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1. Introduction

Since 1st of May 2004 Poland has benefited from the opportunities provided by Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and Regional (Coherence) Policy of the European Union. In 2004- 2006 Polish rural areas benefited from – inter alia – the funds of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), thanks to the instruments of the Rural Development Plan (RDP 2004-2006) and the Sectoral Operational Programme “Restructuring and Modernisation of the Food Sector and Rural Development 2004-2006” (SOP – Agriculture).

In 2000-2006, the EAGGF comprised of the Guidance Section and the Guarantee



Section, was the primary source of financing agriculture and rural areas in the Member States of the European Union (EU). The Guidance Section provided funds for the Sectoral Operational Programme “Restructuring and Modernisation of the Food Sector and Rural Development 2004-2006”, while the Guarantee Section funded the Rural Development Plan 2004-2006, organisation of the common agricultural market and direct payments.

In 2004-2006, the Leader+ Type - measure was implemented in the framework of SOP Agriculture, in the form of Measure 2.7. This Measure implemented components of Leader+ Community initiative in two Schemes.



The objective of Scheme I was to establish Local Action Groups (LAG) and to draft the Integrated Rural Development Strategy (IRDS).

Under Scheme II LAGs implemented the strategies developed under Scheme I or strategies drafted without aid from SOP Agriculture funds.

IRDS had to take into account at least one of the following areas, so called priority areas:



- application of new information, know-how and new technologies in order to increase the competitiveness of products and services provided by rural areas;
- improvement of the quality of life in rural areas;
- increasing the value of local products, in particular through helping small production units to access the markets by common measures;
- use of natural and cultural resources, including the potential of Natura 2000 areas.

The ceiling for aid under Scheme I was set at PLN 150 000. 248 beneficiaries applied for aid – at first 178 were granted aid, but finally, after 11 resigned, 167 beneficiaries completed Scheme I. The funds spent under Scheme I amounted to PLN 19.5 million.

The ceiling for aid under Scheme II was set at PLN 750 000. 187 LAGs applied for aid. As a result of verification and evaluation carried out according to the selection criteria 149 LAGs were granted aid. The funds spent under Scheme II amounted to PLN 96 million.

It should be emphasized, that the original allocation for Measure 2.7 in the Sectoral Operational Programme „Restructuring and Modernisation of Food Sector and Rural Development 2004- 2006” had been EUR 18 750 000, however in 2007 this amount was increased to EUR 30 443 952, which helped to finance implementation of integrated rural development strategies by 149 groups, rather than ca. 80, as originally expected.

Projects of Scheme II of Leader+ Type - measure were implemented in 885 communes, with the area of 125.5 thousand km² and the population of nearly 7 million.

2. Rural Development Programme 2007 - 2013

On 1st of January 2007 the new budget perspective of the European Union started, and at the same time the new programming period. EAGGF was replaced by two agricultural funds. First of these, the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF), finances direct payments and organisation of common agricultural markets – so called 1st pillar of CAP. The latter, European Agricultural Fund for





Rural Development (EAFRD) is the primary force for supporting the development of rural areas – so called 2nd pillar of CAP.

In Poland the Rural Development Programme 2007- 2013 is implemented under EAFRD, which – alongside new measures – covers majority of measures implemented previously under RDP 2004-2006 and SOP – Agriculture.

At the same time LEADER+ Community initiative, which required separate programme documents, was integrated into rural development programmes. This means that Leader became an approach, a mechanism for implementation of the objectives of these programmes. This situation has both: advantages and disadvantages. Definitely this solution will facilitate promotion of the Leader method, i.e. implementation of projects based on the partnership of public, social and economic sectors and bottom up decision making system. Moreover, integration of the Leader approach into the rural development programmes creates an opportunity for a more innovative and integrated implementation of measures, which were implemented traditionally before. On the other hand, as one of the four axes of the rural development programme, Leader must comply with the principles and regulations for the whole of the programme, which is not always an easy task.

As mentioned above, the instruments of RDP 2007-2013 have been divided into priority axes, the implementation of which is to facilitate attaining objectives targeting three primary problems and challenges facing the rural areas:





- Economic (income lower than average, aging of rural population, high dependence on the first sector);
- Environmental (pro-environmental role of agriculture and forestry);
- Social (higher than average unemployment rate, social exclusion, poor diversification of the labour market and low density of population, which result in poorer access to basic services).

Three primary objectives of the rural development policy have been assigned to the above problems:

- Objective 1: Improving the competitiveness of farms through restructuring,
- Objective 2: Improving the environment and landscape through rational land management,
- Objective 3: Improving the living conditions of the rural population and promoting diversification of economic activities.

A priority axis comprising relevant rural development policy instruments corresponds to each the primary objectives of the policy:



- Priority Axis 1 (economic): supporting the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sectors,
- Priority Axis 2 (environmental): sustainable management of agricultural and forestry resources,
- Priority Axis 3 (social): economic diversification and improving the quality of life in rural areas.

Furthermore, the so called Leader approach has been added, in order to strengthen the bottom-up initiative, exchange best practices and activate the communities in rural areas. The Leader approach constitutes Priority 4, the scope of implementation of which should be primarily based on measures defined under specific priority axes.

The Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013 offers 22 measures:

- Axis 1 Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sectors:
 - ◆ Vocational training for persons employed in agriculture and forestry;
 - ◆ Setting up of young farmers;
 - ◆ Early retirement;
 - ◆ Advisory services for farmers and forest owners;
 - ◆ Modernisation of agricultural holdings;
 - ◆ Increasing the added value to basic agricultural and forestry production;
 - ◆ Improvement and development of infrastructure related to the development and adjustment of agriculture and forestry;
 - ◆ Participation of farmers in food quality schemes;
 - ◆ Information and publicity;
 - ◆ Agricultural producer groups.
- Axis 2 Improvement of the environment and the countryside:
 - ◆ Support of management in mountain areas and in less-favoured areas (LFA);
 - ◆ Agri-environmental programme (Agri-environmental payments);
 - ◆ Afforestation of agricultural land and non-agricultural land;
 - ◆ Restoring forestry production potential damaged by natural disasters and introducing appropriate prevention instruments.
- Axis 3 Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of rural economy:
 - ◆ Diversification into non-agricultural activities;

- ◆ Establishment and development of micro-enterprises;
 - ◆ Basic services for the rural economy and population;
 - ◆ Village renewal and development.
- Axis 4 Leader:
- ◆ Implementation of Local Development Strategies;
 - ◆ Implementation of cooperation projects;
 - ◆ Running the Local Action Group, acquisition of skills and activation.

Moreover, „Technical Assistance“ measure is implemented under RDP 2007-2013, which supports the process of programme administration.

There is EUR 17 217 817 440 available for RDP 2007-2013, of which EUR 13 230 038 156 comes from EAFRD.

There is EUR 787 500 000 630 available for Axis 4 Leader, of which EUR 630 000 000 comes from EAFRD. The share of the European Union funds (EAFRD) in financing the implementation of Axis 4 measures is 80%. The remaining 20% are domestic public funds.

Table 1 Axis 4 Leader budget

Title of the measure	Public contribution	EAFRD amount	Domestic funds
Implementation of Local Development Strategies	620,500,000	496,400,000	124,100,000
Implementation of cooperation projects	15,000,000	12,000,000	3,000,000
Running a Local Action Group, acquisition of skills and activation	152,000,000	121,600,000	30,400,000
Total Axis 4 - Leader	787,500,000	630,000,000	157,500,000
TOTAL RDP 2007-2013	17,217,817,440	13,230,038,156	3,987,779,284



3. Institutions involved in implementation of Axis 4 Leader

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
 - ◆ Managing Authority
- Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture (ARMA)
 - ◆ Paying Agency for the whole of RDP 2007-2013 and implementing entity for operations in the area of diversification into non-agricultural activities and establishment and development of micro-enterprises implemented under measure Implementation of Local Development Strategies.
- Voivodship Self-government (VSG)
 - ◆ implementing entity for measures: “Implementation of cooperation projects” and “Running the Local Action Group, acquisition of skills and activation” and for operation under “Village renewal and development” and “small projects” implemented under measure “Implementation of Local Development Strategies”.

4. Axis 4 Leader – basic information

4.1 Features of Leader approach

Until 2006 Leader had been implemented as the Community Initiative. In 2007-2013, as mentioned above, it became a part of RDP 2007-2013, Axis 4 of this Programme. Before the objectives of Axis 4 Leader are presented, it is necessary to explain the Leader approach and to point to a number of features, which define its uniqueness.

Leader is an approach:

- **based on partnership** – Leader approach is implemented by a Local Action Group – a local partnership, in which various entities from public, social and economic sectors participate on the principle of equality,
- **territorial** – an area, where Leader is implemented must be characterised by geographical, economic, cultural, environmental or historic coherence. This provides an opportunity for development and more effective use of local resources,
- **integrated** - representation of various interest groups serves a whole rural community of a given region. Local Action Group drafts a local development strategy, which combines activities of various sectors of economy, e.g. agriculture, environment protection, tourism,



- **bottom-up** – Leader is based on a wide participation of local community in development and implementation of a development strategy, decisions on the directions of development are taken in cooperation of entities acting in a given area,
- **innovative** - Leader provides an opportunity for developing and testing innovative actions for integrated and sustainable development, as well as innovative solutions to local problems,
- **based on local financing and management** – though autonomy of LAGs varies significantly from country to country, the possibility to independently allocate and manage funds is a factor typical for all LAGs.
- **supporting networking between Local Action Groups** – which facilitates exchange of experience and dissemination of good practices.

4.2 The objectives of Axis 4 Leader

Leader is a multisectoral, cross-cutting and partnership approach implemented locally within a specific area and allowing achieving Axis 3 objectives. The main aim of Axis 4 is to build social capital through mobilisation of rural population and

contribution to the creation of new jobs in rural areas, as well as improvement of the management and valorisation of local resources as a result of indirect inclusion of LGDs into a management system relevant to a given area.



Implementation of the Leader approach is to facilitate activation of rural communities through inclusion of social and economic partners in the process of planning and implementing local initiatives. Local approach tied to a specific area facilitates better definition of problems and solutions for this area. Leader is a bottom-up, partnership based approach to the development of rural areas, which is implemented by LAGs, consisting a local rural community drafting a LDS and implementing resulting projects combining human, natural, cultural and historical resources, knowledge and skills of representatives of three sectors: public, economic and social. Representatives of these sectors establish a partnership called a Local Action Group, which is representative for an area covered by LDS. LAG selects projects, which will facilitate achievement of objective of a jointly developed LDS. Such a bottom-up approach will strengthen the coherence of decisions taken at the local level, increase the quality of management, contribute to the strengthening of social capital on rural areas and persuade rural communities to apply innovative solutions concerning local development of a given area.

4.3 Selection of a LAG for implementation of LDS

The Managing Authority (MARD) delegates a part of its task related to selection of LAGs under RDP implementation to Voivodship Self-Governments (VSG). In the end of September 2008, VSG – in cooperation with the Managing Authority – announced calls for proposals of LAGs for implementation of LDS.

As a result of the call for proposal announced, 344 LAGs submitted applications for selection of LAGs for implementation of LDS to VSG competent for their relevant locations. LAGs were selected on the basis of criteria set on the national level by the Managing Authority, and referring to organisational and administrative capacities of LAGs and quality of LDSs. **As a result of verification and evaluation of LAGs and LDSs, VSG selected 338 LAGs.** VSG signed contracts defining conditions and rules of implementing LDSs with these LAGs.





Table 2 Number of LAGs, with which contracts defining conditions and rules of implementing LDSs have been signed by VSG

Item	Voivodship	Number of LAGs	Population covered by LDS (thousand)	Area covered by LDS (km ²)	percentage of area eligible for Leader approach, covered by Leader	percentage of population eligible for Leader approach, covered by Leader
1.	Dolnośląskie	19	1,084.08	15,934.24		
2.	Kujawsko pomorskie	20	1,010.05	16,763.00		
3.	Lubelskie	26	1,285.96	24,481.36		
4.	Lubuskie	10	567.42	12,650.49		
5.	Łódzkie	20	673.44	11,080.80		
6.	Małopolska	39	1,880.17	13,691.09		
7.	Mazowieckie	35	1,726.17	30,070.85		
8.	Opolskie	12	677.98	8,893.17		
9.	Podkarpackie	31	1,418.95	19,405.23		
10.	Podlaskie	16	657.50	18,329.62		
11.	Pomorskie	16	912.64	19,009.38		
12.	Śląskie	15	895.79	7,686.16		
13.	Świętokrzyskie	19	884.85	12,147.16		
14.	Warmińsko-mazurskie	14	753.05	22,329.00		
15.	Wielkopolskie	31	1,688.44	25,238.83		
16.	Zachodniopomorskie	15	760.70	20,525.32		
17.	TOTAL	338	16,877.18	278,235.70	93,22	91,29

as of 30 June 2009

Source: interim semi-annual report for the first half of 2009 submitted to ARMA by implementing entities

The eligibility and selection criteria for LAGs to implement LDSs were laid down in the regulation of the MARD of 23 May 2008 on detailed criteria and procedures of selection of Local Action Group for implementation of Local Development Strategies under the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 (Journal of Laws, No. 103, item 659).

The first stage of evaluation of applications submitted by LAGs consisted in verifying if LAGs meet the following **eligibility criteria**:

- three sectors partnership, including representatives of the public, economic and social sector;
- at the decision-making level of partnership the social and economic partners represent at least 50%, including the representatives of civil society, in particular: farmers, rural women, young people and their associations;
- LAG prepares the LDS; the area of LDS implementation is coherent and covers, according to the adopted definition of rural areas, localities within the administrative borders of:
 - ◆ rural communities,
 - ◆ urban-rural communities, except for towns with population exceeding 20 thousand inhabitants registered for permanent residence,
 - ◆ urban communities, except for towns with population exceeding 5 thousand inhabitants registered for permanent residence;
- the organizational structure of LAG guarantees the separation of the managing function from the decision-making one;
- the area in which the Strategy is implemented has at least 10 000 and not more than 150 000 inhabitants;
- only one LAG selected for implementation of LDS for 2007-2013 may operate in a given area;
- LAG must have a proper administrative potential in order to manage public funds and to implement the LDS.

If LAGs had met the above mentioned eligibility criteria, employees of Marshall Offices evaluated LAGs and LDSs according to the following **selection criteria** pertaining to:

- Administrative and organizational potential of LAG:
 - ◆ LAG structure (number of members, representativeness of a decision-making body);
 - ◆ The structure of the decision-making body;
 - ◆ Rules and procedures for extending the composition of LAG;
 - ◆ Detailed rules and procedures for functioning of LAG's decision-making body;
 - ◆ Procedures for evaluation of coherence of operations with LDS, selection of operations and procedures for appeals against decisions of the decision-making body on selection of operations;



- ◆ Procedure for selection of projects by LAG;
- ◆ Previous activity of LAG, or of partners comprising LAG;
- ◆ Qualifications and experience of persons comprising the decision-making body;
- Quality of LDS in particular in terms of:
 - ◆ Relation and cohesion between the courses of development adopted in LDS and local conditions;
 - ◆ SWOT analysis;
 - ◆ Objectives of LDS and indicators;
 - ◆ Agreement between the presented enterprises and the objectives of LDS;
 - ◆ Integrated nature of LDS;
 - ◆ Innovative nature of solutions and measures proposed by LAGs in LDS;
 - ◆ Planned measures under LDS ensuring the participation of local partners and inhabitants in the process of preparation of LDS;
 - ◆ Planned measures under LDS ensure participation of local partners and inhabitants in the process of implementation/revision of LDS;
 - ◆ Methodology of self-evaluation of LAG and the evaluation of LDS implementation and revision;
 - ◆ Budget together with schedule of actions covered by LDS;
 - ◆ Connections with other planning documents and the impact on the development of the area covered by LDS ;
 - ◆ Definition of mechanisms preventing from overlapping of assistance in cases where LAGs planned implementation of operations under other programmes co-financed from European Union budget funds.

5. Measures implemented through the Leader approach

5.1 Implementation of Local Development Strategies

The Measure is intended to allow the inhabitants of the area covered by the LDS to implement the projects under this strategy. Strategy implementation should contribute to the improvement of quality of life in rural areas through, among other things, an increased activity of local communities and stimulation of creation of new jobs.

Under the LDS approved by the VSG, LAG selects projects to be carried out with the funds granted for the strategy implementation. The LAG employees help the applicants to prepare the applications for aid under the measure „LDS implementation“. The applications may refer to the projects eligible for support under Axis 3 measures - the quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy:

- Diversification towards non-agricultural activities,
- Establishment and development of micro-enterprises,
- Village renewal and development,
- and other projects, referred to as “small projects”, not eligible for aid under Axis 3 measures, but contributing to the achievement of the objectives of this Axis, i.e. improved quality of life or more diversified economic activity on LAG area.



5.1.1 Diversification into non-agricultural activities

Measure implementation will contribute to the sustainable economic and social rural development by providing support for farmers, household members and farmers' spouses starting or developing non-agricultural activity related to production or services.

Diversification of agricultural activity towards starting or developing non-agricultural activity by farmers, their spouses and other household members, which will contribute to creation of non-agricultural income sources and promotion of employment outside agriculture in rural areas.

Scope of the measure

Aid is granted for starting or developing activities related to:

- 1) services for agricultural holdings or forestry ;



- 2) public services;
- 3) wholesale and retail;
- 4) craft and handcraft;
- 5) construction and installation works and services;
- 6) services for tourists and sports and leisure services;
- 7) transport services;
- 8) public utility services;
- 9) processing of agricultural products and edible forest products;
- 10) warehousing and storage of products;
- 11) production of energy products from biomass.
- 12) accounting, consulting or IT services.

Aid may be granted, if:

- 1) operation is justified from the economic point of view;
- 2) operation meets requirements resulting from the legislation in force referring to a given project;
- 3) activity, to which the operation is related is registered in a locality situated within:
 - a rural community, or
 - an urban-rural community, except for towns with population exceeding 20 thousand inhabitants, or
 - an urban community, except for towns with population exceeding 5 thousand inhabitants, or
- 4) investment related to construction, repair, equipping and rendering useful real estate covered with the operation pertain to real estate located in localities referred to in Point 3;
- 5) the project provides the possibility of employment as part of non-agricultural activity started or developed
- 6) agricultural holding where the beneficiary works was covered by direct payments in the year preceding the application year.



Definition of Beneficiary

Natural person, household member in an agricultural holding, insured pursuant to the Act of 20 December 1990 on social insurance of farmers, as a farmer, or a household member or spouse of such a farmer.

Form and amount of aid

The aid has the form of reimbursement of the part of eligible costs of the project.

Maximum amount of aid granted to a single beneficiary in an agricultural holding within the period of implementation of the Programme cannot exceed PLN 100 thousand.

Level of aid

The maximum aid level does not exceed 50% of eligible operation costs.

5.1.2 Establishment and development of micro-enterprises

Implementation of the Measure provides conditions for diversification of business activity and enhancement of job opportunities, and will therefore contribute to the sustainable economic and social rural development.

The Measure will enhance economic competitiveness, development of entrepreneurship and labour market, finally leading to an increased employment rate in rural areas.



Scope of the measure

Aid is granted to entities for investments associated with setting-up or development of micro-enterprises dealing with:

- 1) services for agricultural holdings or forestry;
- 2) public services;
- 3) wholesale and retail;
- 4) craft and handicraft;
- 5) construction and installation works and services;
- 6) services for tourists and sports and leisure services;
- 7) transport services;
- 8) public utility services;
- 9) processing of agricultural products and edible forest products;
- 10) warehousing and storage of products;
- 11) production of the energy products from biomass;
- 12) accounting, consulting or IT services.

Aid may be granted, if:

- 1) operation is justified from the economic point of view;
- 2) operation meets requirements resulting from the legislation in force referring to this operation;
- 3) the seat or branch or place of residence of the entrepreneur and, in the case of operations related to the immovable property, the location of the immovable property are:
 - a) in a locality situated within:
 - a rural community, or
 - an urban-rural community, except for towns with population exceeding 5 thousand inhabitants, or
 - an urban community, except for towns with population exceeding 5 thousand inhabitants

(in the case of entities other than agricultural producer groups and preliminarily recognized fruit and vegetable producer groups, recognised fruit and vegetable producer organisations as well as entities providing services for agricultural holdings or forestry),

- b) in a town belonging to:

- a rural community, or
- an urban-rural community, except for towns with population exceeding 20 thousand inhabitants, or
- an urban community, except for towns with population exceeding 5 thousand inhabitants

(in the case of agricultural producer groups and preliminarily recognized fruit and vegetable producer groups, recognised fruit and vegetable producer organisations as well as entities providing services for agricultural holdings or forestry) ,

- 4) the business plan provides for the establishment of at least 1 job, which is justified by the material scope of the operation;
- 5) in the previous 2 years the applicant did not receive support under OP Human Capital, Measure „Promotion of entrepreneurship”.

Definition of Beneficiary

Natural person, legal person or organizational unit without legal personality carrying out business activity as a micro-enterprise employing less than 10 persons with a turnover not exceeding the PLN equivalent of EUR 2 million.





Form and amount of aid

Aid has the form of reimbursement of part of eligible costs.

The amount of aid granted for the operation implementation cannot exceed:

- PLN 100,000 – if the business plan provides for the establishment of 1 to 2 jobs (expressed in full-time annual average employment), which is justified by the material scope of the operation;
- PLN 200,000 – if the business plan provides for the establishment of more than 2 and less than 5 jobs (expressed in full-time annual average employment), which is justified by the material scope of the operation;
- PLN 300,000– if the business plan provides for the establishment of at least 5 jobs (expressed in full-time annual average employment), which is justified by the material scope of the operation.

Maximum amount of aid granted to a single beneficiary cannot exceed PLN 300,000 within the Programme implementation period.

In the case of agricultural products (included in the Annex 1 of the EC Treaty) and edible forest products processing, the maximum amount of aid granted to a single beneficiary cannot exceed PLN 100,000 during the Programme implementation period.

5.1.3 Village renewal and development

Measure implementation allows for the social and economic development of rural areas and for the activation of rural population through support granted for the implementation of projects related to the public area management, including maintenance, reconstruction and improvement of cultural and natural heritage of rural areas and raising the tourist attractiveness of rural areas. The Measure will improve the living conditions of rural areas through satisfaction of social and cultural needs of rural population and through promotion of rural areas. This will contribute to the development of rural population identity, preservation of cultural heritage and specificity of rural areas, as well as to the increased attractiveness with respect to tourism and investment on rural areas.

Scope of the measure

Financial aid is granted to entities for investment related to:

- 1) construction, reconstruction, renovation and fitting out of the following:
 - a) public, social and cultural, recreational and sport facilities,





- b) facilities which are intended to promote rural areas, including promotion and preservation of the historical heritage, tradition, art and culture,
- 2) improvement of public space;
 - 3) construction, renovation or reconstruction of public infrastructure associated with the development of tourism, sports, social and cultural functions;
 - 4) purchase of historical monuments or structures specific for traditional rural architecture in a given area, including historical buildings, intended for public purposes;
 - 5) renewal, exhibition or conservation of local historical monuments, buildings and memorial sites;
 - 6) cultivation of the traditions inherent to the local community, as well as traditional professions.

Definition of a beneficiary

Legal person: community, cultural institution set up by a local self-government unit, as well as churches, or other religious communities, NGO with the status of public benefit organisation (in the meaning of the Act of 24 April 2003 on the public benefit activities and voluntary work).

Eligibility criteria

Financial aid may be granted, if:

- a) the project is implemented in a locality belonging to:
 - a rural community, or
 - an urban-rural community, except for towns having population of more than 5 thousand inhabitants, or
 - an urban community, except for towns with population exceeding 5 thousand inhabitants,
- b) the project falls within the scope of the Village Renewal Plan;
- c) the project is not of commercial nature;
- d) in case the project is implemented on a real estate which is not owned by the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary has the right to manage the property for the period of 7 years upon the project's completion;
- e) NGO carries out activities in the area convergent with the objectives of the Measure "Village renewal and development", particularly on behalf of population mobilization, development and preservation of cultural or natural heritage;

- f) the project submitted by a cultural institution operating under the supervision of a local self-government entity should be approved by this entity.

Form and amount of aid

The financial aid has the form of reimbursement of part of project eligible costs.

The maximum amount of aid for the implementation of projects in one locality cannot exceed PLN 500,000 within the Programme implementation period.

The amount of aid granted for implementation of one project cannot be lower than PLN 25,000.

Level of support

The level of financial aid from EAFARD is maximum 75% of project's eligible costs.

The required national contribution of public funds of at least 25% of eligible project costs shall come from the Beneficiary's own funds.



5.1.4 Small projects

Small projects are projects contributing to improvement of the quality of life or diversification of economic activity in the areas of LAG's activities, which are not eligible for support under Axis 3 measures – Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of rural economy, provided they meet eligibility and selection criteria, and for which the total value of a project varies between PLN 4 500 and 100 000.

Scope of small projects:

- 1) increasing awareness of local communities, including through organisation of trainings and other activities of educational and workshop nature for entities from an area covered by LDS, other than implemented under the measure referred to in Article 5(1)(1) of the Act of 7 March 2007 on support for rural areas with contribution from EAFRD;




- 2) improvement of the quality of life of local communities in the area covered by LDS, including:
 - a) provision of computer equipment and devices, including equipment and devices facilitating Internet access,
 - b) organisation of cultural, recreational and sports events;
- 3) development of activity of local communities, including through:
 - a) promotion of local culture with the use of local heritage: cultural, historical or natural,
 - b) cultivation of local traditions, rituals and customs,
 - c) cultivation of regional languages and dialects,
 - d) cultivation of traditional professions and crafts;
- 4) development of tourism and recreation in the area covered by LDS, including through:
 - a) setting up or modernisation of tourist information databases and websites, designing and publishing leaflets and other information publications on the area covered by LDS;
 - b) construction, renovation or signposting of small tourist infrastructure, in particular vantage points, camp and rest sites, cross-country or

downhill skiing routes, waterways and bicycle paths, horse riding tracks, educational or recreation walks;

- 5) preservation, reconstruction, protection or signposting of valuable local landscape and natural heritage, in particular in areas covered by specific forms of nature protection, including Natura 2000 areas;
- 6) preservation of local cultural and historical heritage, including through:
 - a) reconstruction or renovation of buildings or small architecture entered into the registry of historic monuments or included in voivodship records of historic monuments,
 - b) renovation of roofs or façades of buildings entered into the registry of historic monuments or included in voivodship records of historic monuments,
 - c) reconstruction or equipping of museums,
 - d) reconstruction or equipping of local clubrooms;
- 7) initiation of creation, development, processing, placing on the market, and services based on local resources, traditional sectors of economy or local heritage, including cultural, historic and natural, or improvement of the quality of such products;



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- 8) use of energy from renewable sources in order to improve the conditions for carrying out cultural or economic activities, except for agricultural activities.

Definition of Beneficiary

- 1) natural persons, who are:
 - a) citizens of EU Member States,
 - b) adult,
 - c) resident in the area covered by LDS or carry out economic activities in this area;
- 2) legal persons or organisational units, which do not have the status of legal persons, but to which legislation grants the legal capacity:
 - a) acting pursuant to the provisions on relations of the State with the Catholic Church in the Republic of Poland, on relations of the State with other churches and religious associations and provisions on guarantees of freedom of conscience and religion, with their seats in the area covered by LDS or carrying their activities in the area covered by LDS, or
 - b) established pursuant to provisions of legislation, including foundations and associations, with their seats in the area covered by LDS or carrying their activities in the area.

Form and amount of aid

The aid takes the form of reimbursement of a part of eligible costs of operations.

The amount of aid granted for implementation of an operation shall not exceed PLN 25 000.

Level of support

The level of financial support cannot exceed 70% of eligible costs of an operation.

5.2 Implementation of cooperation projects

The Measure covers granting aid to LAGs for implementation of projects of interregional and international cooperation:

- 1) included in LDS;
- 2) not included in LDS, but compliant with the objectives of LDS prepared and implemented by LAGs.



A cooperation project consists of the following:

- 1) preparation of the project, including development of a concept;
- 2) implementation of the project.

Cooperation projects:

- 1) must provide for implementation of common projects;
- 2) may involve, apart from LAGs, other partnerships which are groups of local partners and deal with the issue of rural development;
- 3) if they involve other partnerships being groups of local partners referred to in Paragraph 2, the costs they incur are not considered to be eligible costs of the project, only the costs of project coordination shall be eligible;
- 4) if they relate to non-EU areas, expenditure incurred as part of implementation of this part of the project are not eligible for support from EAFRD;
- 5) if there are costs related to planning and preparation of a cooperation project, i.e. the costs of organisation of partners' meeting to look for partners, finding about and arrangement of the condition of the cooperation project, these costs are considered to be eligible expenditure and they should be an integral part of the cooperation project.



Definition of beneficiary

Local Action Groups

Irrespective of whether a LAG included the description of a cooperation project in LDS or not, in order to start implementation it must file application for aid to a Marshal Office competent for the seat of the LAG. This is followed by the evaluation of the application by the VSG. In case of operations consisting in implementation of a cooperation project, VSG additionally carries out an evaluation based on the following **criteria** laid down in the regulation of MARD of 25 June 2008 on detailed conditions and procedures for granting and payment of financial aid under the Measure „Implementation of cooperation projects“ under the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 (Journal of Laws, No. 128, item 822):

1. There are more than two partners involved in implementation of a cooperation project (0 or 4 points).
2. The cooperation project defines and describes group of entities targeted by the project, or whose participation in the project is expected (0 or 4 points).
3. Objectives of a cooperation project are measurable, defined in time and attainable in the period of the project's implementation (0 or 4 points)
4. A cooperation project is of innovative nature for a given area (0 or 3 points).

5. A cooperation project is based on local resources (0 or 3 points).

6. Tasks included in a cooperation project go beyond exchange of experiences between partners (0 or 8 points).

7. Implementation of a cooperation project will facilitate stimulation or retaining of activity of local communities during or after the implementation of the project (0 or 6 points).

8. Managing a cooperation project – qualifications and experience of a coordinator relevant from the point of view of implementation of a cooperation project, and if LAG applying for aid is not a coordinating LAG, qualifications and experience of a co-coordinator, who will cooperate with the coordinator.

- 1) in case of international cooperation projects – documented command of at least one of the working languages of the European Union (English, German or French) or the language of a country from which a partner of the cooperation project originates (0 or 5 points).
- 2) documented experience in managing projects similar in scope to the evaluated cooperation projects:
 - a) more than 2 projects – 4 points,
 - b) 1 or 2 projects – 2 points,
 - c) no experience mentioned in letter (a) or (b) – 0 points.

9. A cooperation project will be implemented in a systematic and continuous manner ensuring effective spending of funds (0 or 4 points).

In case the results of verification and evaluation of the application are positive, LAG shall sign a contract for aid with VSG.

5.3 Functioning of Local Action Groups, acquisition of skills and activation

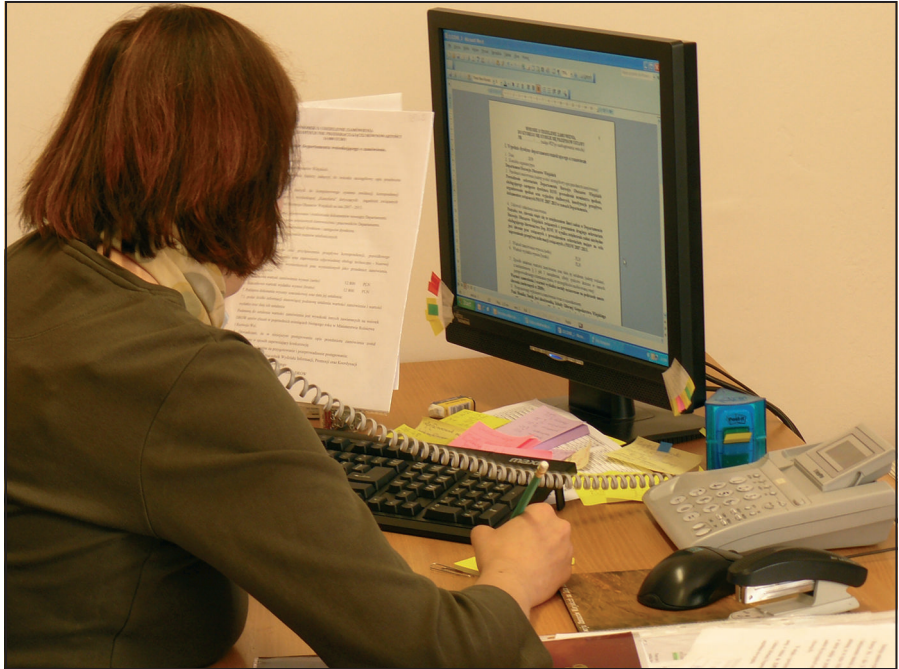
The Measure will ensure efficient and effective work of LAGs selected as part of implementation of Axis 4 of RDP 2017-2013 and vocational training of people who participate in preparation and implementation of local development strategies. The Measure will also contribute to building of social capital in rural areas, and consequently to stimulation of local community involvement in the area development and better harness of the potential of rural areas.

The prerequisite for local community engagement in development of the rural area and better harness of the area resources is building the social capital. Due to low overall activity level of Polish rural communities, as well as their poor engagement into local structures and reluctance to cooperate, it is fundamental

for LAGs to undertake activating, promotional or training activities of substantial importance to development of Polish rural areas. To achieve this, it is essential to provide efficient operation of the LAGs carrying out activating and animating actions.

Scope of the measure

Under the measure, the aid for implementation of activities is granted to LAGs in



accordance with the list of eligible costs specified in separate regulations. Aid granted under this Measure may relate in particular to the following:

- 1) running costs incurred by LAG (administrative costs related to LAG activity);
- 2) research on areas covered by LDS;
- 3) providing information about the area of LAG activity and about LDS ;
- 4) training the personnel implementing LDS ;
- 5) promotional events related to the area of LAG and LDS activity ;
- 6) training the local leaders ;
- 7) animation of local communities.

Definition of Beneficiary

Local Action Groups

Share of running costs in the Local Action Group budget

Running costs of LAGs shall be eligible up to 15% of the total of reimbursed eligible costs of all operations implemented under LDS in the period of its implementation.

6. Role of LAG in implementation of LDS

- 1) disseminate the assumptions of LDS;
- 2) dissemination of information on the principles for granting financial aid under measure 413 LDS implementation, including information on conditions and procedures;
- 3) providing information on websites and through advertisements in local press on the possibility to apply to LAG in respect of selection of projects for LDS implementation;

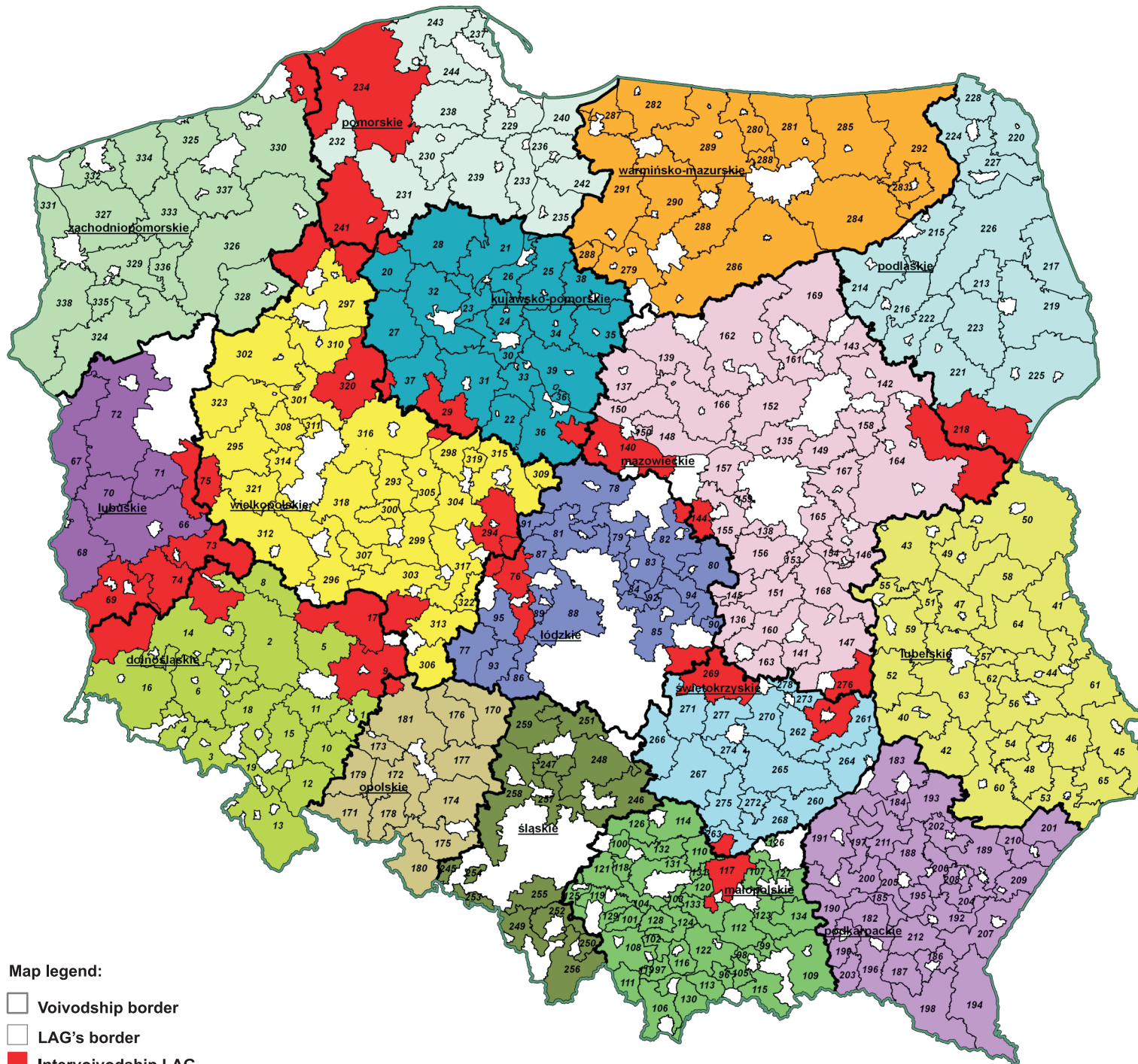







- 4) verifying projects against their compliance with LDS and local selection criteria with the use of procedures defined in LDS;
- 5) assessment and selection (by LAG's decision making body) of operations to be financed from funds granted to LAG for implementation of LDS;
- 6) provision of free advisory services on preparation of applications for aid under measure 413;
- 7) monitoring of LDS implementation;
- 8) revision of LDS;
- 9) cooperation with the National Rural Network on providing information pertaining to LDS implementation.



7. LAG's map



Map legend:

-  Voivodship border
-  LAG's border
-  Intervoivodship LAG

LAG's list

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1. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Starorzecze Odry"
2. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Kraina łęgowo Odrzańskich"
3. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Kwiat Lnu"
4. „Lokalna Grupa Działania Partnerstwo Ducha Gór"
5. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Kraina Wzgórz Trzebnickich"
6. Stowarzyszenie "Lokalna Grupa Działania Partnerstwo Kaczawskie"
7. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Partnerstwo Integracja Turystyka"
8. Lokalna Grupa Działania "UJŚCIE BARYCZY: Gmin Góra-Niechlów- Wąsosz"
- 9.* Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Dobra Wida-wa
10. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Gromnik
11. Stowarzyszenie Lider A4
12. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "QWsi"
13. Fundacja Kłodzka Wstęga Sudetów – Lokalna Grupa Działania
14. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Wrzosowa Kraina"
15. Stowarzyszenie "ŚLĘŻANIE - Lokalna Grupa Działania"
16. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania- Partnerstwo Izerskie
- 17.* Lokalna Grupa Działania „Partnerstwo dla Doliny Baryczy"
18. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Szlakiem Granitu"
19. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Partnerstwo Sowiogórskie

woj. Kujawsko-Pomorskie

20. Stowarzyszenie Nasza Krajna
21. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Gminy Powiatu Świeckiego"
22. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Razem Dla Powiatu Radzie-jowskiego"
23. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Zakole Dolnej Wisły"
24. Fundacja Ziemia Gotyku Lokalna Grupa Działania
25. Fundacja Lokalna Grupa Działania „Wieczno"
26. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Vistula-Terra Culmensis- Rozwój Przez Tradycję"
27. Stowarzyszenie „Partnerstwo Dla Krajny I Pałuk
28. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Bory Tucholskie"
- 29.* Fundacja „Sąsiedzi Wokół Szlaku Piastowskiego"
30. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Podgrodzie Toruńskie"
31. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Czarnoziem Na Soli"
32. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Trzy Doliny"
33. Stowarzyszenie „Partnerstwo Dla Ziemi Kujawskiej"
34. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Dolina Drwęcy"
35. Stowarzyszenie Loklana Grupa Działania Gmin Do-brzyńskich Region Północ
36. Stowarzyszenie Loklana Grupa Działania „Dorzecza Zgłowiączki"
37. Lokalna Grupa Działania Pałuki-Wspólna Sprawa
38. Stowarzyszenie „Lokalna Grupa Działania Pojezierze Brodnickie"
39. Stowarzyszenie Loklana Grupa Działania Gmin Do-brzyńskich Region Południe

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40. Lokalna Grupa Działania Ziemi Krańcickiej
41. Stowarzyszenie „Poleska Dolina Bugu"
42. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „LEŚNY KRAJ"
43. Lokalna Grupa Działania „RAZEM KU LEPSZEJ PRZY-SZŁOŚCI"
44. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania PROMENADA S-12
45. Stowarzyszenie „Lepsze jutro" Lokalna Grupa Działania
46. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Ziemia Zamojska"
47. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „DOLINĄ WIEPRZA I LEŚNYM SZLAKIEM
48. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Nasze Rozto-cze"
49. Lokalna Grupa Działania Zapiecek
50. Bielskopodlaska Lokalna Grupa Działania
51. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Małe Mazowsze"
52. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Owocowy Szlak"
53. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Roztocze Tomaszowskie"
54. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Dolina Wieprza i Poru"
55. Lepsza Przyszłość Ziemi Ryckiej
56. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „KRASNYSTAW PLUS"
57. Fundacja Nasza Nadzieja
58. Lokalna Grupa Działania Jagiellońska Przystań
59. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Zielony Piersień"
60. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Ziemia Biłgorajska"
61. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Ziemi Chełm-skiej"
62. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Dolina Gielczwi"
63. Lokalna Grupa Działania Na Rzecz Rozwoju Gmin Powiatu Lubelskiego - "Kraina Wokół Lublina"
64. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Polesie"
65. Stowarzyszenie „G6 Grzęda Sokalska"

woj. Lubuskie

66. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Między Odrą a Bobrem"
67. Fundacja Zielonej Doliny Odry i Warty
68. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania- Grupa Łużyc-ka
- 69.* Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Bory Dolnoślą-skie
70. Stowarzyszenie Inicjatyw Społeczno-Gospodarczych LGD Powiatu Krośnieńskiego Zielone Światło
71. Stowarzyszenie LGD Działaj z Nami
72. Stowarzyszenie Kraina Szlaków Turystycznych-Lokalna Grupa Działania
- 73.* Stowarzyszenie Kraina Lasów i Jezior-Lokalna Grupa Działania
- 74.* Fundacja „Porozumienie Wzgórz Dalkowskich"
- 75.* Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Regionu Kozła

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- 76.* Stowarzyszenie „Lokalna Grupa Działania Przymierze Jeziorsko"
77. „Między Prosną a Wartą" – Lokalna Grupa Działania
78. Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Gmin „CENTRUM"
79. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „POLCENTRUM"
80. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Kraina Rawki"

81. Fundacja Rozwoju Gmin „PRYM"
82. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania - „Gniazdo"
83. Stowarzyszenie na Rzecz Rozwoju Społeczności Lokal-nej „Mroga"
84. Lokalna Grupa Działania STER
85. Stowarzyszenie Dolina Pilicy
86. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Kraina Wielkiego Łuku Warty"
87. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Poddębice i Zadzim - Kraina bez barier"
88. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Dolina Rzeki Grabi"
89. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Podkowa"
90. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Nad Drzewiczką"
91. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Między Wartą a Nerem"
92. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „BUD-UJ RAZEM"
93. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Ziemia Wieluńska"
94. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Tradycja, Kultura, Rozwój"
95. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Szlakiem Sieradzkiej E-ski"

woj. Małopolskie

96. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Stowarzyszenie Białych Górall i Łachów Sądeckich"
97. Stowarzyszenie "Przyjazna Dolina Raby"
98. "Lokalna Grupa Działania Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Gminy Chelmiec"
99. Lokalna Grupa Działania pod nazwą „Stowarzyszenie Pogórze Sądeckie - Kochełm"
100. "Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania dla Obszarów Wiejskich Gminy Olkusz"
101. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Gościnniec"
102. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Klimas"
103. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Wielicka Wieś"
104. Stowarzyszenie "Błisko Krakowa"
105. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Brama Beskidu"
106. Stowarzyszenie "Podhalańska Lokalna Grupa Działania"
107. Stowarzyszenie "Borzęcińsko-Radłowska Lokalna Grupa Działania Przedgórze"
108. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Podbabiogórze"
109. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Beskid Gorlicki"
110. "Stowarzyszenie Na rzecz Rozwoju Płaskowyżu Proso-wickiego Prokopara"
111. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Orawy"
112. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Na śliwkowym szlaku"
113. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Gorce-Pieniny"
114. "Miechowskie Stowarzyszenie Gmin Jaksa"
115. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Perły Beskidu Sądeckiego"
116. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Piękna Ziemia Gorczańska"
- 117.* "Nadwiślańska Grupa Działania Cenoma"
118. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Zdrój"
119. Stowarzyszenie "Dolina Karpia"
120. "Lokalna Grupa Działania Stowarzyszenie Wspólnota Królewskiej Puszczy"
121. "Lokalna Grupa Działania Partnerstwo na Jurze"
122. "Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Przyjazna Ziemia Limanowska"
123. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Dunajec-Biała"

124. "Turystyczna Podkova"
125. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Dolina Soły"
126. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Nad Białą Przemszą"
127. "Rozwój Inicjatyw Lokalnych Leader +"
128. "Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Między Dalinem i Gościbią"
129. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Wadoviana"
130. "Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Spisza i okolicy"
131. "Stowarzyszenie Korona Północnego Krakowa"
132. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Jurajska Kraina"
133. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Dolina Raby"
134. "Pogórzańskie Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju"

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135. Związek Stowarzyszeń "Partnerstwo Zalewu Zegrzyń-skiego"
136. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Wszyscy Razem"
137. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Sierpeckie Partnerstwo"
138. Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Gmin Tarczyn, Prażmów Lokalna Grupa Działania
139. Stowarzyszenie Społecznej Samopomocy- Lokalna Grupa Działania
- 140.* Fundacja "Aktywni Razem"
141. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Wspólny Trakt"
142. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Zielone Siolo"
143. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Zaścianek Mazowska"
- 144.* "Echo Puszczy Bolimowskiej"
145. Lokalna Grupa Działania Gminy Nadpiliczne
146. Forum Powiatu Garwolińskiego
147. Stowarzyszenie "Dziedzictwo i Rozwój"
148. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Razem dla Rozwoju"
149. Lokalna Grupa Działania Równiny Wołomińskiej
150. Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Ziemi Płockiej
151. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Zapilicze"
152. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Zielone Mosty Narwi"
153. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Warka"
154. Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Gmin i Miast Powiatu Garwo-lińskiego
155. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Ziemia Chełmońskiego"
156. Stowarzyszenie "Kraina Kwitnących Sądów"
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158. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Bądzmy Razem"
159. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Zielone Sąsiedztwo"
160. Lokalna Grupa Działania Stowarzyszenie "Razem dla Radomki"
161. Stowarzyszenie N.A.R.E.W - "Orzyc-Narew"
162. Fundacja Partnerska Grupa Lokalnego Działania "Ciuchcia Krasieńskich"
163. Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Ziemi Szydłowskiej
164. Stowarzyszenie "Kapitał-Praca-Rozwój"
165. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Natura i Kultura"
166. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Przyjazne Mazowsze
167. Lokalna Grupa Działania Ziemi Mińskiej
168. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Puszcza Kozienicka"
169. Związek Stowarzyszeń "Kurpsie Razem"

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170. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Górna Proсна”
171. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Nyskie Księstwo Jezior i Gór”
172. LGD Partnerstwo Borów Niemodlińskich
173. Stowarzyszenie „Brzeska Wieś Historyczna”
174. Stowarzyszenie Kraina św. Anny
175. Fundacja Euro-Country Partnerstwo dla zrównoważonego Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich
176. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Dolina Stobrawy”
177. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Kraina Dinozaurów”
178. Wspólne Źródła - Partnerstwo Obszarów Wiejskich Gmin Korfantów, Prudniki Biała
179. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Złota Ziemia”
180. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Płaskowyż Dobrej Ziemi”
181. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Stobrawski Zielony Szlak

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182. Czarnorzecko - Strzyżowska Lokalna Grupa Działania
183. Forum Mieszkańców Wsi SANTEG Lokalna Grupa Działania
184. Stowarzyszenie Lasowiacka Grupa Działania
185. Lokalna Grupa Działania C. K. Podkarpacie
186. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Dolina Sanu
187. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Dorzecze Wisłoka”
188. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „EUROGALICJA”
189. Stowarzyszenie „Kraina Sanu” – Lokalna Grupa Działania
190. Lokalna Grupa Działania „LIWOCZ”
191. LGD Partnerstwo dla Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich PROWENT
192. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Pogórze Przemysko – Dynowskie” - Stowarzyszenie
193. Lokalna Grupa Działania Stowarzyszenie „Partnerstwo dla Ziemi Niżańskiej”
194. Lokalna Grupa Działania Zielone Bieszczady
195. Lokalna Grupa Działania Lider Dolina Strugu
196. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Kraina Nafty”
197. Lokalna Grupa Działania Lasovia
198. Lokalna Grupa Działania Nasze Bieszczady
199. Lokalna Grupa Działania Nowa Galicja
200. Lokalna Grupa Działania Partnerstwo 5 Gmin
201. Lokalna Grupa Działania Serce Roztocza
202. Lokalna Grupa Działania Stowarzyszenie Region Sanu i Trzebońnicy
203. Lokalna Grupa Działania Stowarzyszenie Subregion Magurski-Szana na rozwój
204. Lokalna Grupa Działania Stowarzyszenie Z Tradycją w Nowoczesność w Pawłosiowie
205. Lokalna Grupa Działania Trygon - Rozwój i Innowacja
206. Lokalna Grupa Działania Ziemia Łańcucka
207. Lokalna Grupa Działania Ziemia Przemyska
208. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Dorzecze Mleczki
209. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Kresowi Sąsiedzi
210. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Rozwój Ziemi Lubaczowskiej
211. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Siedlisko
212. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Ziemia Brzozowska

woj. Podlaskie

213. Stowarzyszenie „Królewski Gościniec Podlasia”
214. Fundacja „Kraina Mlekiem Płynąca”
215. Lokalna Grupa Działania Biebrzański Dar Natury
216. Stowarzyszenie „Sąsiedzi”
217. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Szlak Tatarski"
- 218.* Stowarzyszenie „Lokalna Grupa Działania -Tygiel Doliny Bugu”
219. Lokalna Grupa Działania Puszcza Knyszyńska
220. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Sejnejszczyzna”
221. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Kraina Bobra”
222. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Brama na Bagna”
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227. Stowarzyszenie „Lokalna Grupa Działania – Kanał Augustowski i Rospuda”
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230. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Stolem
231. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Sandry Brdy
232. Lokalna Grupa Działania Wrzeciono
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- 234.* Fundacja Partnerstwo Dorzecze Ślupi
235. Powiślańska Lokalna Grupa Działania
236. Lokalna Grupa Działania Spichlerz Żuławy
237. Lokalna Grupa Działania Małe Morze
238. Stowarzyszenie Turystyczne Kaszuby
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- 241.* Fundacja Lokalna Grupa Działania- Naszyjnik Północny
242. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Kraina Dolnego Powiśla"
243. Stowarzyszenie "Bursztynowy Pasaż"
244. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Kaszubska Droga"

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245. Stowarzyszenia Lokalna Grupa Działania "Partnerstwo dla rozwoju"
246. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Perła Jury"
247. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Bractwo Kuźnic"
248. Stowarzyszenie "Partnerstwo Północnej Jury"
249. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Cieszyńska Kraina"
250. Fundacja "Partnerstwo Dorzecza Kocierzanki i Koszarawy"
251. Stowarzyszenie "Razem na wyżyn"
252. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Ziemia Bielska"
253. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Morawskie Wrota"
254. Stowarzyszenie "LYSKOR"
255. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Ziemia Pszczyńska"
256. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Żywiecki Raj"
257. Związek Stowarzyseń Lokalna Grupa Działania "Brynica to nie granica"
258. Fundacja Lokalna Grupa Działania "Spichlerz Górnego Śląska"

259. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Zielony Wierchołek Śląska"

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260. Lokalna Grupa Działania – Dorzecze Wisły
261. Lokalna Grupa Działania Powiatu Opatowskiego
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263. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Perły Ponidzia”
264. Sandomierskie Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju Regionalnego - Lokalna Grupa Działania
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266. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Region Włoszczowski”
267. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Ziemia Jędrzejowska – GRYP”
268. Stowarzyszenie G5
- 269.* Stowarzyszenie „Lokalna Grupa Działania – U ŻRÓDEŁ”
270. Stowarzyszenie „Lokalna Grupa Działania – Wokół Łysej Góry”
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272. Buska Lokalna Grupa Działania „Słoneczny Lider”
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- 276.* Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Krzemienny Krąg”
277. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Dorzecze Bobrzy”
278. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Razem na Rzecz Rozwoju”

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279. Lokalna Grupa Działania Ziemia Lubawska
280. Stowarzyszenie-Lokalna Grupa Działania "Łyna-Sajna"
281. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Barcja"
282. Fundacja Lokalna Grupa Działania "Partnerstwo dla Warmii"
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284. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Mazurskie Morze"
285. Związek Stowarzyszeń na rzecz Rozwoju Gmin Północnego Obszaru Wielkich Jezior Mazurskich
286. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Brama Mazurskiej Krainy"
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288. Lokalna Grupa Działania "Stowarzyszenie Południowa Warmia"
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290. Związek Stowarzyszeń "Kraina Drwęc i Pasłęki"
291. Stowarzyszenie Łączy nas Kanał Elbląski Lokalna Grupa Działania
292. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Lider w EGO"

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293. Lokalna Grupa Działania - "Z Nami Warto"
- 294.* "Turkowska Unia Rozwoju - T.U.R."
295. Stowarzyszenie KOLD
296. Stowarzyszenie "Lokalna Grupa Działania Gościnną Wielkopolska" w Pępowie
297. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Krajna nad Notecią"
298. Stowarzyszenie "Między Ludźmi i Jeziorami"
299. Stowarzyszenie "Wspólnie dla Przyszłości"
300. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Zaścianek"
301. Stowarzyszenie LGD Kraina Trzech Rzek
302. Czarnkowsko -Trzcianecka Lokalna Grupa Działania
303. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Okno Południowej Wielkopolski"
304. Stowarzyszenie "Solidarni w Partnerstwie"
305. Stowarzyszenie "Unia Nadwarciańska"

306. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania "Wrota Wielkopolski"
307. Stowarzyszenie " Wielkopolska z wyobraźnią"
308. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania Dolina Samy
309. Stowarzyszenie "Solna Dolina"
310. Stowarzyszenie "Dolina Noteci"
311. "Leader Suchy Las"
312. Wielkopolska Lokalna Grupa Działania Kraina Lasów i Jezior
313. Stowarzyszenie Ostrzeszowska Lokalna Grupa Działania
314. Stowarzyszenie - Lokalna Grupa Działania "Żródło"
315. Stowarzyszenie "Wielkopolska Wschodnia"
316. Stowarzyszenie Świątowid
317. Stowarzyszenie "LGD 7 - Kraina Nocy i Dni"
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319. Towarzystwo Społeczno - Gospodarcze "Dwa Mosty"
- 320.* Stowarzyszenie "Dolina Wełny"
321. Stowarzyszenie Ziemi Grodziskiej Leader
322. Stowarzyszenie Długosz Królewski
323. Stowarzyszenie "Puszcza Notecka"

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324. Stowarzyszenie „Lider Pojezierza”
325. Stowarzyszenie Lokalnej Grupy Działania „Siła w Grupie”
326. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Partnerstwo Drawy”
327. Stowarzyszenie Szanse Bezdroży Gmin Powiatu Goleńskiego
328. Fundacja Lider Wałecki
329. Stowarzyszenie „WIR” Wiejska Inicjatywa Rozwoju
330. Fundacja „Środkowopomorska Grupa Działania”
331. Lokalna Grupa Działania - Dobre Gminy
332. Lokalna Grupa Działania „Partnerstwo w rozwoju”
333. Stowarzyszenie „Centrum Inicjatyw Wiejskich”
334. Stowarzyszenie Lokalna Grupa Działania „Gryflandia”
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338. Stowarzyszenie Dolnoodrzańska Inicjatywa Rozwoju Obszarów Wiejskich

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