







### Local Action Groups in Poland ("Dolina Raby" and "Gościniec 4 Żywiołów")

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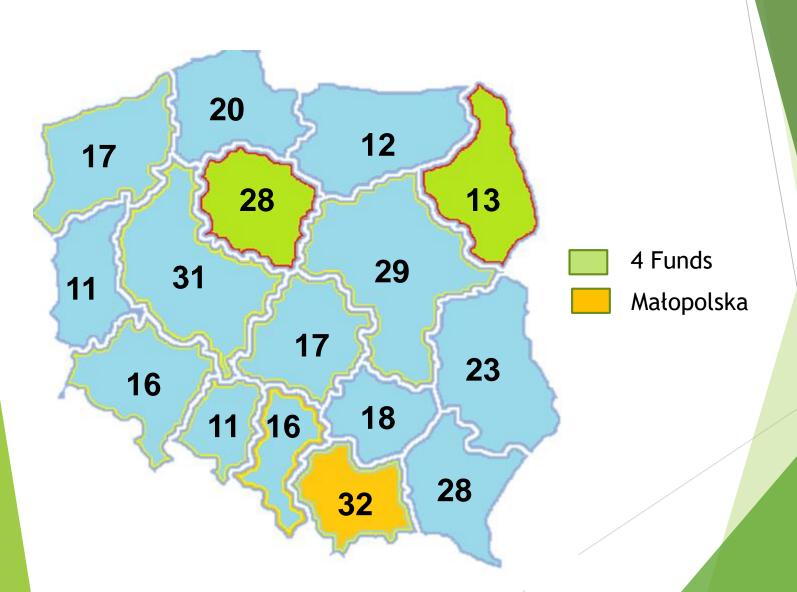
### LEADER Approach in Poland

- ▶ 322 LAGs selected and LDS approved in the first half of 2016
- ▶ 249 only EAFRD, 36 Fisheries LAGs, 7 Urban LAGs (only ESF, region of kujawsko-pomorskie)
- 2 regions of 16 (podlaskie, kujawskopomorskie) - ERDF + ESF
- LEADER budget under EAFRD 734 M €

   ⇒ aprox. 5% of RDP, ERDF 80 M €,

   ESF 69 M €, EMFF 90 M €

### Number of LAGs in regions



### Responsibility of LAG

- Calls for projects
- The formal assessment (completeness of documentation)
- Evaluation of goals and selection of projects using local criteria (the Board)
- Answers for appeals
- ► Validity of costs, final agreement with the project promotor and an approval of application for payment is made by regional authority (the Marshal Office)

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- Lump sums for running costs and activization and preparatory works
- "Lump sum" for people who woudl like to start with own business
- Increase of bureaucracy (a lot of institutions engaged (Poland is the only country in Europe so big one with one national program, Intermediatory Bodies)
- Very long time of approvals in some regions (over 12 months)
- Big problems with "Umbrella" projects (no experience)

## Future of LEADER Approach/CLLD

- Probably no statements and working groups concerning LEADER/CLLD yet
- Some works for regional RDPs by National Government Ofices in regions - beginning phase, no information
- Conference in Supraśl, 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2018 - start of discussion
- Main concerns:
  - Weak engagement of The Ministry of Development (ESF and EFRD regulations)
  - Promotion of CLLD in urban areas



### Structure of our partnerships

- ► LAG Gościniec 4 Żywiołów has 123 members the entities representing the public sector are 9, the social sector -76 and the economic sector 38.
- ► LAG Dolina Raby: 103 members, including 48 legal entities and 55 individuals. Entities representing the public sector are 10, social sector 53 and the economic sector 40.

### Structure of our Boards:

- ► LAG Gościniec 4 Żywiołów: consists of 14 people; it is tried to make an equal distribution of representatives of municipalities and sectors; there are no mayors, it consists of 3 people from each gmina and 2 people from strategic industries, namely carpentry and tourism.
- ► LAG Dolina Raby: counts 24 people; NGOs represent 10 people, entrepreneurs 7 people, public entities 7 people; from the area of each municipality are representatives of NGOs, entrepreneurs and public entities; the President of the Council comes from the social sector, three Vice-Presidents represent the public sector

### A little about history

- ► LAG Gościniec 4 Żywiołów was established in 2006. The initiators of the uprising were 4 municipalities cooperating with local leaders.
- LAG Dolina Raby was founded in 2008. The initiator was the municipality of Gdów
- ► Both LAGs were was selected to implement its Local Development Strategy for the period 2007-2013

# The area, population and budget of LAG [











budget of LAG Dolina Raby

6 Gminas (municipalities):

- 1 urban-rural
- 5 rural



Population: 60 668 (2016)

Budget: about 2 milion Euros

### Profile of Dolina Raby (1)

- We are interested in a job creation, especially in the following fields:
  - food processing, especially connected with traditional local products,
  - tourism, especially in developing of touristic trails,
  - pro-ecological construction.

### Profile of Dolina Raby (2)

- Our the most important event is Festiwal Rosołu (the Broth Festival). Because of the first Polish cookbook was written by Stanisław Czerniecki in 1682 in the castle of Nowy Wiśnicz. The first position in this book is occupied by Polish Broth.
- For the same reason, we run the Cookbook Museum to collect local and regional cookbooks from different regions and countries
- We organize also the annual nation-wide competition for the best book about culinary. The prize is a cup founded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.



### Profile of Dolina Raby (3)

- ▶ We took part in 11 cooperation projects (including three preparatory ones). Two projects (with two preparatory ones) were transnational (one with Finnish and one with Irish LAGs). The projects were mainly concerned with a promotion of local traditional food.
- We made some tourist trails: bicycle, historical, culinary
- We set up the Social Cooperative "Dolina Raby"

The area, population and budget of LAG Gościniec 4 Żywiołów

Kalwaria Zebrzydowska,

- Lanckorona,
- Mucharz,
- Stryszów.



Population: 37 083 (2016)

Budget: 1,36 milion Euro

### Profile of Gościniec 4 Żywiołów (1)

- We are interested in a job creation, especially in the following fields:
  - furniture (natural cluster, also shoes cluster),
  - food processing, especially connected with traditional local products,
  - tourism, especially in developing of touristic trails.
- Cultural heritage

### Profile of Gościniec 4 Żywiołów (2)

- ► The most important project is the Kitchen Incubator. The project was supported mainly from the Swiss-Polish Cooperation Fund.
- We set up the Social Cooperative "Tastes of Gościniec"
- ▶ We were partners in cooperation projects like "Polish-Irish Authentic Cuisine" with LAG Dolina Raby and Irish LAG Leitrim, "Festivals of Tastes" with LAG Dolina Raby and other Polish LAGs or Ecomuseums with one Austrian LAG and two other LAGs from Malopolska





### Cooperation projects in Poland

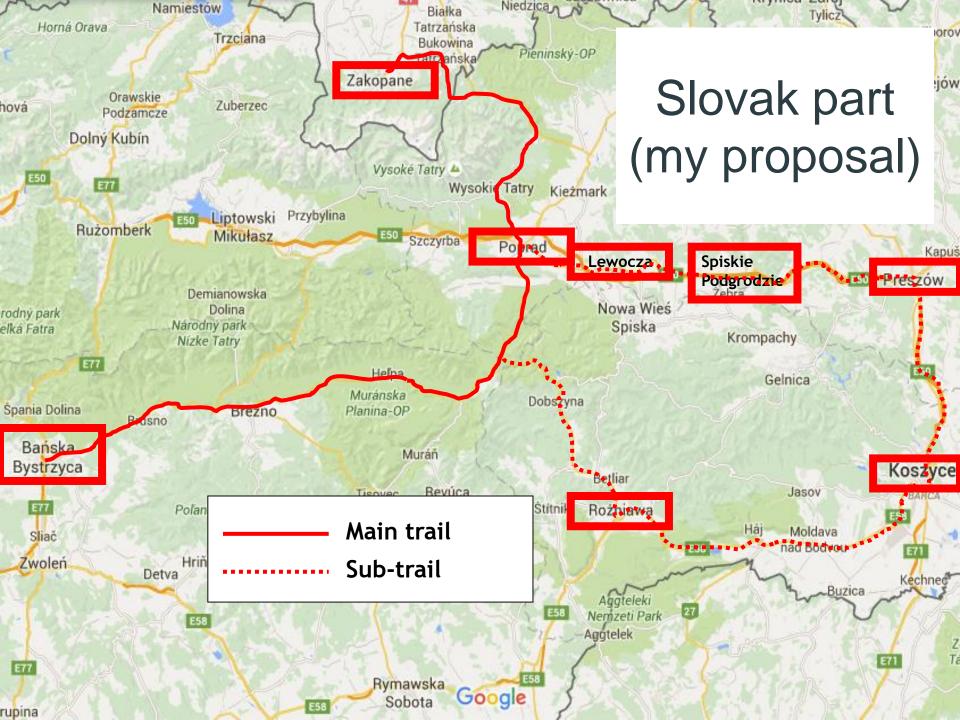
- ► LAG put drafts of cooperation projects in Local Development Strategies
- An approval of application is made by regional authority (the Marshal Office) using national criteria
- ► Every LAG have possibility use 2% of its budget for cooperation projects and can apply for more (open national competition to the end of money) but no more then 5% of its budget

### Partner searched

We are looking for Slovak and Hungarian LAGs to establish a Hungarian Trail on historical roads from Kraków (Wieliczka) or Bochnia to Tokaj or Budapeszt











- Seminar about Erasmus+ project TELI2 the international 1-year course on academic level to improve skills of LAG's staff and management and decision bodies
- XI Europa Cafe (meeting of Polish NGOs to talk about European issues)
- VIII BROTH FESTIVAL

29-30 of June, 2018 Bochnia (40 km from Kraków)

Free accommodation!



## DZIĘKUJĘ (Thank you)

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