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## Continuing Education Center in Olsztyn

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## THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN POLAND

### The Ministry of National Education and Science

- The main role in initiating and exercising control over current and long-term educational policy is played by the Minister of National Education and Science.
- This Ministry is responsible for nearly the whole system of education.
- National educational policy is developed and carried out **centrally**, while the administration of education and the running of schools, pre-schools institutions and other educational establishments are **decentralised**.

### ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATION SYSTEM

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    A[Central level] --- B[Regional level - the level of voivodship]
    B --- C[District level - the level of powiat]
    C --- D[Local level - the level of commune (gmina)]
  
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### ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATION SYSTEM

**District level** - the level of *powiat* (administrative unit)

- Powiaty exercise control over:
  - Upper secondary general schools, **technical secondary schools**, **specialised secondary schools**, basic vocational schools,
  - **Post-secondary schools**,
  - Public special schools,
  - Artistic schools, sport schools, lifelong education centers,
  - Out-of-school education centers,
  - Psychological and pedagogical guidance centers.

### Continuing Education Centers (CKU)

- **Continuing Education Centers** (*Centra Kształcenia Ustawicznego*) and **Practical Education Centers** (*Centra Kształcenia Praktycznego*) are the most common public education institutions and play an important role in preparing and implementing modern curricula and methods in adult education.
- CKUs are multifunction education units which aim at the training and in-service training of adults in schools or during out-of-school activities.

- The centers are also targeted at the co-operation with labour offices with respect to the retraining of staff and to the co-operation with continuing education organisers both in Poland and abroad.

#### • The centers main tasks:

- ✓ award qualification titles,
- ✓ extension of general knowledge on different levels,
- ✓ co-operate with labour offices and employers in the field of retraining,
- ✓ co-operate with adult education organisations in Poland and abroad,
- ✓ organise extra-mural examinations,
- ✓ publish handbooks and other teaching materials for students,
- ✓ improve methods of adult education.



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✓Our institution is situated in Olsztyn – the capital of Warmia and Mazury region in the north-east of Poland;

✓Olsztyn is a picturesque city located amid clean lakes and forests;

✓Our school and the boarding school are located in picturesque part of Olsztyn between two lakes, near the municipal forest and not so far away from the old town.




✓We are public school;

✓Our institution has existed since 1976 and during 30 years its structure has changed;

✓In 2002 the Continuing Education Centre was added; it is separated institution from our secondary school and has different statutory aims;

✓This school year 2006/07 there are 842 students in secondary schools (around ¼ of them stay in our boarding school) and 73 students in our schools for adults;



✓Our school is well equipped; we have well educated and experienced teachers. This school year 2006/07 there are 81 teachers;

✓There are workshops and laboratories for practical vocational trainings;

✓The lessons for youth students are provided on daily basis from Monday to Friday, whereas at schools for adults lessons/lectures take place at the weekends.



### ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF OUR SCHOOL


Our school offers education for youth and adult students:

Schools for youth

- ✦ Technical secondary school, period of studying: 4 years (age 16 - 20):
  - Electrician
  - Electronic
  - Telecommunication
  - Mechatronics

CKU - Schools for adults - for students over 18


- ✦ Post-secondary school (extramural), period of studying 2 years (4 semesters):
  - Electrician
  - Electronic



### SCHOOLS FOR ADULTS THE CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER in OLSZTYN

✓The Continuing Education Centre in Olsztyn is public education institution and it aims at:

- training
- retraining
- upgrading
- qualification improvement
- in-service training




- ✓ We are relatively young school, we exist only 3 years so we are eager to gain some experience;
- ✓ We can use all the equipment and facilities from secondary school, and we can rely on our teachers from secondary schools;
- ✓ Our target groups: young adults, people living in rural or disadvantaged areas, unemployed people, people with insecure jobs and local community groups;
- ✓ We co-operate with local labour offices and employers in the field of retraining and in-service training of staff, we offer them our courses, teachers or well-equipped classrooms.



✓ In 2005 we also took part in PHARE and get some money for mechatronics laboratory;

✓ Our school took part in the programme PHARE 2001 "Modernisation of Vocational Education Offer";

✓ There were also, financed by European Union, the MOVE Programme- Modernisation of Vocational Education. In our school the programme started in 1995 and included three subjects: informatics, economics of the enterprise and physics with astronomy.



### FUTURE of THE CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER in OLSZTYN

- ✓ We plan to open 4 year technical secondary school for adults;
- ✓ Enrich our educational offer (languages, other vocational training, and informatics);
- ✓ Start new profiles in post-secondary school.

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### CO-OPERATION WITH SCHOOLS ABROAD

- ✓ The school started its co-operation with schools abroad over 10 years ago;
- ✓ In the 80s there were several exchanges with the students from the schools in Germany - Barth and Branderburg;
- ✓ In the 90s the new contacts with partners from abroad were established;
- ✓ In the years 1992 - 1994 members of the school theatre „Formy” paid some visits to the French students from Brittany.

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- ✓ Between 1993 and 2002 there was an exchange of 20 - 25 students with the Heinrich-Heine - Gymnasium in Bottrop, Germany. The programmes of such visits were very rich and included: attending some lectures, sightseeing, meetings with the local authorities, cultural and sports events;
- ✓ Now there is an exchange with the school in Offenburg, Germany. In this case the students do some scientific projects. This year we met for the sixth time;
- ✓ In 2004 we started co-operation with Chaptal Secondary School in St. Brieuc in France and now we are working on students exchange.

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### OUR SCHOOL - PHOTO GALLERY

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