



Issues for the third youth meeting Gdańsk, 26 – 31 .07.2010

1. Higher education: private vs. public?

In Poland there is a discussion about the most effective system of higher education. Some people defend free access, but some are for partly paid education (by government and students).

2. National culture and globalization: variety vs. unification.

Globalization gives many opportunities but on the other hand it brings challenges, particularly for the cultural diversity. What is globalization: threat or opportunity?

3. System of state administration: centralization vs. decentralization

In Poland, after the fall of communism, the political system was reformed. In many European countries the administrative structure has its own specifics: some are centralized and some are not. There are also mixed systems. What are the differences between them and which is better?

4. The EU Cohesion Policy: equal treatment vs. support of the “least well-off”

The new members of the European Union (which joined the EU after 2004) actively participate in the European regional policy which gives governments great opportunity to develop the infrastructure of some disadvantaged regions.

5. Football in Europe: sport or business?

With the millions of euros that are flowing in this field – is it still a sport or has it become a business? Sport for the masses or business for a few? Should there be interventions to avoid these movements of huge amounts of money?

6. Religion as a part of national culture vs. respecting the principles of civil society

In the modern world, there is a discussion about how deep religious values should interfere with the social life. In some countries, governments prohibit covering faces by *hijabs*. According to Amnesty International, it is a violation of the rights of Muslim women. On the other hand, immigrants or minority groups should respect the local tradition, or they can practice their religion regardless of the local customs?