

## Euroregion "Niemen"

**Euroregions are transborder areas in frames of which there is guided cooperation between units representing regions of two or more countries ( self government territory units). Each of them is appointed and functions under the internal law of a particular country. The aim of euroregions is development of economics cooperation development, infrastructure extension, environmental protection as well as tourism and culture / educational activity.**

Sixteen euroregions were established within Polish borders. In the area of the Podlaskie Voivodeship there are two of them:

The Niemen Euroregion and The Puszcza Biaowieska Euroregion.

### The Niemen Euroregion

The interborder union Niemen Euroregion was formed on 6 July 1997 on the power of a multilateral understanding concluded by representatives of: Suwalskie Voivodeship (Poland), Alytus and Mariampol regions (Lithuania) and Grodzieńskie Voivodeship (Belarussia). A Euroregion was established with the purpose of intensifying social, economic and political contacts between these areas which are connected by a common geographical, historical and cultural inheritance.

At present The Niemen Euroregion consists of:

-Polish district: Podlaskie Voivodeship (excluding certain parts of the former Łomżyńskie Voivodeship), part of the

Warmińsko – Mazurskie Voivodeship (communities composing the former Suwalskie Voivodeship);

-Lithuanian district: Alytus, Mariampol and Vilno regions;

-Belarussian district: Grodzieńskie Voivodeship;

-Russian district: Czerniachowsk, Gusiew, Oziersk, Krasnoznamensk and Niestierow (Kaliningrad District) regions.

The aim of an understanding within a given Euroregion is the development of border regions cooperation in the following spheres:

-comprehensive economic development,

-spatial management plan,

-public infrastructure,

-education, health protection, culture, sport and tourism,

-flood and food disasters,

-improving contacts between the inhabitants of border areas, institutional cooperation and also cooperation of economical units.

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