fly over the Atlantic Ocean. If you want to be a real European citizen, you have to be proud of the history of your country, too.

# Szkoła Podstawowa im. Janusza Korczaka w Noskowie

Nosków, **Poland**



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Michalina Mazurek** (10 years old) (Grade 4)

**W**ith the help of funds obtained from the European Union, new buildings, such as our gymnasium, are being built in my region. Cycle paths are being built in our area and parks are being renovated. Thanks to these, we can actively spend time with our families in the fresh air. The European Union supports beekeepers and farmers by saving bees and our environment.





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Amelia Abramowicz** (11 years old)  
(Grade 5)

**M**y artwork depicts: my family, Noskowo sports field, the gymnasium at our school and the windmill. Family is the most important thing, so I put it in the middle of the work. Then the windmill, because energy is very important these days, namely the source of energy. The gymnasium was our biggest dream, which recently came true. The sports field was drawn because I spend a lot of time being active with my friends after school



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Tomasz Soboń** (11 years old) (Grade 5)

**M**y drawing depicts my dream, which may become a reality thanks to EU funding. I want my beloved region, the district of Jarocin, to be surrounded by a cycle path, which will lead through extensive green areas. Thanks to this path, I will be able to safely get from my home in Dąbrowa to my school, which is located in Nosków. On the map I have marked with hearts the towns where I have spent my happy childhood up to now. I would like to cycle there myself, and a cycle path will help me to do this. The construction of such a cycling route will also contribute to improving the fitness and health of the residents of the Jarocin district.

# Szkoła Podstawowa nr. 48 im. Króla Stefana Batorego

Białystok, **Poland**



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Paweł Szerszenowicz** (12 years old)

(Grade 6-c)

**B**iałystok has 50 murals! It's a European city! My drawing shows the three most famous of them. The middle one is a showcase of my hometown. "Girl with a Watering Can", watering the tree next to it. "People in the windows" - refers to the figure of Ludwik Zamenhof (on the balcony), who invented the Esperanto language! The mural was created on the street named after him. "Send a postcard to Grandma" reminds residents of the family and tradition. It's worth being a citizen of the world (me at the bottom), but also knowing your roots and love your family witch on a broomstick - a figure from legends and a symbol of the region.



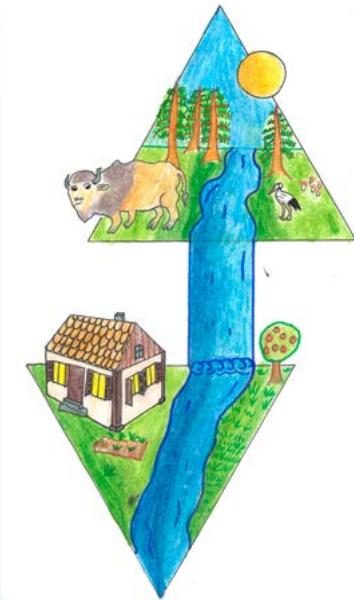


2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Lucjan Daniłowicz** (10 years old)

(Grade 4-c)

I am from Podlasie. I live in a block of flats in the city of Białystok but we also have a little cottage in the country. **In my eyes, my region is my family and my family is my region.** My family loves nature. We spend a lot of time by the river - fishing, in the forest - picking mushrooms and discovering amazing places in our neighborhood. Our city, Białystok, is a convenient place to live. It is quite big but not that big - we do not have traffic lights here and it takes around fifteen minutes to get to the city centre from any part of Białystok. There are many interesting things to do here. My favourite place is a football pitch near my school. I love playing football. My region is multicultural and my family is multicultural. We feel good in Podlasie, **I feel good in Podlasie.**



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Julian Daniłowicz** (12 years old) (Grade 6-a)

I live in Białystok. It is a city in Podlasie - a region in the north-east part of Poland. My region is considered to be "the Green Lungs of Poland". Nature has a great impact on my life. I like spending time outside discovering secrets of nature. Many people in my region live in harmony with nature and tradition. So does my family. Since 2020 we have been owners of a little cottage and we have been spending every free moment there. In the picture, the main element is a river. My dad, my brother and I spend a lot of time fishing. There are many rivers in Podlasie. Water is life. **It is our life.**



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# Berceni Middle School

Berceni, **Romania**



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Iulian Păduraru** (8 years old) (Grade 2)

**H**i! My name is Julian and I'm eight. I live in Berceni, a small village near Ploiești. In my village there are a lot of good things: a nice library from where I can borrow interesting books, bike lines where I like riding my bike or running in the weekends, a park where I go to play with my friends, benches where my parents can wait for me to come back from school and many recycling bins in order to keep our region nice and clean. Also I like my school, because it is very modern: we have tablets and smart interactive boards in every classroom! This is a lovely place! I'm happy to live here! Come and see!





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**David Andrei Musat** (10 years old) (Grade 4)

**W**hen you think you have seen all the beautiful places in the world, think about my region. We are a family and have a history. People contributed to its wealth and development. They built schools and kindergartens, playgrounds. We also care about our environment and make different activities. I am proud of my region!



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Roberta Nistor** (10 years old) (Grade 4)

**E**arth, Europe, Romania, Prahova, Berceni. This is where I live together with my family. Berceni is my home, my place. It is situated in the south-east of Ploiești city. Berceni is a developed European region. Small children have a new kindergarten, there are also a lot of libraries because we enjoy reading. Soon, there will be a huge sports area built, because sport is very important for us.



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# Școala Gimnazială „Ion Mares”

Vulcana-Băi, **Romania**



1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Miriam Mihai** (10 years old), (Grade 4-a)

In my drawing I wanted to express through colour the serenity from my soul, my country with its riches and the colours of the flag of my region. The sun represents the warmth of my home, and the rainbow represents the harmony, love and affection in my family, which is not only a cell of the society, but also the place where parents, through the education they gave us, instill in us kindness, helping us to the development of empathy. My parents offer us the best, care, affection and love. The joy of the father, the love of the mother are represented by the smiles and happiness of the daughters, elements that make up family solidarity.





2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Ana-Maria Florentina Făşie** (8 years old)  
(Grade 2-a)

The drawing represents my region during autumn and my family enjoys the scenery. We are looking at the amazing flocks and we are telling stories under the colourful falling leaves. We are together. The Autumn knows how to offer us a picture painted with memories.



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Denisa-Georgiana Popescu** (12 years old)  
(Grade 6-a)

The drawing represents everything I love the most in the world: my family and my birthplace. We are surrounded by the place's beauty and by divine love.



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