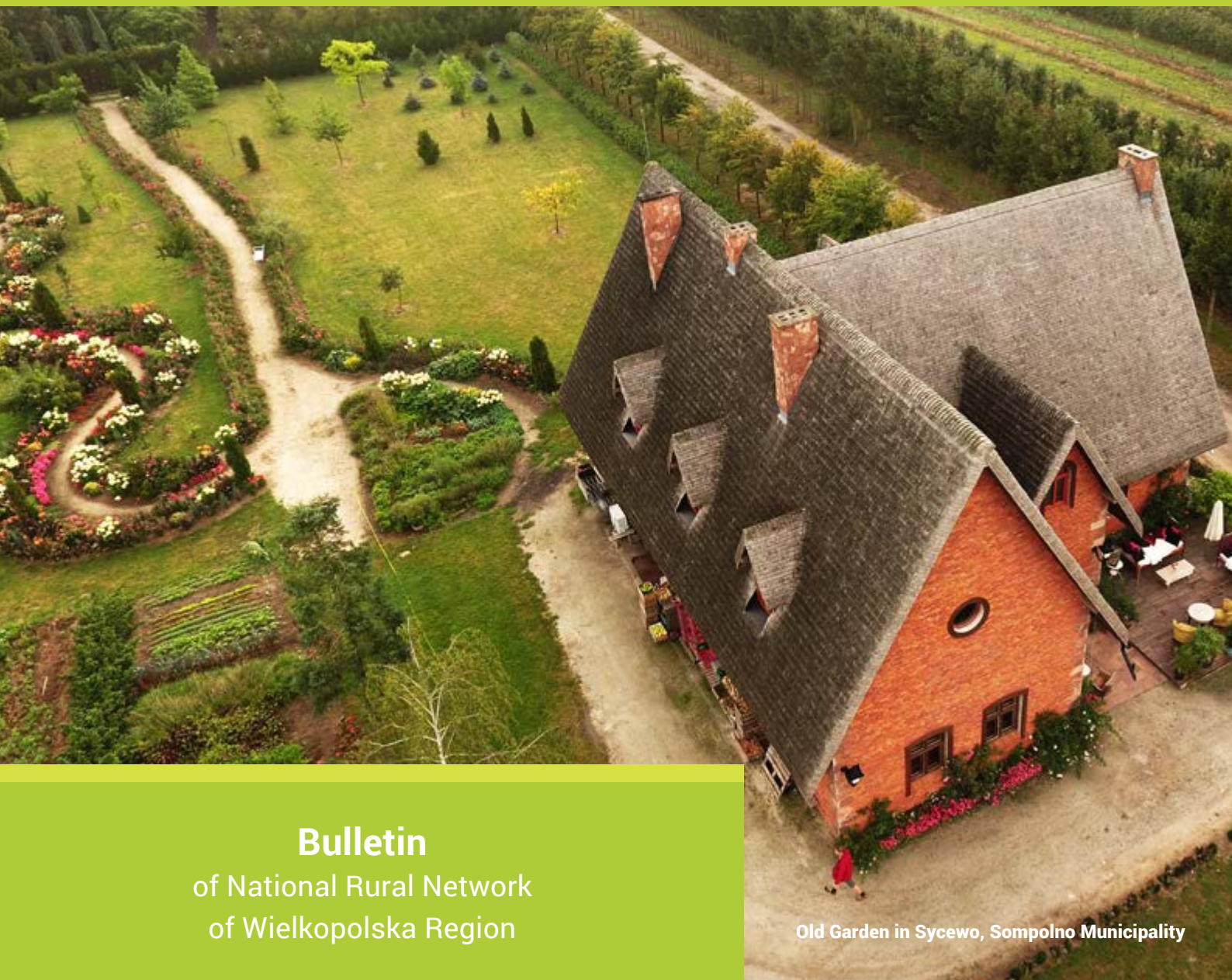


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Krzysztof Grabowski

Deputy Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

European funds under the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 allow a number of infrastructure projects that improve the residents' quality of life to be executed. The Programme beneficiaries include municipalities and districts that have received financial support from European programmes exceeding PLN 291 million. How has the money been spent and how have the completed investment projects affected the development of our little homelands? Answers to these questions will be provided to you by representatives of local authorities. Their statements are published in the second edition of the „Our European Countryside” bulletin in 2020.

The priority areas to be supported from the RDP for 2014-2020 include the protection of monuments and traditional construction. In the second edition of the bulletin, we introduce you to the first results of works performed in this area on the basis of grant agreements signed in 2018 with local governments. We also present interesting initiatives

introduced as part of the grant project of one of the Wielkopolska LAGs.

Summer holiday season is fast approaching. This year it may be slightly different from what we got used to as the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted travel plans globally. We should try, however, to look on the bright side this situation. When we take a rest away from home, we often do not notice how many charming places are nearby, especially in the summer. We encourage you to discover the charms of rural areas of our region, including those tourist attractions that have been renovated thanks to the support received under the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020.

When you decide to spend your summer holiday in Wielkopolska, you should try traditional regional cuisine. A recipe for one of such local dishes is published at the end of the bulletin.

I hope you will enjoy reading the brochure.

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We look after historical heritage

The Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 provides for the possibility of co-financing operations regarding the protection of monuments and traditional construction. In the Wielkopolska Region, several historic buildings have been restored with the financial support of the European Union. The effects of these projects are presented herein.



Source: www.wrzesnia.info.pl

The windmill in Pызdry is one of the few Dutch windmills preserved in the Wielkopolska Region. The grant from the RDP for 2014-2020 for this purpose amounted to PLN 500,000.

In 2018, the Government of the Wielkopolska Region signed 15 agreements with municipalities. The agreements concerned financial support under the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 dedicated to "Protection of monuments and traditional construction". The aid granted at that time amounted to PLN 6.5 million.

— *There are many historic buildings, palace and garden complexes or manors in rural areas of our region, which require considerable financial outlays to rescue them from destruction. It would be an extremely difficult task without European funds. I am glad that most of co-financed projects from two years ago has already been completed. Taking care of monuments is one of the elements of building a positive image of the Wielkopolska countryside* — says Krzysztof Grabowski, Deputy Marshal of the Region.

Renewed monuments

Investment projects that assumed immediate construction intervention in buildings due to their particularly poor technical condition, as confirmed by the regional conservator of monuments, were given high priority. The essence of such projects was also to give the renovated buildings a new purpose, e.g. educational, cultural, or promotional. The Wielkopolska Region has given priority to supporting investment projects in small towns and in places where similar tasks were not carried out under the Rural Development Programme for 2007-2013. Some co-financed projects covered renovation works in sacred buildings.

From among 15 such projects, beneficiaries submitted 13 applications for payment so far. Five of them have already been settled. The municipalities of Pępowo, Zduny, Pызdry, Kleszczewo and Dąbie, in accordance with the Programme's assumptions, were reimbursed up to 63.63% of the eligible costs incurred.

The Pępowo municipality used the funds from the RDP for 2014-2020 to execute a project that involved historic windmill restoration and putting up a bicycle stand. As part of the task, the historic windmill called "Franciszek" was renovated. The makeover included replacement of a corroded load-bearing beam and a piece of the vertical wooden pole. The interior was impregnated, the external wall formwork and windmill roof covering were replaced and painted from the outside. In addition, wings and stairs with roofing were reconstructed and the corroded wooden elements of the building (poles, spandrel beams, ceiling lining) were replaced. The area around the windmill was developed, i.e. it was paved and planted. Furthermore, street furniture was provided along with video surveillance and lighting. The project also involved the bicycle stand construction with an area of approximately 35 m².

Local government of Pызdry decided to buy and renovate the Arcade House and the Dutch windmill. The renovation of the windmill took several months and involved restoration of the bricks and the roof dome, which is now

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covered with new titanium-zinc sheet. In addition, a new wing was installed on the windmill and devices from the inside were renovated. The Arcade House was turned into an exhibition facility for exhibits related to local history. The historic building took on a new character, becoming an important historical educational site.

The Zduny municipality allocated the RDP for 2014-2020 grant for the renovation of the roof in the post-Evangelical church nearby. As part of the project, renovation and conservation works were performed. Before renovation began, some pieces were demolished, then the wooden roof structure was repaired, and mould was cleaned off the roof. A new roof covering was laid along with gutters and lightning protection system. The project also assumed the development of land around the church by planting urban greenery and placing benches. The whole area is under video surveillance.

In May 2020, the Kleszczewo municipality was reimbursed for the project called „Revitalization of historic manor park in Gowarzewo”. The scope of work included taking care of forest stand, renovation of the stone fence, design and construction of the communication system and planting new trees and shrubs. In addition, several objects and pieces of equipment were installed along park alleys (such as benches) and an outdoor gym was built. There is also a well-equipped and fenced playground in the park. The whole area is under video surveillance. The cost of the project also included moving the cross, which, due to the close proximity of the parish, went to the chapel.

Renovation of the historic building of the City Hall in Dąbie was settled by the Dąbie municipality. This complex was built in the years 1811-1814 in the classical style. The renovation included mechanical cleaning and washing of walls and joints with steel brushes, cleaning the mould off the walls, priming and painting of walls and external elements. Also, a new roof of the building was made. As part of the project, an area around the town hall building was developed and the ramp for the disabled was made. For this purpose, the old concrete pavement adjacent to the building was removed and the area was paved with cobble stones. Furthermore, the town hall building was equipped with video surveillance.

Local strategies to protect monuments

Financial support for renovation of monuments is also possible through local action groups operating in the Wielkopolska Region. LEADER, a community led approach



Photo: the Town Hall in Zduny

PLN 279,944 was given to the Zduny municipality for roof renovation in a post-Evangelical church in Zduny. The total value of the project was PLN 541,146.85.

ach to local development, helps deliver EU funding into rural communities through the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020. This way, parishes that under the current financial perspective, unlike under the previous one, cannot directly submit applications for co-financing to the Wielkopolska Region local government, may still benefit from the Programme.

One of the groups, namely the Krajna Złotowska Local Action Group, put the protection of historic buildings in their strategy, thereby making it possible to execute a project called “Renovation of historic movable elements in parish church dedicated to St. Archangel Michael in Jastrowie”. The parish, as the beneficiary of the Programme, received financial aid to restore the pipe organ and the balustrade of the choir, decorated with sacred paintings.

EU funds for making historic cultural infrastructure more attractive were also used by the Local Action Group called “Between People and Lakes” to restore the epitaph of Władysław Gurowski in the parish church dedicated to St. Andrew the Apostle in Kleczew. The Salt Valley Association executed a grant project involving renovation of windows in the Holy Family parish church in Przedecz.

What grants do LAGs from the Wielkopolska Region award?

Grants are funds awarded by the Local Action Groups to small projects and initiatives that contribute to the development and integration of local communities. On the example of an already executed project of one of the local action groups, we will show you what broad spectrum of tasks can be covered by funds from the RDP for 2014-2020.



Photo: the Krajna on the Noteć River LAG

The grant by the Association of Ujście District Enthusiasts for a visit of seniors to the District Museum in Piła.

Culturally...

The "Krajna on the Noteć River" Local Action Group operates in the following municipalities: Białośliwie, Łobżenica, Miasteczko Krajeńskie, Szydłowo, Wyrzysk, Wysoka, Kaczory and Ujście, where it executed a grant project consisting of eight tasks performed by non-governmental organizations, a public sector unit and cultural institutions.

Funds under the RDP for 2014-2020 were used by the Volunteer Fire Brigade (VFB) in Pobórka Wielka to renovate a former fire station. The building was built in the 1920s and until 1990 served as a warehouse for storing firefighting equipment. When the new Volunteer Fire Brigade watchtower was built, the building was not used and deteriorated.

Volunteers from the VFB unit in Pobórka Wielka proposed that the building be converted into a bus shelter for children and teenagers commuting to local schools in Białośliwie. The building was completely revitalized. The roof was replaced, the brick walls were cleaned, and the paths were paved maintaining architectural and aesthetic values. Educational boards were hung inside the shelter to spread knowledge of firefighting, fire protection and local history of firefighting.

The municipality of Miasteczko Krajeńskie decided to develop cultural initiatives and allocated funds to upgrade local Community Centre. The grant was spent on folding chairs and fixed and mobile amplification equipment. The project increased the attractiveness and the level of events organized by the Centre. The first of such event was a social

initiative called “Unforgettable Meeting in Krajna”, referring to the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining independence.

The Association for the Development of the Villages of Gądek, Kłoda and Pokrzywnica focused on improving the aesthetics of the area around the St. Michael church in Pokrzywnica. The investment involved rebuilding the area of the historic church cemetery, more specifically the entrance to the church and the pavement at the side gate. The task included levelling and strengthening the ground and paving old paths. In order to commemorate deceased ancestors and residents of the villages of Gądek, Kłoda and Pokrzywnica, an engraved memorial stone was put in the cemetery. Volunteers from these three villages were involved in the project.

Local Community Centre in Łobzenica organized the “Photo of the Year” contest. All amateur photographers could participate in the contest, taking picture of the most important events in the life of the municipality. The most interesting photographs made up an exhibition showed in municipal village councils and the local press. Publication of the “Łobzenica Calendar” with photographs of cultural, social, sports, and economic events was the culmination of the project.

The Association of Ujście District Enthusiasts decided to dedicate the grant project to seniors. For this purpose, the Senior Academy was established in Ujście. People in their golden years were offered a bewildering array of cultural and educational events and possibilities of taking up new hobbies. As part of the project, team building trips to Poznań, Bydgoszcz and Piła were organized, including visits to a concert hall, cinema, museum, and theatre. Seniors were invited to a catamaran cruise on the Noteć River and encouraged to take senior friendly Internet & computer courses. The Senior Academy has become a must-see event for the Ujście seniors who actively and regularly participate in cyclical integration meetings at the “Marina” venue.

... and sportingly in Krajna on the Noteć River

The “Spark” Student Sports Club operating at the Wiktor Kaja Primary School in Białośliwie focused on sports development: the Club bought floorball equipment, and then organized a tournament. Its participants were given diplomas, statuettes, and medals. The equipment purchased under the grant is at the disposal of all residents of the municipality who visit the sports hall at the Primary school in Białośliwie.

Supporting and promoting healthy lifestyle behaviours was the purpose of another grant project implemented

by the “Sportico” Sports and Recreation Club from Białośliwie. As part of the grant, Nordic walking equipment was purchased, and a practical and theoretical training was organized. The training was attended by residents of the Białośliwie municipality and the neighbouring municipalities such as Miasteczko Krajeńskie, Wyrzysk and Wysoka. Participants, under professional supervision, learned the right techniques of walking and the posture, they were also advised of appropriate clothing. A joint Nordic walking training session was the culmination of the project.

The “Michael” Parish Sports Club organized several trainings under the name “Learning can happen any time, any place, at any age”, including an open first aid training, a session on table tennis and a workshop on healthy eating. The training sessions were addressed to residents of Białośliwie, Miasteczko Krajeńskie and other neighbouring municipalities. The grant was spent on table tennis equipment that was used during the training. The practical part was preceded by theoretical classes in which participants were divided into beginners and advanced players. The first aid training and the session on the principles of healthy and rational nutrition were addressed mainly to the disabled people. The trainings were aimed at raising competences and increasing awareness of participants in saving health and life.



Floorball tournament organized at the Wiktor Kaja Primary School in Białośliwie. The grant allowed the “Spark” Student Sports Club to buy bands and sticks to play.

Photo: the “Spark” Student Sports Club

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The RDP according to beneficiaries

The Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 has been implemented since the second half of 2015. Over these years, Local Government of the Wielkopolska Region has issued a number of calls for applications addressed to local government units. We asked local authorities from Wielkopolska how in their opinion the Programme affected the development of their little homelands.



Photo: the District Starosty in Konin

District road No. 3250P from Stare Miasto to Lisiec Wielki and Niklas in the Konin district rebuilt thanks to grant awarded under the RDP for 2014-2020.

Thus far, funds from the RDP for 2014-2020 have covered infrastructure projects, such as construction or modernization of local roads, water and sewage treatment plants and investments in marketplaces. Significant funds were transferred to beneficiaries who invest in culture facilities, shape public space and protect monuments and traditional construction. Municipalities also raise funds through local action groups on a regular basis as part of implementing community-led local development strategies.

— *There are 226 municipalities and 31 districts in the Wielkopolska Region. 201 and 21 of them, respectively, are beneficiaries of the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020. Thus far, the Local Government of the Wielkopolska Region has provided the amount of PLN 291 million from the RDP for 2014-2020 to support municipal and district investment projects. These funds have made it possible to execute as many as 634 projects. Their effects will serve the residents for years to come. EU funds do raise the standard of living in the rural areas of our*

region — says Krzysztof Grabowski, Deputy Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region.

We asked municipal and district authorities who actively seek EU funds to express their opinion about the impact of the RDP for 2014-2020 on the development of our local homelands.



the Konin Starosta
Stanisław Bielik

Good quality roads guarantee the safety of residents when they travel and make a good mark of the Konin district attracting tourists and investors. Our local budget does not allow us to set about executing all road investments expected by local communities. Every new kilometre of the road is important; hence we are actively seeking funds from external sources so that we could build

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as many kilometres as possible. It is worth noting that the Konin district is highly efficient when it comes to applying for both EU and domestic funds for road construction tasks. In 2017, with funds from the RDP 2014-2020 we completed two large investment projects, namely the section of the road No. 3250P from Stare Miasto to Lisiec Wielki and the section of the road No. 4320P from Nowa Ciświca to Lipice. The investment tasks cost a total of PLN 3,915,992.15, of which PLN 2,280,371.00 was awarded by the Marshal Office under the RDP grant. The construction works carried out on both sections allowed us to modernize the road surface in almost four-kilometre section, improve its technical parameters (by widening the roadway to 5.5 and 6 m), build pavements and paved shoulders and provide vertical and horizontal signposts. These investment projects have improved safety on both road sections and made it easier for residents to reach nearby public institutions, including schools, a health centre, and church.



Mayor and the Town and Municipality of Krzywiń
Jacek Nowak

When I assumed the office of Mayor of the Town and Municipality of Krzywiń almost 10 years ago, our municipality faced great challenges, including the installation a sewer system in town. One of several projects in the field of sewage system construction was financed under the RDP 2014-2020. At the end of 2018, the project called "Construction of an adjacent sewage treatment plant with a sanitary sewage system in Świniec" was completed. Its purpose was

to provide municipal buildings in Świniec, namely a local kindergarten, a residential building, a day care centre and a store, with a local sewage treatment plant.

Thanks to EU funds from the RDP for the years 2014-2020, the impossible was accomplished... Few years ago, children from the Wymysłowo hamlet near the Jurkowo village could not get to the bus stop dry-shod. In 2016, when the municipality received the grant amounting to almost PLN 1.8 million for the construction of this road, our hopes rose to finally come true at the turn of 2018 and 2019. The project called "Reconstruction of the Jurkowo-Wymysłowo municipal road" make it possible to reconstruct the municipal road, change its pavement from cobbled stones to asphalt and made it a public road.



The rebuilt road in the Jurkowo-Wymysłowo section in the Krzywiń municipality. The grant from 2014-2020 RDP awarded to execute this project amounted to nearly PLN 1.8 million.

Source: Municipal and Communal Office in Krzywiń



Mayor of the Town and Municipality of Grabów on the Prosna River
Maksymilian Ptak

The grant awarded recently from the Rural Development Programme has helped us introduced changes in the town and municipality of Grabów on the Prosna River. The reconstruction of a youth club in Książenice completed this year along with the land development are our flagship investments. Now it is a modern Day Care Centre for children and young people. The grant amounted to PLN 99,950. However, for our town and municipality the RDP means not only hard investments, but also social and cultural

events. One of them was last year's 10th tournament for units of local administration. As part of the project stands with regional dishes were set up to promote local producers and culinary traditions of southern Wielkopolska, and an exhibition was put on regarding the book called "Bobrowniki on the Prosna River. Our ancestors 1618-1920" ("Bobrowniki nad Prosną. Nasi przodkowie 1618-1920"). The grant amounted to PLN 25,854.67. Presently, we are about to implement another investment project, namely the construction of a sewage system in Grabów on the Prosna River and the extension of a water treatment station in Bukownica with the RDP grant in the amount of PLN 1.3 million.

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Mayor of the
Białośliwie
Municipality

Krzysztof Rutkowski

November 3, 2017 is the date I remember very well to this day. That day I had the pleasure to sign a contract with Marshal Krzysztof Grabowski for funding the project entitled "Modernization - reconstruction of the municipal market as part of the task of hardening the land around the day care centre in Białośliwie and fencing the yard". The grant amounting to more the PLN 169,000 awarded to the Białośliwie municipality under the RDP 2014-2020 allowed us to create a modern marketplace.

Another grant under this programme – over PLN 120,000 – obtained from the Krajna on the Noteć River LAG pool was spent on the construction and reconstruction of playgrounds in Krostków and Białośliwie, and the construction of a recreational facility in Pobórka Mała. In our municipality, entrepreneurs, associations, and the Farmers' Wives Associations benefit from EU funds. The RDP changes our villages, makes them beautiful, provides them with new infrastructure and allows them to increase the comfort of existing one. But above all, it changes us for the better by teaching us to be courageous in applying for EU grants. The programme allows us to make our dreams about what we need here and now come true. We have been waiting for years for this to happen.



Mayor of the Kiszkowo
Municipality

Tadeusz Bąkowski

It is difficult to imagine the Polish landscape today without information boards on investment projects executed with the EU support. The number of such projects shows how active municipalities are. With grants awarded by the RDP, the Kiszkowo municipality built 8 km of roads, 5 outdoor gyms, 10 playgrounds, 3 day care centres, a beach, a sewage system and a sewage treatment plant, and sports fields, while several day care centres were renovated. The possibility of obtaining

EU funds stimulates and encourages local governments, but also local community, to act. Municipalities develop quickly, and the distance between rural and urban areas is getting smaller. Rural boroughs benefit considerably from new roads as such infrastructure gives a chance for further growth, including housing construction, business development, easier commute, schools. Day care centres become Community Centres, where residents integrate with each

other, develop their artistic and sports passions and relax. Municipalities must meet the resident's expectations and address their needs to the fullest extent. Residents, on the other hand, are not passive and take part in many projects implemented by local government.



Mayor of the Lisków
Municipality

Maria Krawiec

For the municipality of Lisków, projects executed under the RDP for 2014-2020 are constructive and contribute to cooperation between municipal and regional governments to satisfy the needs of rural areas' residents. Hence, our actions in water and sewage management, road construction and public space development, supported by the Marshal Office of the Wielkopolska Region in Poznań. These are forward-looking actions, such as the reconstruction of ul. Słoneczna, a small bypass for the

centre of Lisków, or the reconstruction of the Lisków - Ciepiewo - Trzebień road, which improves communication within the municipality and beyond its borders. We paid only half of the cost from the municipal budget to make it happen.

As for water and sewage management, with PLN 2 million grant from the RDP for 2014-2020, we fit out new construction areas, upgrade infrastructure by modernizing sewage and water treatment plants. The results cannot be overestimated, but in addition to tangible benefits, the RDP grants motivate local authorities to take actions improving the living conditions for our municipality residents. The competition form co-creates goals, allowing us to invest in the future of our residents.



A modern press for sewage treatment plant in Lisków worth PLN 541,200 was purchased for funds obtained under the RDP for 2014-2020.

Photo: the Lisków Municipality Office

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Mayor of the Rzgów Municipality
Grzegorz Matuszak

The Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 was generous for the residents of the Rzgów municipality. Nearly 6 km of roads were built, another strategic road will be completed in 2021.

The execution of these investment projects would not be possible without the RDP funds. Much has also been accomplished in the area of water and sewage management. First of all, 141 adjacent sewage treatment plants were built for individual farms. This was an important task because in places where sewage treatment plants were built, the construction of sanitary sewage system is not economically justified.

Under the Rural Development Programme, 3 km of sanitary sewage system and over 2 km of water supply system were also built. In the Rzgów municipality, the RDP for 2014-2020 funds have been allocated both to infrastructure and also to culture. The rooms of the municipality Public Library in Rzgów were renovated. A new hall was built where various events are held to activate both young people and adults. Decent housing conditions will allow the municipality to organize meetings with authors, classes of the University of the Third Age and many other events.



Mayor of the Town and Municipality of Szamocin
Eugeniusz Kucner

Poland's accession to the European Union meant that municipalities got a chance to apply for grants for investment projects. To this day, the Szamocin municipality uses every opportunity it gets to submit applications for planned investments. As an urban-rural municipality, it executed investment projects using European Union funds under the RDP for 2014-2020 worth PLN 3,142,018.87. It received the grant amounting to PLN 1,887,971.59, which represents 60.09% of the investment value. These funds allowed local authorities to execute many investment projects throughout the municipality.

As for water and sewage management improvement, we built a sanitary collector in the town of Atanazyń with a total length of 5,697.8 m and two sewage pumping stations. New recreation and sports grounds came into existence, such as a natural grass football pitch in Lipia Góra, measuring 90 m x 48 m, outdoor gyms in Szamocin at ul. Górna and ul. 19 Stycznia, in the villages of Nadolnik and Lipa. Water slides were built in the city park by the "Siekiera" lake in Szamocin. We also obtained funds for road infrastructure, with which we built new asphalt roads at ul. Kościelna, ul. 19 Stycznia and ul. Powstańców Wielkopolskich with a total length of 1,485.50 m. There are still many tasks to be performed as the needs are enormous. This is why we look into the future with confidence, hoping to obtain European funds, especially from the RDP.



On the beach in the City Park in Szamocin two water slides were built. They are the main tourist attraction of this place the entire summer. The grant awarded under the RDP for 2014-2020 amounts to PLN 116,000.

Fot.: UMIG Szamocin

Active leisure in the countryside

In view of the current pandemic situation, we encourage you to discover the charms of the Wielkopolska countryside. Tourist attractions spring up with the financial support of the European Union under the RDP for 2014-2020. Spending holidays in enchanting corners of our region is a great alternative to distant travels. It is also an expression of local patriotism.



Photo: the "Dąbie of Our Dreams" Foundation

With a view to active leisure, the "Dąbie of Our Dreams" Foundation executed a project called "Reconstruction of the Nordic walking path along the Ner River in the Dąbie municipality".

European funds have changed rural areas in the Wielkopolska Region for several years. Many grass roots initiatives have been aimed at increasing local tourist potential, like modern infrastructure that is put into use, including pedestrian paths and bicycle lanes, promenades, parks and squares, sports fields, climbing walls, playgrounds, outdoor gyms, and many other interesting facilities.

"Active leisure in the countryside is a good idea for everyone who wants to take a break from their daily duties and spend a nice time with their family in a safe way. Limited travel opportunities abroad does not mean that the holidays will be less attractive than before. As the saying goes: the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

It is worth getting to know your country better and find out how many new or refurbished facilities we can use thanks to the Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020", says Krzysztof Grabowski, Deputy Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region.

Sports holidays

Investments in tourist infrastructure make an important part of many community-led local development strategies, based on which Local Action Groups conduct calls for proposals, thus making it possible to raise funds for various types of projects. The "Liskowiak" Sports Fellowship acting in the area of LAG-7 "The Land of Nights and

Days” met the needs of outdoor sports enthusiasts. As part of the project, the funds obtained from the RDP for 2014-2020 were allocated for the reconstruction and upgrading of the multifunctional recreational complex in Lisków, at ul. Ogrodowa. The project covered an assembly of automatic pitch watering system, modernization of the cloakroom building, repair of the arched wall of the stage and field stairs, renovation of benches, purchase of street furniture elements and an assembly of outdoor gym. The project execution was possible thanks to the cooperation between the “Liskowiak” Sports Fellowship and the Lisków municipality. The new infrastructure helps both children, young people and adults develop their sports interests.

An attractive sports complex was also built in Czerniejewo, the Gniezno district. The “Onuphrius” Educational Association used the RDP for 2014-2020 funds to build a tennis court, a beach volleyball court, and a skate park. The facility was built near the school so its main users are schoolchildren. However, the complex is available to the public and everyone willing to relax in the open air, whether with a ball, tennis racket or skateboard, is encouraged to come. The diversity of the facility makes it a place to be for everyone, especially during the holiday season. The total cost of the project was PLN 527,306.82, of which PLN 300,000 is a grant awarded under the RDP 2014-2020.



Photo: the Municipal Office in Czerniejewo

As part of the project co-financed from the RDP 2014-2020, a tennis court, a beach volleyball court, and a skate park were built in Czerniejewo.

Walking along the river

Residents of the Dąbie municipality, as well as anyone interested in visiting the eastern part of our region, may use the reconstructed Nordic walking path along the Ner River. The purpose of the project by the “Dąbie of Our Dreams” Foundation was to rebuild the path in such a way that it would allow tourists to discover the beauty of the municipality. The scope of works included preparatory works, earthworks, construction, and surface works.

“The existing path was in poor technical condition, which posed a threat to all Nordic walking fans. Thus, the conditions for safe outdoor activity were created. The path is of course open to the public. We encourage you to rest on the Ner River”, says Tomasz Ludwicki, Mayor of Dąbie.

A fishing platform and a slipway will soon be built in Buntów, the Złotów district, to make boat launching easier. It will be a real treat for fishing enthusiasts. Slipway is also to be used by the fire brigade as a water drawing point. The Volunteer Water Rescue Service of the Wielkopolska Region, Urban and District Branch in Złotów, initiated the venture. Its purpose is to increase the attractiveness of the region and stimulate tourist traffic in the “Krajna Złotowska” Local Action Group by developing a recreational area by the Sławianowskie Lake in Buntów. The newly created place will be open to the public as a non-commercial venue, available not only to residents of neighbouring Buntów, but also to people from nearby towns and tourists.



Photo: the Communal Office in Złotów

The Sławianowskie Lake is the largest reservoir in the Złotów district. Thanks to the Volunteer Water Rescue Service project and funds obtained from the RDP, the coastal area in Buntów, the Złotów municipality, will become attractive for tourists, friendly to residents and safe.

Rumpuć (ajntopf)

Thick vegetable soup, also known as “ajntopf” (“Eintopf” in German), is one of the most popular stew soups in Wielkopolska. It is a light green broth with carrot pieces, green peas, potatoes, and other vegetables with bits of cooked meat, drops of fat and parsley leaves.

The recipes for rumpuć can be found in many books related to regional tradition. On August 2, 2010, rumpuć was put on the list of traditional products of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development under the category called “Ready-made meals and dishes in the Wielkopolska Region”.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 kg boneless beef
- 1/2 kg pork blade
- 300 g smoked bacon
- 1/2 kg sauerkraut
- ¼ small head of Italian cabbage
- 1/2 kg potatoes
- 2 onions

- 3 carrots
- ¾ packet of butter
- 2 sour apples
- tomato paste, salt, pepper, cumin, bay leaf, allspice, parsley

How to make it:

Pour water into a large pot. Add diced beef, salt, bay leaf and allspice. Fry the diced pork blade, smoked bacon, and onion in butter. Add to the broth. Then add the peeled vegetables: chopped white cabbage, chopped sauerkraut, diced carrot and potatoes. At the end of cooking, add tomato paste and bits of apple. Season the soup with salt, pepper, and cumin. Decorate it with parsley.



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