



OUR EUROPEAN COUNTRYSIDE

ISSN 2545-1332

4/2022

Photo: Język Orzechowski

Land in winter

BULLETIN OF THE NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK OF THE WIELKOPOLSKA REGION



EUROPEAN UNION



„European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas”.



WIELKOPOLSKA
REGION



Rural
Development
Programme
for 2014-2020

The publication prepared by Department of Rural Development Programmes in the Marshal Office of Wielkopolska Region in Poznań. The publication co-financed from the European Union funds under the National Rural Network of the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020. The Managing Authority of the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 - the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

FOREWORD



Krzysztof Grabowski
Deputy Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region

Dear Sir or Madam,

2022 was full of many events and initiatives important for our region. Thanks to the funds from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the countryside in Wielkopolska is getting more beautiful every year. You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the significant activities undertaken by the Self-Government of the Wielkopolska Region aimed at improving the situation of rural residents.

In connection with the extension of the Rural Development Program 2014-2020 by two years, the Board of the Wielkopolska Region announced in 2022 three calls for applications for granting aid. One was related to water and sewage management, the other to land consolidation, and the last to the construction or modernization of local roads. The interest of beneficiaries in submitting applications was very high, which confirms the purposefulness of actions taken by the local government, as well as constant needs in the field of investment in the basic technical infrastructure.

In this issue of "Our European Countryside" we are presenting to you a project important from the point of view of local development, implemented by "Fundacja ze Smakiem" in the Brudzew commune in the Turek powiat. An innovative approach to the development of a local product has resulted in the creation of a place for lovers of good food called Kitchen Incubator in Krwony.

You are also invited to read the report from the Natura FOOD & beECO Fair, during which numerous visitors could get to know the rich offer of certified organic products. Live cooking shows conducted by famous Polish chefs were an interesting point of the fair.

On the pages of the last edition this year, we are presenting results of the photo competition "RDP in the lens". Interest in the competition was very high, and the selection of the winners was quite a challenge for Jury members.

Publisher:

Self-government of Wielkopolska Region
Al. Niepodległości 34,
61-714 Poznań



Text and development:

Regional Unit of the National Network of Rural Areas
Department of Rural Development Programs Marshal's
Office of the Wielkopolska Region
al. Niepodległości 34, 61-714 Poznań
telephone number 61 626 60 00
e-mail: ksow@umww.pl
www.wielkopolskie.ksow.pl, www.dprow.umww.pl

Graphic design:

EGD Design
Andrzej Tokarski
www.grafikadlafirm.pl

Printing:

ZAPOL Sobczyk sp.j.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RDP

RDP beneficiaries implement water and sewage investments

Sustainable development of rural areas strongly depends on the quality of basic services in the areas. Among them, investments related to water and sewage management play a very important role. The level of sewage and water supply in rural areas in Poland is still insufficient. In the first quarter of 2022, the Self-Government of the Wielkopolska Region announced the third call for proposals for the financing of operations of this type in the current EU budget perspective. Beneficiaries have as much as PLN 145 million at their disposal. On the pages of the newsletter, we are looking at projects that have already been implemented and for which funds have been disbursed in recent months.

- *Wielkopolska local governments, including municipal companies in which only municipalities have shares, have so far submitted 152 payment applications. The co-financing value paid from the EU funds is nearly PLN 107 million. Soon we will support other tasks important for local communities and related to water and sewage management - says Krzysztof Grabowski, Deputy Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region. Strzałkowo Commune is*

one of the beneficiaries which settled their completed investment in the Słupca powiat. The commune implemented the project called "Construction of a sanitary sewage system and water supply network in the town of Strzałkowo and the town of Wólka, and equipment for the Water Treatment Plant in Skarboszewo". The co-financing obtained under the RDP for the years 2014-2020 allowed to support local development



Photo: Marshal Office of the Wielkopolska Region

Co-financing from the RDP funds for 2014-2020 allowed for equipping the Skarboszewo Water Treatment Station in the Strzałkowo commune with rapid filters with an aerator and an inverter.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RDP



The town and commune of Grabów at the Prosna river obtained funds from the RDP 2014-2020 for the implementation of the water and sewage investment.

in the rural commune of Strzałkowo by ordering water and sewage management in the towns of Strzałkowo, Wólka and Skarboszewo. As part of the project, the Water Treatment Plant in Skarboszewo was also equipped to ensure water supply with parameters compliant with the applicable standards. The total amount of co-financing from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development was PLN 947,476.53. The obtained funding enabled constructing 3.4 km of collective sewage systems for municipal wastewater as well as constructing and reconstructing a total of nearly 500 meters of the water supply system.

In the Rozdrażew commune, located in the Krotoszyn powiat, a project called "Construction of a sanitary sewage system and reconstruction of the water supply system in Dzielice, Rozdrażew commune" was completed. The scope of the works carried out included the performance of earthworks for sanitary collectors and a water supply network. Laying nearly 2 km of gravity sanitary sewage pipelines in the trenches was an important stage of the investment, as well as laying a pressure pipeline from pipes along the length of nearly 1 km, and the execution of 71 400-meter long sewage connections. A sewage pumping station was also constructed and nearly 800 m of a water supply system was reconstructed. The total amount obtained by the Rozdrażew Commune was PLN 1,397,832.

"Construction of a sanitary sewage system with pipe sections to property boundaries in Słomowo" is an investment carried out in the commune of Września by Przedsiębiorstwo Wodociągów i Kanalizacji Sp. z o.o. The amount of co-financing

of PLN 1,666,099.00 was allocated to the construction of a sanitary sewage system in accordance with the material scope of the task, which included earth demolition works, installation works, road works, hardening the area at a compressor station, as well as geodetic and cartographic services. Thanks to the investment, 3.65 km of sewage systems for municipal wastewater were constructed in the Września commune.

The town and commune of Grabów at the Prosna river in the Ostrzeszów powiat settled the project called "Expansion of the water treatment plant in Bukownica and construction of a sanitary sewage system with a sewage pumping station in Grabów at the Prosna river along streets called: St. Janickiego, 3-Maja, Ledóchowskiego". As part of this task, 0.999 km of a pressure and gravity sanitary sewage system along with a sewage pumping station in Grabów at the Prosna river was constructed, and the Water Treatment Plant in Bukownica was expanded with an additional water storage tank with technological fittings, which gives the water flowing from taps such properties that meet the prescribed standards. The total amount of funds disbursed was PLN 729,165.

Thanks to the co-financing of the above-mentioned investments from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the number of recipients using the improved water supply and sewage infrastructure has increased, the volume of treated wastewater has increased and the number of connections to the constructed and reconstructed water supply and sewage networks has increased.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RDP

New local roads will be constructed in Wielkopolska - the third call for proposals has been completed

The Self-government of the Wielkopolska Region allocated additional funds to support communes and poviat in the construction or modernization of local roads. Funds in the amount of more than PLN 120 million come from the Rural Development Program for 2014-2020. On August 19, 2022, the Regional Board announced a call for applications, it lasted from September 19 to October 3, 2022.

For the third time, beneficiaries of the RDP 2014-2020 could take advantage of the possibility of co-financing road investments. Thanks to the extension of the RDP 2014-2020 implementation period, Wielkopolska received an additional allocation of funds for the purpose. There is as much as EUR 26 million at the disposal of local governments, i.e. municipalities, poviat and their associations. At the current high exchange rate of the European currency, the value of the aid to be distributed will amount to over PLN 120 million.

- In the previous two calls for proposals, support for the implementation of road projects was granted to 18 poviat and 78 communes in the Wielkopolska Region. The total value of the

co-financing granted was PLN 134 million. As a result, more than 300 kilometres of roads have been constructed or reconstructed in our region. It is extremely important that the Rural Development Program for 2014-2020 managed to provide an additional pool of funds for such tasks. The needs reported by local governments in our region are still very high - says Krzysztof Grabowski, Deputy Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region.

As part of the completed call for applications for the construction or modernization of local roads, the Self-Government of the Wielkopolska Region received 77 applications for a total amount of more than PLN 144 million. Currently 10 poviat and 66 communes are applying for co-financing of road pro-



Source: Poviat Starost Office in Leszno.

The official opening of the reconstructed poviat road in Krzemieniewo was attended by representatives of the region: deputy marshal Krzysztof Grabowski, councillor Zofia Szalczyk and councillor Ewa Panowicz.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RDP

Source: Powiat Starost Office in Oborniki.



Reconstructed poviat road Ludomy - Ryczywół on the section Ludomy - Gorzewo. Authorities of the Oborniki powiat obtained funds from the RDP 2014-2020 for the investment.

jects in the third call for applications. Such a large number of submitted applications confirms the need for undertaking further works aimed at improving the condition of the roads in the Wielkopolska Region.

As part of the announced call, each applicant could submit only one application for aid. Importantly, the limit of funds per beneficiary has been increased from 3 to PLN 5 million in the RDP implementation period. As a result, even those beneficiaries who used the available limit to the maximum under previous calls for proposals, had the opportunity to finance new investments.

The condition for granting the aid was, *inter alia*, consistency of the task and the strategic document and issuance of an environmental decision, if this requirement results from the applicable legal regulations. Applications will be assessed against the selection criteria for tasks. National criteria, uniform for all regions, include the amount of basic tax income per capita and the average unemployment rate in the poviat, which will be compared with the average for the region. Municipalities with lower incomes or higher unemployment rates will score more points. Investments implemented in communes with a population density equal to or higher than the regional average will be rewarded. Additional points will be awarded when the road section covered by the investment provides direct access to a land property on which a public utility building is located or will be constructed, and when

the road section connects to a higher category road - directly or through another section, provided that its technical parameters improve. An additional point will be awarded to investments related to the creation of passive broadband infrastructure. Significant changes took place in the field of regional criteria for selecting operations, the wording of which was consulted in our region with potential aid beneficiaries.

Additional points will be awarded if, as a result of a task, the road surface is changed from soil to bituminous or cube, or from cube to bituminous. Higher scores will be given to those investments the implementation of which will take place with the use of solutions aimed at improving road safety by building or reconstructing the entire section covered by the operation or part of this section, such elements as: a pedestrian crossing, crossing for cyclists, bicycle path or foot-bicycle path, sidewalk, speed bumps, intersections, transverse partitions of the road forcing the vehicle speed to decrease, traffic separators, dividing islands, devices designed to separate pedestrian and vehicle traffic, devices securing the movement of pedestrians and cyclists, thick-layer road markings, vibration-acoustic signalling, point reflective elements. The chances of obtaining funding will also be increased by the construction or reconstruction of the road over a section of 1 km or longer, as well as by applying for at least PLN 1,000,000.

Co-financed investments must be completed by June 30, 2025 at the latest.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RDP

Kitchen Incubator in Krwony - a place created for lovers of good food

The Kitchen Incubator in Krwony, located in the Brudzew commune, is a place for the local community and the community of communes associated in the LAG Turkowska Unia Rozwoju T.U.R., where residents can produce wonderful jams, juices, as well as develop their production, processing and sales activities.

Projects implemented with the participation of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development are often distinguished by their innovativeness. The "Fundacja ze Smakiem" project is an excellent example of an innovative approach to local product development, it operates in the Brudzew commune in the Turek powiat.

The official opening of the Kitchen Incubator of "Fundacja ze Smakiem" took place on August 8, 2019. "Fundacja ze Smakiem" initiated the creation of the Kitchen Incubator, it was implemented under the action "Support for the implementation of operations under the community-led local development strategy" of Rural Development Program for 2014-2020. The amount of aid was PLN 497,356.87. As part of the project,

a number of modernization works related to, among others, water supply, electricity and sewage systems as well as renovation of a toilet and a basement, was co-financed. The necessary equipment for the Incubator was also purchased, including furniture for a show and sales room, offices, a laptop with software and a photocopier.

The activities of the Incubator focus on supporting rural areas and their inhabitants as well as promoting the idea of living in harmony with nature. The Kitchen Incubator offers, among others renting rooms and kitchen equipment for single hours, consulting - mainly in the field of agri-food processing and gastronomy, raising funds for the development of processing activities, food labelling, sale of products,



Source: Fundacja ze Smakiem

On October 12, 2021, the space of the Kitchen Incubator in Krwonoy was filled with the unique smell of real bread, thanks to the visit of ladies from a Rural Housewives' Association. The invited guests learned the secrets of sour dough bread baking and pressing apple juice.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RDP



Source: Fundacja ze Smakiem

Children from the primary school in Brudzewo participated in workshops on the preparation of delicious pizza.

as well as organizing trainings and workshops for farmers and household members from LAG areas. Jam and preserves based on old recipes, containing an "original combination of flavours", juices, fruit and herbal teas, fruit and vegetable chips, freeze-dried fruit, silage and purees - are just some of the products offered by delicious cooks.

All products can be purchased in jars with a guarantee of both their taste and health benefits. Some of the products resulting from the processing are offered by farmers, and the rest is sold on their behalf by the Kitchen Incubator. The incubator displays products at the place of production, in a specially designed room with a display and a counter. The sale also takes place through websites in consultation with other entities, including LGD and the Social Cooperative "Po-wrócisz tu". In the sales process, local distribution channels are used, i.e. local entrepreneurs operating in the catering and hotel industry as well as health food stores. Incubator

products can also be found in large-format stores, stalls with healthy food, as well as at flavour festivals and food fairs.

Thanks to the establishment of the Incubator, Krwony gained a valuable place for meetings and conducting workshops. The kitchen incubator promotes the processing of high-quality organic products, develops new economic ventures, initiates the creation of innovative local products, such as natural preserves, jam, silage, pasteurized fruit and vegetable juices, as well as sour dough bread. The products produced in this way become the showcase of the region and engage residents in the development of local entrepreneurship.

The incubator is also an important point on the map of the Turek powiat, because thanks to the organization of culinary workshops, it allows to activate many social groups, children, youth, rural housewives' associations and educational institutions.

EVENTS

The Nature FOOD & beECO fair has filled the Atlas Arena in Łódź

On September 16 - 18, 2022, the largest event in the ecological and natural products industry in Poland took place in the Atlas Arena in Lodz - the Nature FOOD & beECO Fair. On this occasion, about 150 producers and exhibitors presented the event's guests with a wide offer covering the agricultural, textile, cosmetics and food industries. The largest selection of certified, natural, regional and traditional products awaited the visitors of the fair. In addition to the opportunity to learn about the best brands of bioproducts and eco-food, the Fair also included live cooking shows, conferences, trainings and industry meetings.

The Nature FOOD fair has been the most important industry event for the ecological market in Poland for 15 years. The event, in addition to providing companies with the opportunity to present their goods made of natural ingredients, promotes the ideas of organic production and its beneficial impact on the environment. Through numerous meetings, as well as the involvement of the exhibitors themselves, the event's guests learned about the most beneficial production practices from an environmental and climate point of view, the preservation of a high level of biodiversity, the protection of natural resources and animal welfare standards. This attitude is in line with the pro-ecological policy of the Self-Govern-

vernment of the Wielkopolska Region, it prepared a stand in cooperation with producers associated in the Wielkopolska Culinary Heritage Network.

In this year's edition of the fair, from 16 to 18 September, 150 producers and exhibitors from Poland and abroad presented themselves. Visitors could taste and buy, among others nuts, dried fruit, grains, herbal mixtures collected in forests and ecological farms, organic teas, jams, preserves, preserves made from local vegetables and fruit, cold-pressed, unrefined oils, cheeses, breads and pastries, wines, tinctures and craft alcohols, moreover, they could choose from a wide range of



Photo: Marshal Office of the Wielkopolska Region

Guests interested in the offer of the Mlynarczyk Ice Cream Production Plant from Leszno at the Nature FOOD & beECO Fair.



Photo: Nature FOOD

The culinary show enjoyed considerable interest among the fair guests.

cosmetics and hygiene products, cleaning products, dietary supplements and clothing. The event was accompanied by numerous attractions. The guests participated in culinary demonstrations conducted by the Polish Ecology Association and the Organic school, a conference on issues related to running and starting your own culinary activity and in a meeting raising awareness about the quality and ways of using meat products and promoting healthy eating habits.

The Wielkopolska Region could not be absent from the Nature FOOD & beECO trade fair. Exhibitors from the Wielkopolska Region, in cooperation with the Regional Self-Government, organized an exhibition stand where they promoted a wide range of native ecological and natural products. Members of the Wielkopolska Culinary Heritage Network presented their products: SemCO oil press plant, producer of Honey Noteć Honey, Młynarczyk Ice Cream Production Plant, famous for its preservative-free ice cream made on the basis of cream, eggs and milk, Suszka Honey and VERA Vineyard. The presence of the Wielkopolska Region, thanks to the involvement

of local producers invited to cooperation, who were eager to talk about their activities, contributed to the exchange of knowledge between entities participating in the development of rural areas and the promotion of the integration of rural life, taking into account new production and sales methods.

Simultaneously with the fair, there was a competition organized for the exhibitors participating in the event, along with a ceremonial awarding of the Nature FOOD & beECO Trade Fair Medals. It is one of the most recognizable awards for ecological products in Poland. It is a prestigious distinction awarded in 8 categories, including for natural, regional and ecological products, it is highly respected both among fair recipients and representatives of the industry. Due to the composition of the competition jury, representatives of the scientific community, certification bodies, industry organizations, and journalists of the professional press, the medals have become a symbol of the highest quality and are of great value to the winning producers.

PHOTO ZONE

We got to know the winners of the photo competition

On October 21, 2022, the Board of the Wielkopolska Region adopted a resolution on the approval of the results of the photo competition "RDP in the lens - third edition". The aim of the competition was to promote the Rural Development Program 2014-2020, the Rural Development Program 2007-2013 and to increase the knowledge of the inhabitants of the Wielkopolska Region about the effects of the programs, as well as to promote the cultural and culinary heritage of the region and rural tourism. Prizes in the form of vouchers for a photo shop were funded for the winners and the distinguished. All awarded works can be viewed on the websites .



Photos that won first places in each category:

From the left: "Picnic in Wielkopolska", author: Anna Jóźwiak



"Barycz Valley near Odolanów", author: Piotr Gołębniak

PHOTO ZONE



"Pępowo by night", author: Małgorzata Waleńska



"Napoleonic Battle", author: Jerzy Kościjancuk



"Manor", author: Marek Roemer

Carp angel wings

Christmas is a time when, apart from a sublime and family atmosphere, we are accompanied by delicious Christmas Eve dishes. In this issue, we are recommending a recipe for a completely new version of carp. Crunchy pieces of this most popular Christmas fish will surprise the family and guests during the holiday gathering in a new way. Carp wings taste great with the addition of horseradish sauce.

INGREDIENTS:

Fish

- carp flaps - 3-4 pcs.
- milk – 600 ml
- czosnek – 4-5 cloves
- wheat flour – 5 tbsp
- salt
- pepper
- frying oil

Sauce

- eggs – 6 pcs.
- horseradish - 4 tbsp
- chives - 2 tbsp

Extras

- lemon - 1 pc.

Hard-boil the eggs, peel them and separate the yolks from the whites. Crush the yolks thoroughly, combine with horseradish and finely chopped chives. Put the sauce into a small bowl and start preparing the carp.

Soak the skinless carp patches overnight in milk with garlic slices. The fillets taken out from the pickle are thoroughly dried with a paper towel and cut into wide strips. In the centre of each piece we make a small cut through which we will put the fillet, creating the shape of angle wings that we know. Gently coat the prepared carp in a little flour and fry it in deep, hot oil until golden brown. After the angle wings are fried, place them on a paper towel to get rid of the excess fat.

Season the wings to taste with salt and pepper, place them on a plate and decorate with lemon slices. The finished dish is served with the horseradish sauce.



Source: www.nietylkopasta.pl/faworki-z-karpia/

Carp angel wings.



Regional Unit of the National Network of Rural Areas
Department of Rural Development Programs Marshal's
Office of the Wielkopolska Region

al. Niepodległości 34, 61-714 Poznań
telephone 61 626 60 00, e-mail: ksow@umww.pl
www.wielkopolskie.ksow.pl, www.dprox.umww.pl

FREE PUBLICATION



WIELKOPOLSKA
REGION



„European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas”.

The publication prepared by Department of Rural Development Programmes in the Marshal Office of Wielkopolska Region in Poznań. The publication co-financed from the European Union funds under the National Rural Network of the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020. The Managing Authority of the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 - the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.