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### 'Lens on Development'

is a photo contest organized by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2015, it already had its third edition. The sent-in works chronicled the daily life, culture and problems of people in developing countries and countries in transition.

Out of the 929 photos received, the jury awarded ten photos in three thematic categories:

- *Democracy and human rights in development;*
- *Education and entrepreneurship as the key to a better life;*
- *Impact of the natural environment on human life.*

Presented are selected works which have been awarded in the art and photo competitions staged in the V4 countries.



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our world  
our dignity  
our future

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Art and photo competitions  
organized as part of a joint  
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European Year for Development



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## European Year for Development

The European Union and its Member States are the world's biggest donors of development assistance. For a number of years now Poland, too, has been involved in development cooperation for developing countries. In 2014 alone, Poland allocated close to PLN 1.5 billion to **Official Development Assistance**.

2015 is a special year for development assistance. It marks the deadline for achieving the **Millennium Development Goals**, to which 189 United Nations Member States committed themselves back in 2000. Also, a Summit in New York in September 2015 adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which sets out the **Sustainable Development Goals**.

In view of this, in 2014 the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union decided to proclaim 2015 as the European Year for Development, with the motto 'our world, our dignity, our future'. The main objective of the celebrations is to inform EU residents about development cooperation actions taken by the Member States and the EU as a whole.

Throughout 2015, all the EU Member States have been mounting events to help fulfil aims of the European Year for Development. Among these activities were art and photo competitions organized together by the Visegrad Group countries (Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary). The winning works are featured in this exhibition.

## 'Imagine developing countries after 2030'

was an art contest for pupils and students aged 6–17. Its aim was to raise children's and youth's knowledge about and awareness of global issues and interdependencies. The competition was held at the school, voivodeship and central levels. Winners were selected in three thematic categories:

- *Climate change;*
- *Food security and agriculture;*
- *Working in dignity.*



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