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International workshop on poverty and social exclusion in rural areas Krakow 25-27 June 2017

DAY 1

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2017

12:00 - 17:00 Participants' arrival at the Krakow Agricultural Advisory Centre (CDR), ul. Meisela 1, Krakow

17:00 Welcome and initial presentations (*Ryszard Kamiński - Polish Rural Forum - PRF*)

Initial presentation of the participants' experience related to issues of poverty and social exclusion to share experience (*Ryszard Kamiński - PRF and Professor Piotr Nowak - Jagiellonian University, Krakow*)

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Individual sightseeing of Krakow Old Town (15 minutes' walk from the hotel)

DAY 2

MONDAY 26 JUNE 2017

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 12:00 Morning session

- Official opening (*Ryszard Kamiński - PRF; a representatives of the Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development*)
- Introduction to the workshop's theme (*Dr. Andrzej Hałasiewicz- (PRF); Dr. Małgorzata Bogusz (Agricultural University in Krakow)*)
- Interactive session: **The causes of poverty in rural areas**
 - Moderated discussion – exchange of experience between participants from various countries and from various kinds of rural areas
- Discussion panel 1: **Social exclusion of children, young people, and the elderly**
 - Presentation of problems and of initiatives to resolve them
 - Discussion among the participants
 - Elaboration of practical solutions and of recommendations

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch break

12:30 Afternoon session – study visit

Visit organised by the Krakow Agricultural Advisory Centre and Małgorzata Bogusz of the Agricultural University in Krakow to familiarize participants with two projects implemented by NGOs to prevent social exclusion in rural areas near Krakow.

1. **“The Haven (Przystań)” Social Cooperative** (Raciechowice, Myślenice district) is an example of a well-prospering social enterprise established by the municipality of Raciechowice and the voluntary fire brigade in Kwapince. The Cooperative’s principal activity consists in preparing meals for children and youth in the local schools; selling meals to other persons (in cooperation with the municipal social care centre); providing cleaning services in the schools and the municipal offices in Raciechowice; running a guest house (including the organisation and hosting of study visits); and providing catering services. The kitchen uses produce from the municipality – local farmers, local food processors and neighbouring shops. This is a good example of promotion of local produce and also of social integration and cooperation among local organisations.
2. **“From the Farmer Association” (Stowarzyszenie Grupa Odrolnika)** (Pleśnia, Tarnów district) is an example of innovative entrepreneurship among farmers through the direct sale of organic produce from small and medium-sized farms. It promotes local produce among its customers and tourists, using the area’s natural and cultural resources. This has brought about the creation of a network of tourism products. The study visit aims to show how to avoid poverty and social exclusion among small agricultural producers based on the sustainable and multi-functional development of rural areas.
3. **“The Forge of Flavour” (Kuznia Smaku)** Social Cooperative (Myślenice district) has been active since 2013 and aims to promote the rich cultural tradition of the region (traditional food processed from fruit and vegetables, directly from farmers, craft products). The Cooperative supports local artists and craftsmen by selling their unique hand-made objects and also provides many customers with natural produce such as honey local hives, fruit and vegetables from local farmers and natural village bread straight from a traditional bread oven. The social aspect of the Cooperative’s work is done through work with people that cannot break through on the existing labour market and their talents are wasted.

18:00 Moderated discussion – summarising of the visits and of Day 2, followed by dinner in Pleśnia

21:00 Sightseeing in Krakow

DAY 3

TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 12:00 Morning session

- Discussion panel 2: **Exclusion of ethnic minorities and the problems of immigrants in rural areas, as well as problems of other groups threatened with exclusion**
 - Presentation of problems and of initiatives to resolve them
 - Discussion among the participants
 - Elaboration of practical solutions and of recommendations
- Work in groups: **What works in combatting social exclusion in rural areas?**
- Moderated discussion – summarising of the morning session and of the work in groups

12:00 - 15:00 Concluding session (including lunch at about 13:00)

- Comments by Tom Jones (*European Economic and Social Committee*)
- Elaboration of a position paper on dealing with poverty and social exclusion in rural areas (to be presented at the meeting of the European Rural Parliament in Venhorst, the Netherlands - *work led by representatives of the Polish Rural Forum and of PREPARE*)

