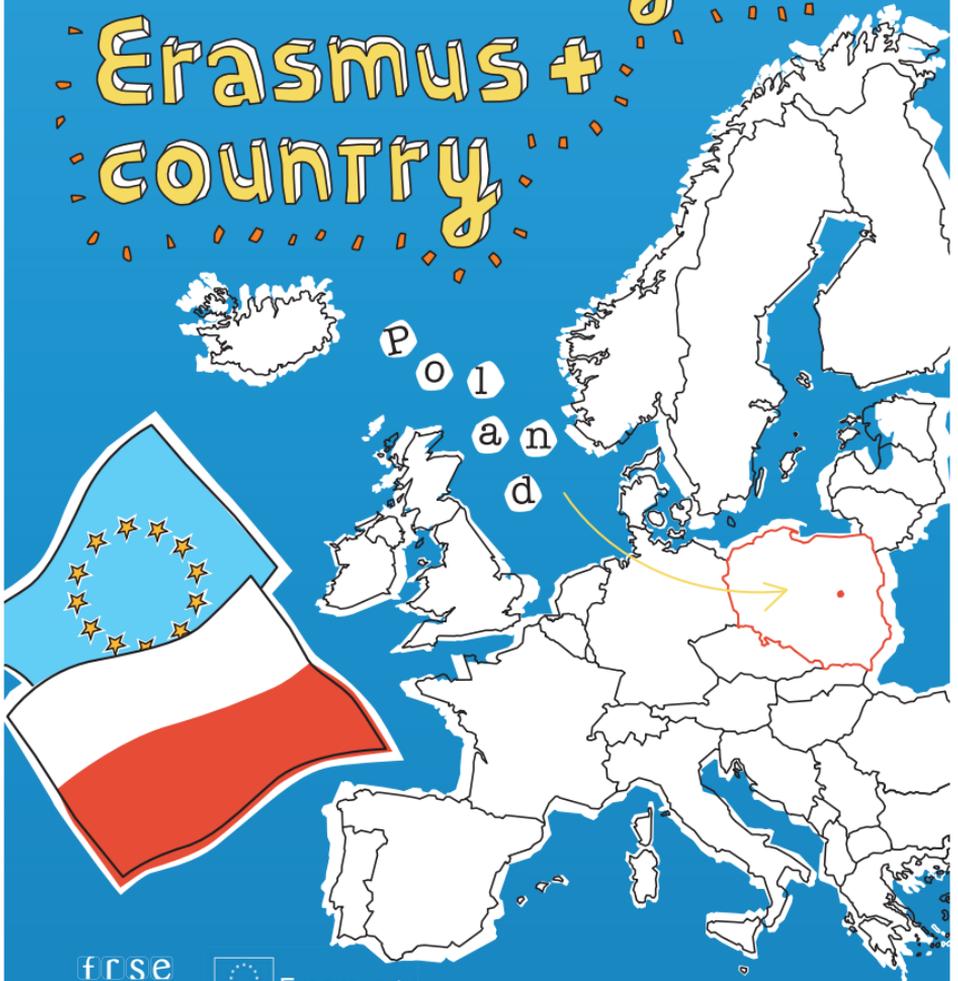
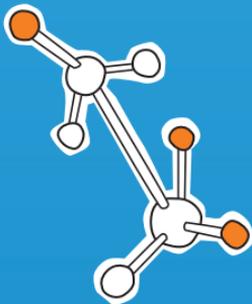


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- The term 'vitamine' was created by Kazimierz Funk (1884-1967), a biochemist of Polish origin, who discovered vitamin B1.
- The designations of blood types: 0, A, B and AB were introduced by Ludwik Hirszfeld (1884-1954), a Polish microbiologist, serologist and immunologist who discovered the inheritance of blood types and the rhesus (Rh) factor.

FAMOUS POLISH SCIENTISTS:

- **Nicolaus Copernicus** (1473-1543) was a Renaissance astronomer and the first European to contend that it is the Sun, not the Earth, that is at the centre of the Solar System.
- **Maria Skłodowska-Curie** (1867-1934) was a physicist-chemist famous for her pioneering research on radioactivity.
- **Stefan Banach** (1892-1945) was a mathematics prodigy who founded one of the most important mathematical fields – functional analysis.
- **Zbigniew Religa** (1938-2009) was a cardiac surgeon and Minister of Health from 2005 to 2007; he was a pioneer in human heart transplantation in Poland.
- **Aleksander Wolszczan** (born 1946) is an astronomer who found the first evidence for the existence of an extrasolar planetary system and pulsar planets in 1992.
- **Andrzej Udalski** (born 1957) is an astronomer and leader of the Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment. This project, run since 1992, has already brought numerous breakthrough discoveries, including discoveries of many planets outside our solar system.



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