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'EU membership – pros and cons' was the subject of our discussion in February. Since in four months Poland will hold the presidency in the European Union and we have been a member state for seven years now, the time is ripe to analyse all advantages and disadvantages which EU membership brings. Among the debaters there were both eurosceptics and euroenthusiasts, but most of them were rather eurorealists who surprisingly well understand that in order to gain something you need to resign from other things. As an example they emphasised how many more opportunities to develop better we had in such fields as education and economy. Our agriculture is subsidised, people have the right to travel freely, to choose where they want to work, students can be granted scholarships to study at the best universities in Europe and facilities in Polish schools are upgraded thanks to the funds obtained from various European programmes. However, our cultural identity and politics may suffer. They also agreed that there was too much bureaucracy and some of the regulations were senseless and impossible to implement in Poland. Generally it was a very substantial debate and all the students were really willing to participate in it.

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