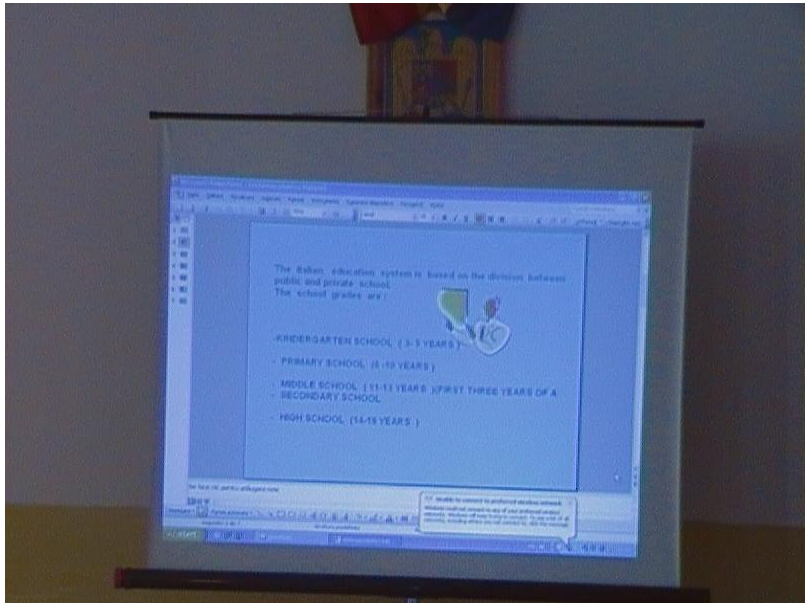
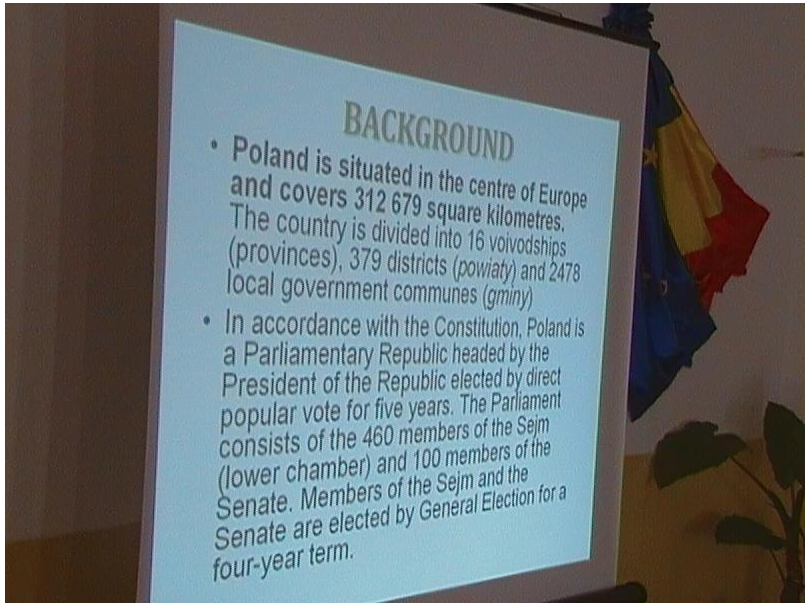
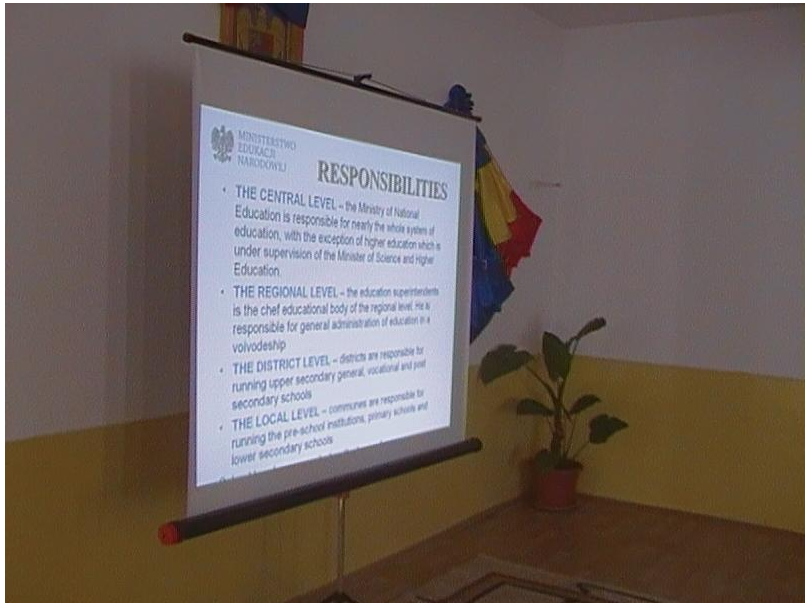

The Italian education system is based on the division between public and private schools.
The school grades are :
-KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL (3- 5 YEARS)
- PRIMARY SCHOOL (6 -10 YEARS)
- MIDDLE SCHOOL (11-13 YEARS)(FIRST THREE YEARS OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL (14-18 YEARS)


BACKGROUND
• Poland is situated in the centre of Europe and covers 312 679 square kilometres. The country is divided into 16 voivodships (provinces), 379 districts (*powiaty*) and 2478 local government communes (*gminy*)
• In accordance with the Constitution, Poland is a Parliamentary Republic headed by the President of the Republic elected by direct popular vote for five years. The Parliament consists of the 460 members of the Sejm (lower chamber) and 100 members of the Senate. Members of the Sejm and the Senate are elected by General Election for a four-year term.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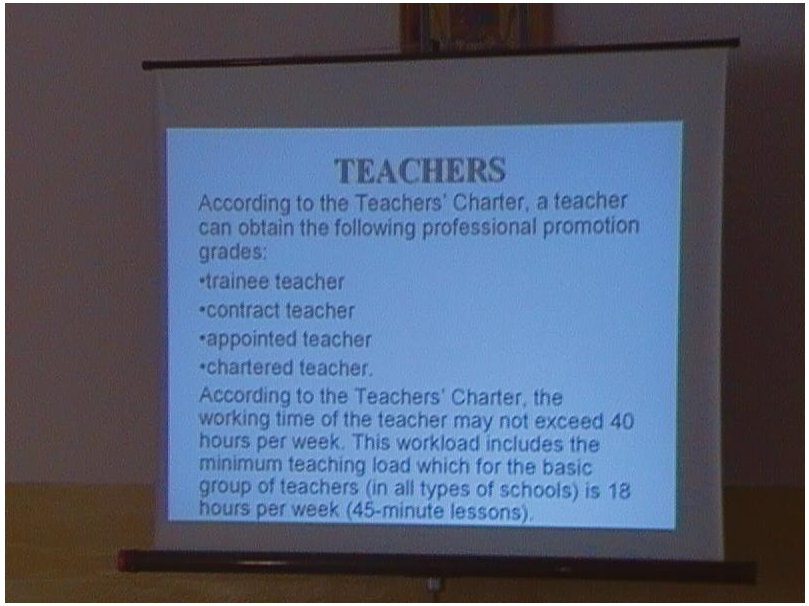
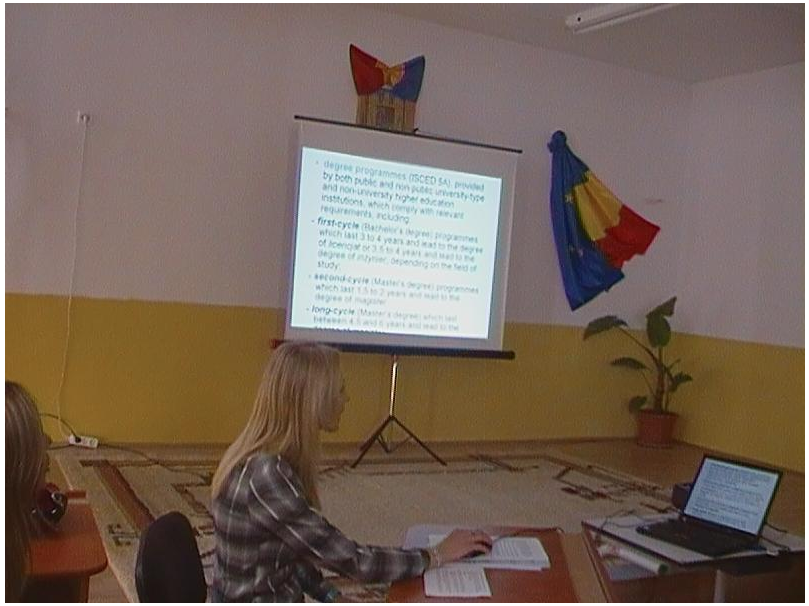
RESPONSIBILITIES
THE CENTRAL LEVEL – the Ministry of National Education is responsible for nearly the whole system of education, with the exception of higher education which is under supervision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education.
THE REGIONAL LEVEL – the education superintendents is the chief educational body of the regional level, he is responsible for general administration of education in a voivodeship
THE DISTRICT LEVEL – districts are responsible for running upper secondary general, vocational and post secondary schools
THE LOCAL LEVEL – communes are responsible for running the pre-school institutions, primary schools and lower secondary schools

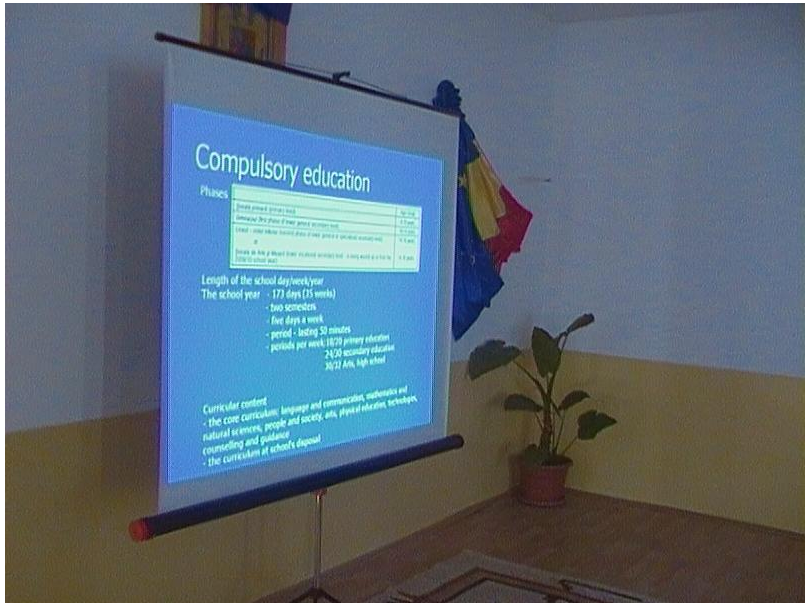

TEACHERS
According to the Teachers' Charter, a teacher can obtain the following professional promotion grades:
•trainee teacher
•contract teacher
•appointed teacher
•chartered teacher.
According to the Teachers' Charter, the working time of the teacher may not exceed 40 hours per week. This workload includes the minimum teaching load which for the basic group of teachers (in all types of schools) is 18 hours per week (45-minute lessons).



General Objectives

UNITATE
DIVERSITATE

Pre-primary education
Kindergartens:
1. normal (5 hours per day)
2. extended (10 hours per day)
3. weekly programme (5 days per week)
Groups:
Low group (3- to 4 years)
Middle group (4- to 5 years)
Grand group (5- to 6 years)
School preparatory group (6 to 7-years)


Compulsory education
Phases
Length of the school day/week/year
The school year - 177 days (35 weeks)
- two semesters
- five days a week
- period - lasting 50 minutes
- periods per week; 18/20 primary education
24/30 secondary education
30/32 Arts, high school
Curricular content
- the core curriculum: language and communication, mathematics and natural sciences, people and society, arts, physical education, technologies, counselling and guidance
- the curriculum at school's disposal