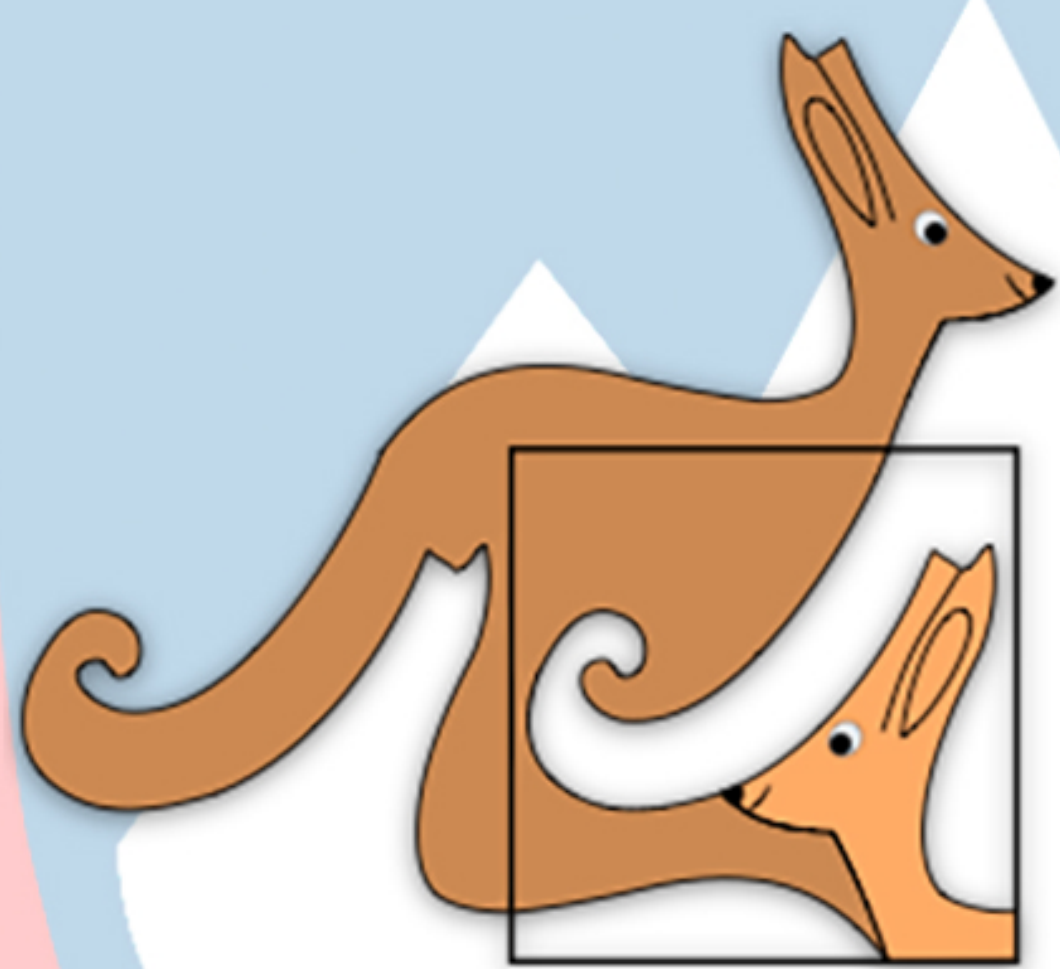


Since 1995, Slovenia has participated in the competition International Mathematical Kangaroo, one of the most widely known competitions for school students. The eligibility range has been gradually increasing – currently, all primary, high school and university students are able to participate. In 2017 altogether more than 90 000 Slovenian students took part in this competition. A trip to Salzburg, Vienna or Venice is organised annually for the best performing primary school students who also score well on the national competition.



The national competition in mathematics for students, existing in some form for over half a century, plays a big part in popularising mathematics among primary and high school students. It is named after Jurij Vega, a renowned Slovenian 18th century mathematician. Older primary school and all high school students are eligible to participate, receiving certificates if they perform well, with the highest ranked students in each category receiving a small reward.



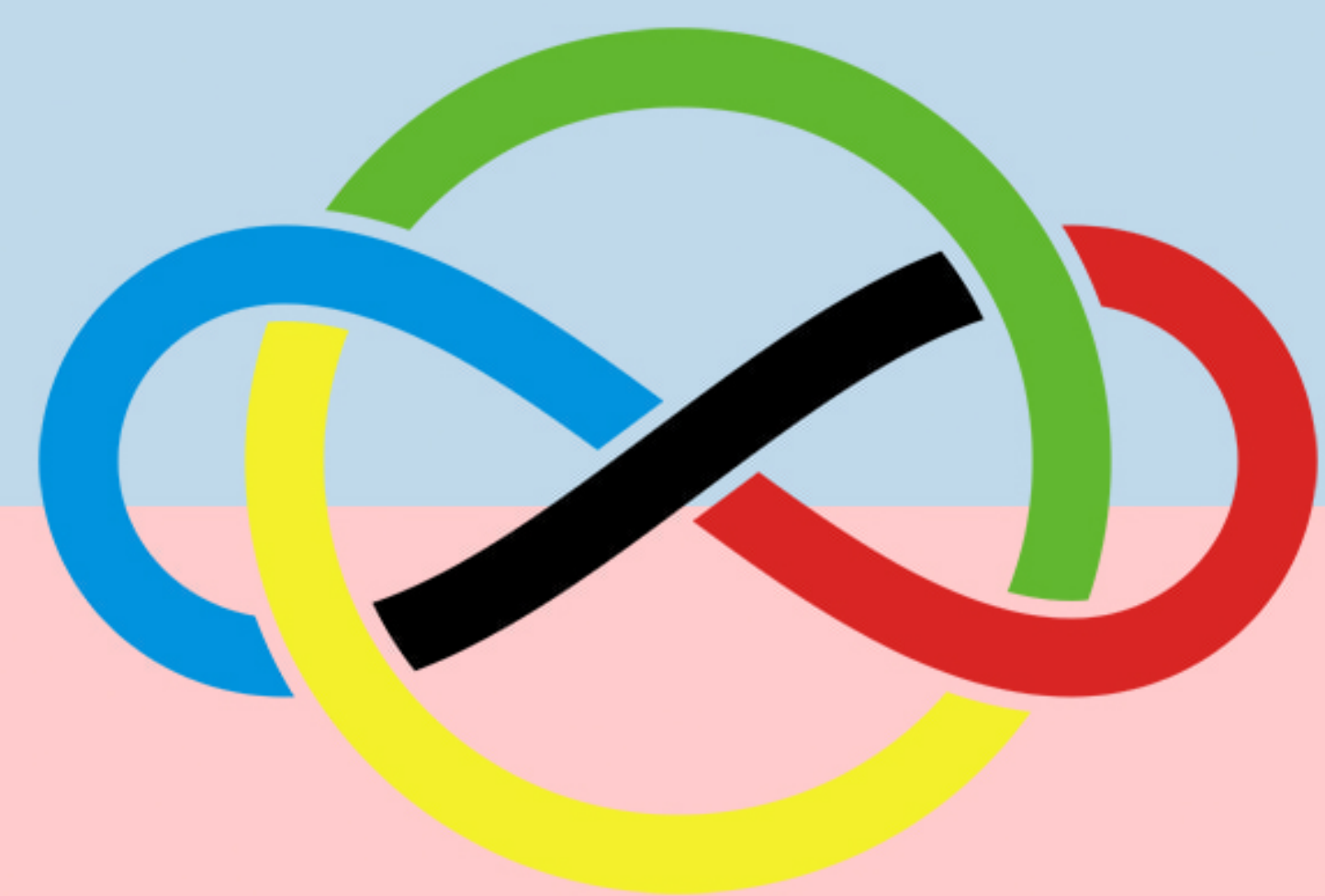
In late August, a camp named MaRS is organised for high school students. In slightly over a week, the participants engage in various activities, including mathematically oriented workshops, lectures, outdoor activities and boardgames. The core aim is research – throughout the week, the students work in groups, each researching a certain subject under the guidance of university students. The camp concludes with the groups presenting their projects to the other students and their parents.



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Slovenia is a partner in the Erasmus+ Meria project, consisting of experts and institutions from four countries, also including Croatia, Denmark and the Netherlands. The project aims to promote mathematics among students through showing it to be relevant, interesting and applicable, displaying its usefulness in everyday situations, motivation behind mathematical ideas and encouraging the kind of education that would help achieve those goals. Further information about the project can be found on the website:

<http://www.meria-project.eu/>



Slovenia has selected teams for a variety of international competitions since its independence, most notably the IMO, MEMO and EGMO. The selection process for those competitions consists of a number of lectures, over the course of which the students get acquainted with the required topics, three selection tests and the final round of the national competition. Students selected through the process are additionally required to solve a certain number of problems given as homework over the course of the year in order to qualify.