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450 years of The Union of Lublin

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450TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING THE UNION OF LUBLIN

2019 plays a significant role in the history of our city. This year marks the **15th anniversary of Poland's accession to the European Union** and the **450th anniversary of signing the Union of Lublin**. To emphasize this important event, **2019 was established as the Year of the Union of Lublin** by the Resolution of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland of 20th July 2018.

In 2015, the City of Lublin and objects related to the conclusion of the Union of Lublin were **honored with the European Heritage Label** - a distinction awarded to objects, both tangible and intangible, which are of a fundamental importance to Europe's history and cultural heritage. **The Polish-Lithuanian Union was an important event** in the history of not only Lublin and Poland, but **of the whole Europe**, among others due to its peaceful, partnership and compromise nature. The Union concluded in 1569 guaranteed mutual national and religious tolerance and equal state rights in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. It is an European heritage, constituting the archetype of the European Union in building a federation of states and civil societies of modern Europe. It was in Lublin already in the sixteenth century that values and ideas were emphasized, which in time served as the foundations of the European Union and Lublin and thanks to the Union of Lublin, became a peculiar source of modern Europe, a common Europe of many nations, cultures and people. Thanks to these exceptional celebrations, Lublin has the opportunity to recall its important role in shaping the European community of nations.

Celebrating this year under the slogan **"From the Union of Lublin to the European Union"** and showing how to derive and build the future of the European Union from the heritage and experience of the Lublin Union, we would like to recall the words of St. John Paul II. The program of celebrations "From the Union of Lublin to the European Union", prepared on this occasion, includes the organization of, among others, a number of cultural events, concerts, exhibitions, performances and conferences organized during the year. The **main celebrations were scheduled for 1 May - 1 July 2019**, covering two important anniversaries: the 15th anniversary of Poland's accession to the European Union (**1 May**) and the 450th anniversary of the signing the Union of Lublin (**1 July**). **Twinned towns, Lublin schools and universities as well as many scientific and cultural institutions** in the country and abroad actively participated in the organization of events.

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1 July is established as the Day of the Polish Sejm by the Resolution of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland on 12 June 2015 and the Day of the Union of Lublin in accordance with the Resolution No. 292 / X / 2015 of the City Council of Lublin on 22 October 2015.

[See the comic book about Union for children \("The secret of a stolen seal"\)](#)

Check the detailed program of events below:

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