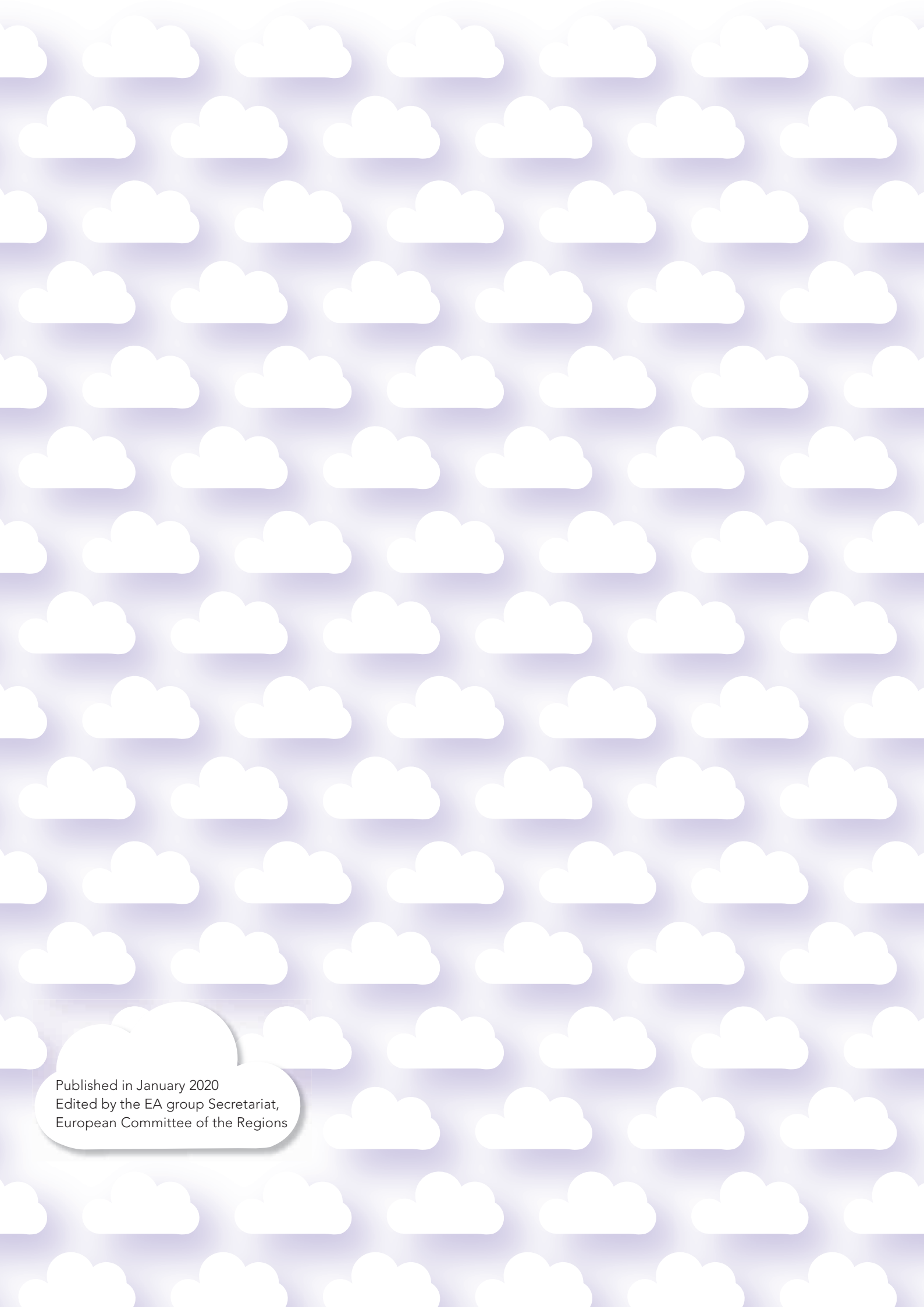


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My Region, My Family





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'My Region, My Neighbourhood'

Depicted in art by primary school children from 6 to 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

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Harmi primary

Harmi, Estonia



1st Prize

Paul Laan (11 years)

My drawing is about the house of my home. It is most important part of my region and place for my family, and very, very little piece of Europe. It is cosy and 100 years old house in Estonian village. In Estonia we have many old houses in little villages and I hope they will stand also in the future.





2nd Prize

Agnes Reimann (8 years)

My drawing is about my home and family. My home is yellow and I like it, it's the colour of sun. My family – I have one brother, sister, mom and dad. Also a dog. We have a playground and a swing. Our home is in the forest, there are many trees, flowers and mushrooms.



3rd Prize

Laura Nael (11 years)

It is our school on the drawing. I love my school, teachers and schoolmates. It is a very old building in the middle of Harmi village. There is an old park with many very old and big trees. It is very small school and it is like a family, it is very important part of my family and region. Now is autumn and the leaves of the trees are very colourful. And it's so beautiful. I dream that our school would last forever.



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1st Prize

Réka Bellai (9 years)

My family likes the animals. We have four dogs. When we are in another city in Europe, we always go to the Zoo and to the forest and meadows to watch birds, reptiles and mammals. We want to live in a green Europe with many, many plants and animals, with animals without borders.





2nd Prize
Lia Réka Hajnal (9 years)

Every weekend our family hikes in the mountains. Mostly we cycle. We love sports. This is also good, because we stay healthy. I want to live in a Europe, where people are fun, athletic and healthy.



3rd Prize
Máté Matosics (9 years)

We have a little garden with trees, fruits, vegetables and flowers. I like working in the garden, picking fruits, digging and hacking. I want to have gardens instead of deserts, a green Europe without climate change.



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1st Prize

Katie Toomey (12 years)

My picture is all about my family and I on holidays in West Cork. We are at our favourite beach called Rocky Beach, just after a swim. When my teacher told our class the theme of the art competition, the first thing that came to mind was Barleycove. I don't live there but it's my second home. Some of my first and best memories were made there, and I hope to make many more there in the future. My family and I always enjoy the beach.





2nd Prize
SSophia Stack (12 years)

My painting is based on a forest near where I live in Lindville, Cork. I painted the colourful leaves because now that it's autumn all the leaves are orange, red, yellow, green and brown. My dog Frisbee always escapes from the house and goes into this forest. One time we took a photo of Frisbee in the forest and that's what my painting is about. This forest is very beautiful at this time of year. So it's nice and peaceful when all the leaves have fallen off. Frisbee loves this forest because she finds all kinds of things there (not always good things), but I find it cute the way she does this because she gets bored after a while and will always come back.



3rd Prize
Leah Power (12 years)

In my picture, I am at the Marina with my family. My 15 year old brother Conor is coming first in a rowing regatta. My 12 year old twin brother Rory and my dad are sitting in the car watching the regatta. My mom and I are crossing the road to look at the ducks. I often go walking there with my mom. I like it there because it's peaceful and it's nice to watch the ducks swimming in the pond and the ships sail by on the river.



Coiste Eorpach
na Réigiún

St Manchan's National School

Mohill, Ireland

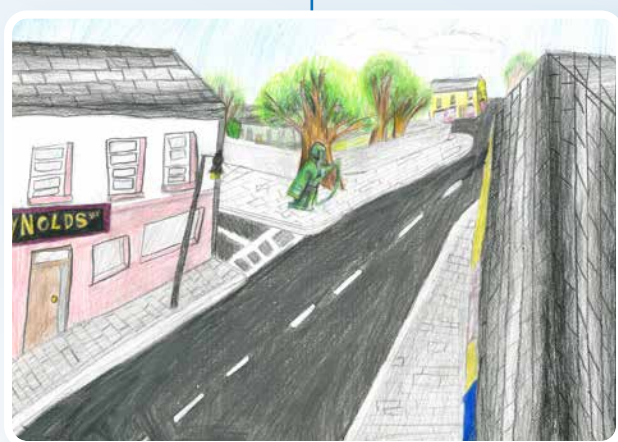


1st Prize

Orla McWeeney (12 years)

My name is Orla Mc Weeney. I am twelve years old and I live in a town called Mohill in county Leitrum, Ireland. I drew some of the clubs in our town. I am part of all of their clubs and I enjoy them all. Our town is a very happy place, where everyone knows everybody. My favourite activity is our football, it's called Gaelic football. I have been playing Gaelic football for eight years now! I also do athletics with Mohill Athletics Club. My dad is the head coach there! My brothers and sister go there too and we all love it.





2nd Prize
Alan O'Beirne (12 years)

This picture is of Main Street in Mohill where I live. Near the centre of the picture is the O'Carolan statue. It is a monument in our town. O'Carolan was a blind harpist that earned money from going from house to house on horseback. He was one of the best harpists in Ireland at the time. Mohill was founded in 451BC. There are many clubs in our towns with multipurpose halls. We also have football, karate, and athletics clubs. This is our town.



3rd Prize
Alicja Kacperek (11 years)

My name is Alicja, I am 11 years old. I live in Mohill Co. Leitrim. Mohill is a small town in Ireland where all the people are very friendly to one another. In my picture, I drew the O'Carolan statue that is located at the bottom of the town, the Catholic Church, Mohill rowing (or kayaking) club, a Gaelic football, our schools and secondary schools crest, Mohill GAAs crest and Lough Rynns Logo. Lough Rynn is a castle where people celebrate special parties like weddings, communions and confirmations.



Coiste Eorpach
na Réigiún

La Scuola Primaria Di "Ruelle"

Aosta, Italy



1st Prize

Alessio Belotti (10 years)

In a really small region like Valle d'Aosta, our families, with their work and their commitment, help to make Europe great.





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2nd Prize

Arianna Beorchia (10 years)

We worked on this project as a group. We each drew our own family. My father is an electrician, my mother works for our local authority, my brother Alessandro is studying at IPRA and wants to be a chef, and I am in school. We are all European citizens.



3rd Prize

Imane El Alloui (10 years)

We studied the history of the European Union: I am happy to be living in Valle d'Aosta and to be a European citizen.



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1st Prize

Paulina Kasparavičiūtė (10 years)

Here is my big family. I'm glad that I have my mum, dad, sisters and grandparents. My Dad travels a lot and often visits Sweden. He feels homesick while he is on a business trip abroad, but we are so happy when he comes home from his trips and we are all together.

We are friendly and we organise different holidays. During holiday time we have lots of fun together and do interesting things. We love when the music is playing and we can play with other kids, participate in competitions, contests. I am looking forward to the holidays. I like Easter. Many kids get together and we roll decorated eggs at that time. Before the Christmas, we make toys to decorate the Christmas tree in our yard.

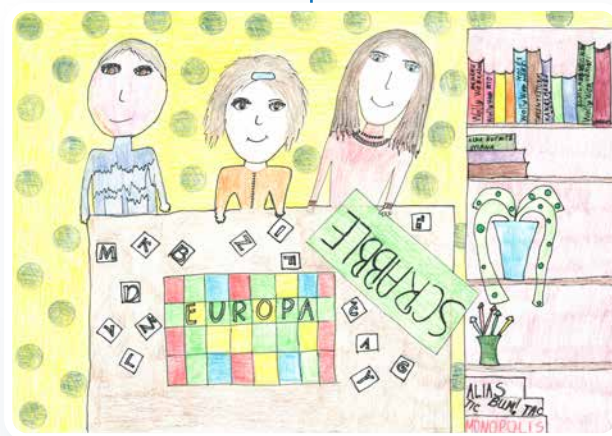
I am happy to live in my native country because I feel very good growing up here.





2nd Prize
Kajus Čeponis (8 years)

We love our country very much. We are proud of our beautiful nature with its greenery and many magnificent buildings from the past. Gediminas Castle is one of them. Grand Duke Gediminas built the castle in the heart of our capital many years ago. Now the Castle is the main symbol of Vilnius City and Lithuania. That was a reason why I chose to draw it in my picture. I was very impressed by the greatness of the castle while I was visiting it in Vilnius with my parents and my younger sister, I loved a beautiful legend about how the building was built and how Vilnius had started, too. It was a beautiful trip and interesting day for our whole family.



3rd Prize
Airida Širvinskaitė (7 years)

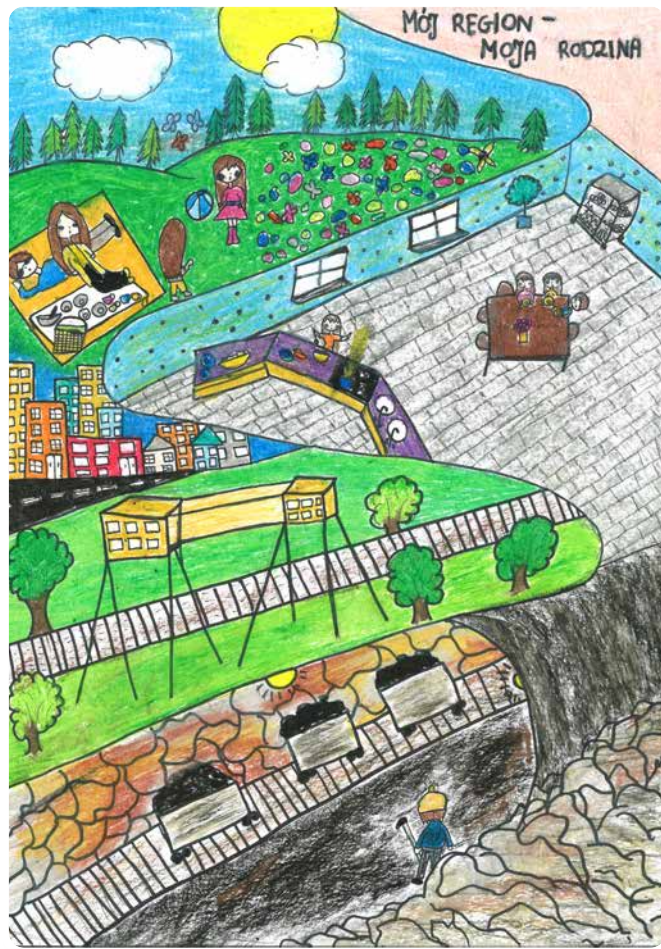
Here you can see our family: my mum, my dad and me. Our family loves playing funny board games. Our favourite game is Scrabble, that is why I chose to draw it. I'm interested in new games that I play together with my friends. My mum sometimes buys new board games that I play with my family in free time.



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Primary School no. 3 in Polkowice

Polkowice, Poland



1st Prize

Milena Liska

(11 years)

My name is Milena Liska. I am 11 years old. I live in a mining town called Polkowice. I go to school here. I spend a lot of time with my family. We go to the sports centre and swimming pool together. There are a lot of facilities in Polkowice. You can find some football pitches and swimming pools here. There is also a skating rink and the cinema. These are places where children, teenagers, adults as well as elderly people can enjoy their free time. Polkowice is my home, my town and my future.





2nd Prize

Weronika Tylewska (12 years)

My name is Weronika Tylewska. I am twelve years old. There are four people in my family: me, my sister and my parents. We live in a mining town called Polkowice. Since we joined European Union our town has become more modern. There are a lot of facilities here where we can spend our free time together. We go to the cinema or walk in the forest. There is a copper mine in Polkowice. Thanks to the mine we are one of the richest regions in Poland. I like spending time with my family. We love our town. It is safe and friendly.



3rd Prize

Blanka Gandža (12 years)

My name is Blanka Gandža and I am twelve years old. I live in a very modern town called Polkowice. My town has been donated by European Union and that is why it has developed a lot. People who live here can use many different facilities. We are a mining town. My dad is a miner. On 4th December all miners have a special holiday. I like my family and my place.



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Szkoła Podstawowa w Jaraczewie

Jaraczewo, Poland



1st Prize

Kinga Kubicka (11 years)

I see the positive benefits of Poland's membership in the European Union. Farmers use this because after completing the relevant applications they receive subsidies for the purchase of machinery and agricultural land. Poland is one of the largest food exporters in the European Union. We can easily cross Europe's borders. There is no control between Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Lithuania.

I see economic growth. We can live in the European Union's area, working abroad, we can get to know other cultures. Thanks to EU funds, the number of wind farms and photovoltaic installations has increased to protect the environment. Money from the EU allowed to cover costs for development of modern sport facilities, stadiums, sport fields – Orliki

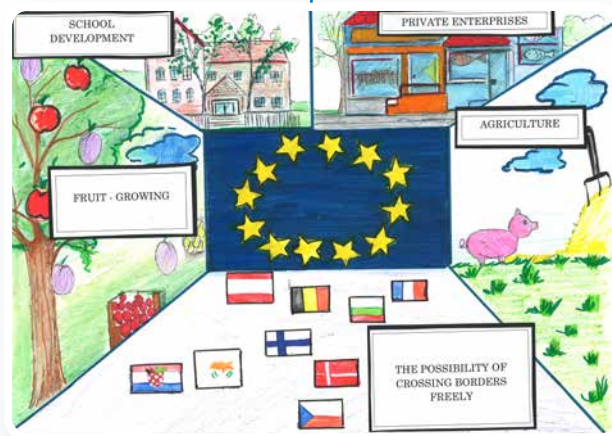




2nd Prize
Kinga Porzucek (11 years)

I owe the happiness of my family to the European Union. We can visit many interesting places in Europe. EU projects are being carried out in my school. We use equipment purchased from EU funds. In my area, farmers benefit from EU subsidies for the purchase of modern agricultural equipment. In my region there are a lot of small entrepreneurs who have developed their business thanks to EU funds.

I regularly participate in additional activities organized in a cultural centre that are co-financed from EU funds.



3rd Prize
Kinga Mikołajczak (11 years)

When I look at the prosperity of my commune in recent years, I can say that Poland's accession to the European Union is one of the greatest decisions our citizens. It is the best gift for my and other families. We have a good future ahead of us thanks to this decision.

Membership in the European Union gives development opportunities for investors in starting own business and developing agriculture. In the European Union, we can freely cross the borders of other countries, educate, travel and work abroad. We have many beautiful roads and highways in Poland.



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Primary School No.9 in Białystok

Białystok, Poland



1st Prize

Adam Schroeder (10 years)

The poster presents a family that is discovering the city of Białystok. The biggest picture shows the Branicki's Palace. In the foreground there are flowers characteristic to Białystok named lryses.

There are families with kids, they are spending their time in the park. They are admiring the beautiful views and places. I was born here and I feel like at home. This is a place where I spend time with my family.





2nd Prize
Michał Derda (10 years)

In this picture there is the stadium in Białystok. Matches of Jagielonia Białystok takes place here. Jagielonia Białystok football club plays in extra class, which is the best polish league.



3rd Prize
Weronika Piekarska (12 years)

In the picture we can see a family flying in the hot air balloon.

At the moment they are flying over the Branicki's Palace. This palace contains a big beautiful garden with different kinds of flowers, near the palace we can see a park with high and old trees. The Branicki's Palace is a historical building in Białystok, Poland.

It was developed on the site of an earlier building in the first half of the 18th century by John Klemens Branicki.

The families like this historical place very much. We were born in this region and we love it.



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1st Prize

Antonia-Maria Dumitru (12 years)

In my drawing I wanted to represent my family and my country with all its riches, customs and traditional food and all the holy events which we spend with our families.

My family helped me and supported me and at the same time with my family I spent beautiful moments.

This is what I wanted to represent in colours.





2nd Prize

Adiela Bianca Dobrescu (10 years)

This topic 'My region, my family' conveys a feeling of relaxation and comfort, because the family represent the most wonderful gift on Earth given us by God.

The sunset represents the everyday love which we feel.



3rd Prize

Ana Maria Mitrescu (12 years)

The heart from the drawing represents the heartbeats when I am with them. Through this drawing, I wanted to show them how much they mean to me and how much I mean to them.

The heart from the drawing is a special one, because in this way I can express my opinion about how a family should be or how to love your family in the way it is.



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1st Prize

Zander Fitzsimmons (11 years)

Scotland. A beautiful place to travel. It's breath-taking views, peace and tranquillity – something which my family and I love to appreciate as often as we can. Whether it is going on walks, climbing hills and mountains or just stopping to take in the view. We celebrate our Scottish culture and our European culture. Scotland is a place that embraces all. A place to feel free.





2nd Prize
Ewan Drummond (10 years)

I am proud to be Scottish and I love living here because we have so much to offer the world. Stunning views, beautiful countryside and lots of places to visit. My picture shows my family and I appreciating the Armadillo and the people from all around the world that perform and visit there. Scotland has a great culture and showcases acts from everywhere!



3rd Prize
James Hagerty (8 years)

I love to watch the sun go down with my family. The colours are just so beautiful. I like the colours and the peace. There's no other place in the world like Scotland for watching the sun go down.



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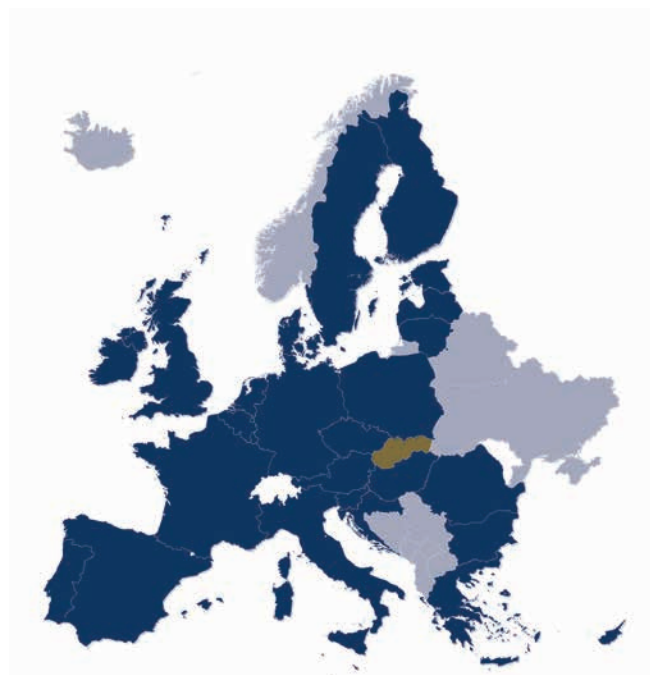
Levoča, Slovakia



1st Prize

Klára Pomikalová (10 years)

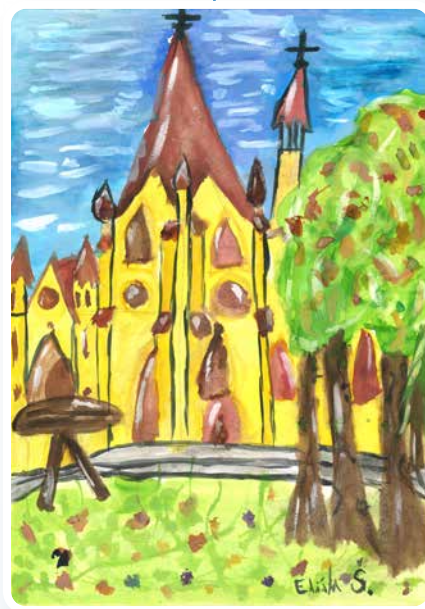
Our family is one of millions of European families. We are a traditional Slovak family made up of mother, father and four children. We live in the historical town of Levoča and we feel fortunate being able to live in the centre, where the beautiful town hall takes pride of place. Our old historical town, too, is part of a bigger Europe. It is only a tiny dot on its map, but to me it is the whole world. Quiet, unassuming and precious.





2nd Prize
Alex Dávid Krátky (9 years)

Slovakia has rich cultural traditions and a very strong and interesting folklore. Every city, village and region has its own folklore with typical costumes. The Slovak nation takes care to safeguard its folklore, and songs, music and dance are passed down from generation to generation. And so my ancestors passed on to me the love of folklore. I am very proud of our traditions and this is why I have tried to express them in art. I hope that this is one way they can be preserved for the future.



3rd Prize
Eliška Špenerová (12 years)

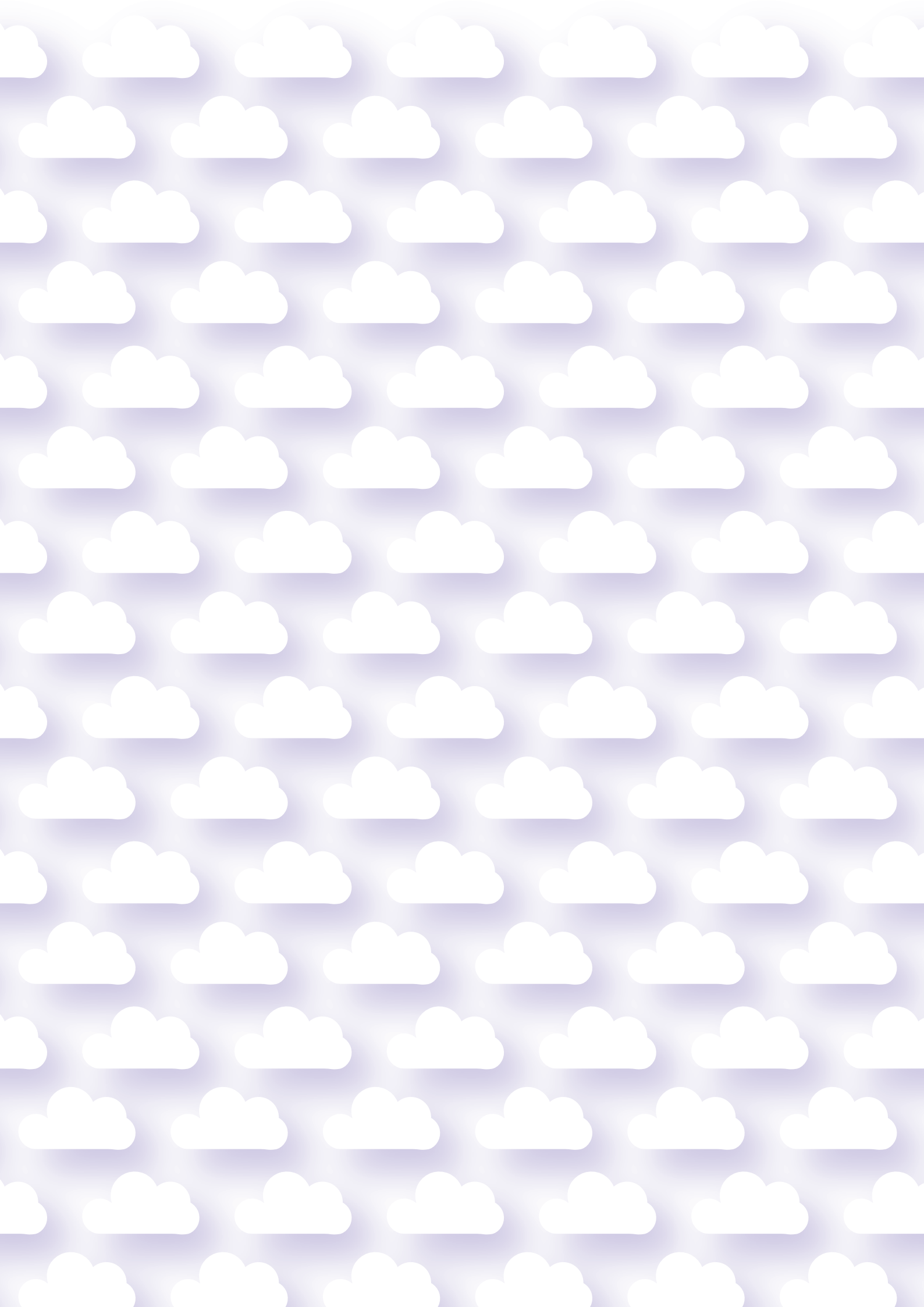
Every country has historical sites and monuments that form part of its history and document the achievement of its inhabitants.

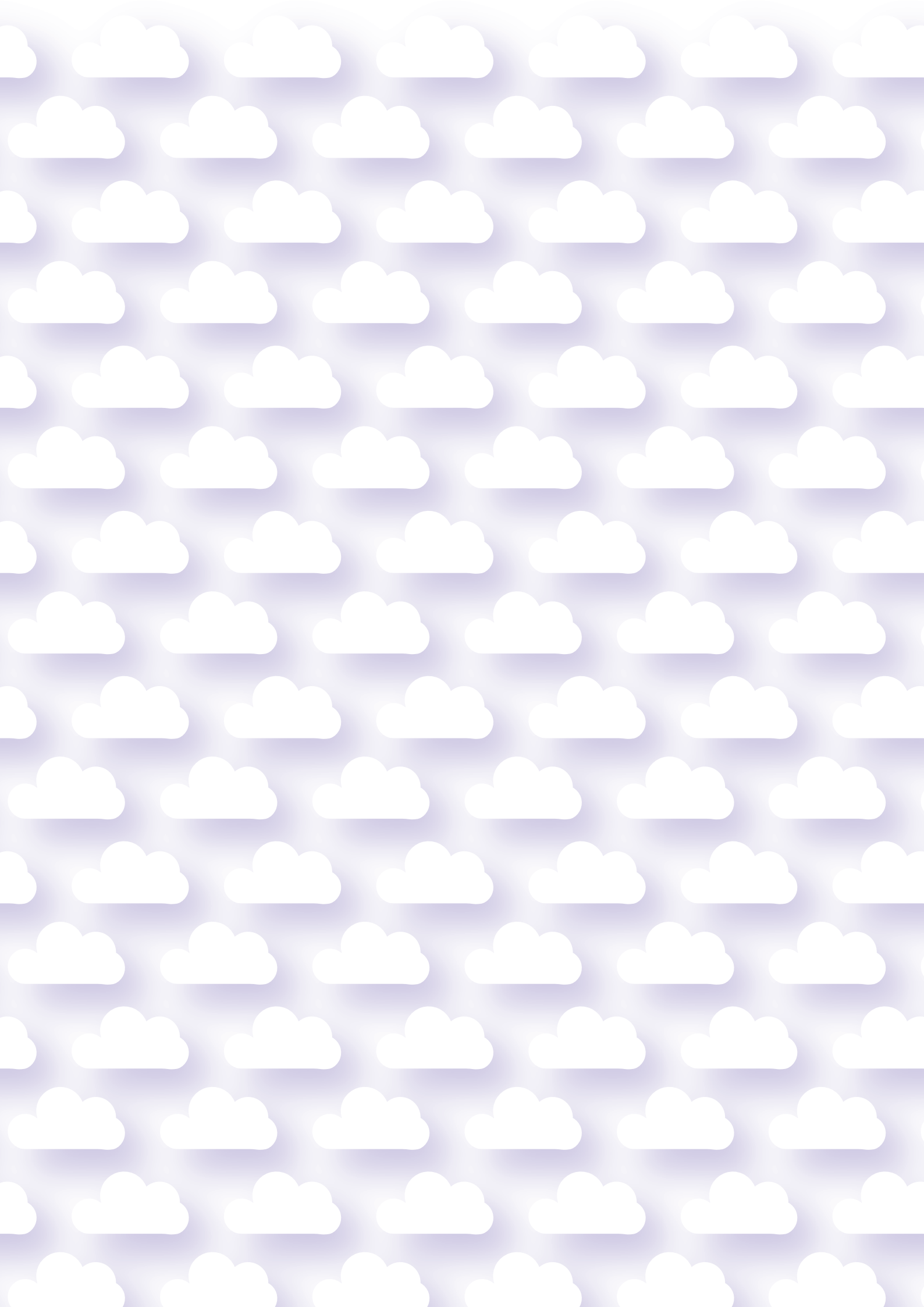
In Slovakia there are a lot of castles, manor houses, churches and other forms of cultural heritage.

My family and I like visiting and getting to know the various cultural sites in our region. I drew this to show the beauty of our church at Mariánska hora in Levoča. Mariánska hora is one of the hills surrounding Levoča. Below the crest of the hill stands the Basilica of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of Slovakia's most popular sites of pilgrimage. It offers views over the town and its wider surroundings. It is a wonderful place, so it would be a pity not to go and see it.



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