The background of the image is the Polish flag, featuring a white upper half and a red lower half, with a wavy texture suggesting movement. The word "POLAND" is centered in the white section.

POLAND

Polska

Poland has a population of over 38.5 million people

The total area of Poland is 312,679 square kilometres



Polish Flag



Polish national emblem





Poland is a unitary state made up of 16 voivodeships

The most important events in
the history of Poland

In 996 Polish first ruler Mieszko I adopted Christianity over the territory similar to that of present-day Poland



In 1025 The Kingdom of Poland
was formed



In 1569 Poland cemented a long association with the Grand Duchy of Lithuania by signing the Union of Lublin, forming the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth



In 1795 the Polish lands were partitioned among the Kingdom of Prussia, the Russian Empire, and Old Austria.



World War I 1914-1918

Poland regained its independence as the Second Polish Republic in 1918



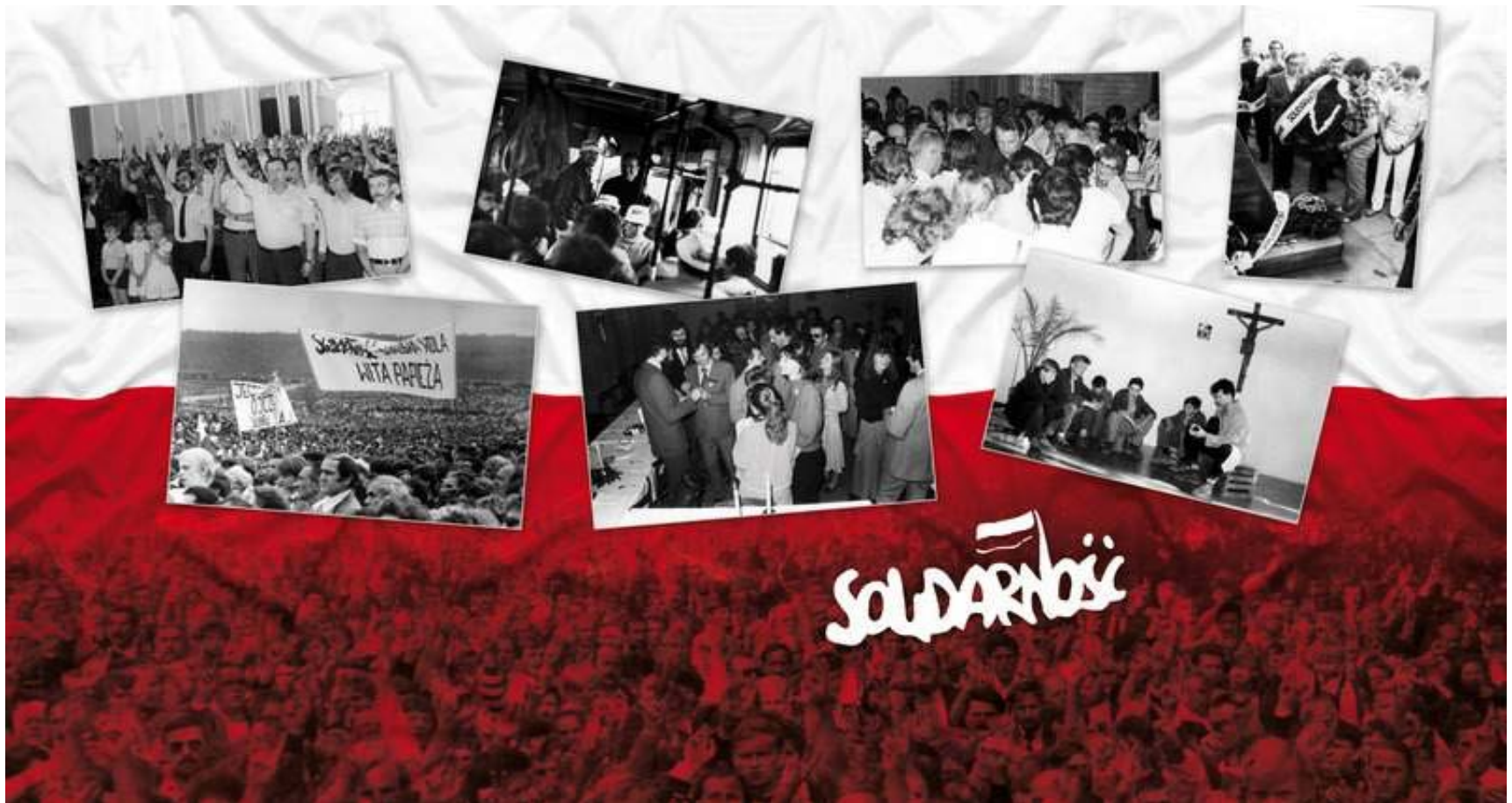
In 1939 Nazi Germany and Soviet Union invaded Poland thus starting the II World War. Over six million Polish citizens died in the war.



In 1952 The People's Republic was declared although Poland was a client state of the Soviet Union from the closing days of the war.



During the Revolutions of 1989 with the great role of Solidarność, the communist state was overthrown and democratic rule was re-established in the form of the current Poland, constitutionally known as the "Third Polish Republic".





Poland joined the NATO in 1999
and became a member of the European Union
on 1 May 2004

Poland is also a member of the World Trade Organization, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), European Economic Area, International Energy Agency, Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, International Atomic Energy Agency, European Space Agency, G6, Council of the Baltic Sea States, Visegrád Group, Weimar Triangle and Schengen Agreement.

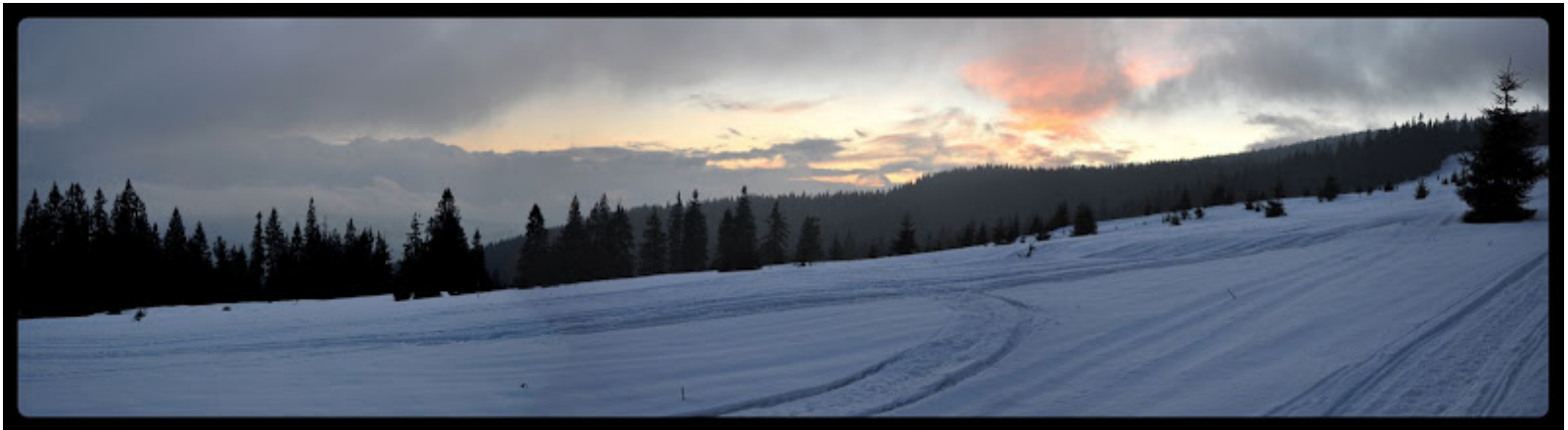
Latest great event was EURO 2012



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The beauty of Poland

Poland is a country of diverse landscapes.
Our mountains are breathtaking...



Tatra Mountains are the highest
and the most majestic...









Mazury region is famous for its lakes





In our country there are many interesting towns to visit. One of them is our capital city Warszawa – almost completely destroyed during the II World War, until today has been constantly being rebuilt. Here, old buildings coexist with the most modern pieces of architecture.









Another big city is Gdańsk, located at the estuary of Wisła into the Baltic Sea









