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MOuntain Valorisation through INterconnectedness and Green growth

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Europan foresight exercice
Strategic Option: Bieszczady, PL

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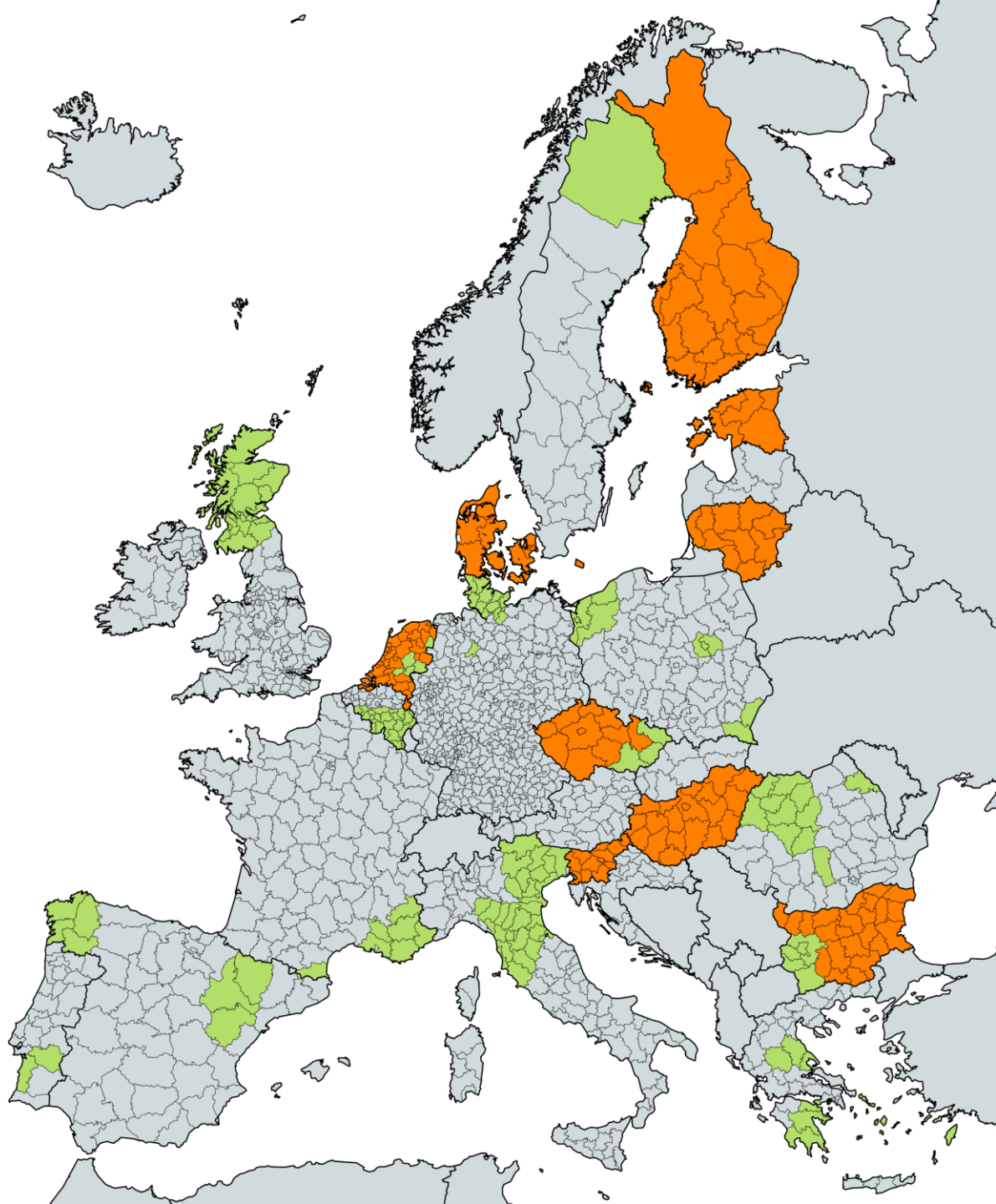
Sustainable Hub to Engage into Rural Policies with Actors (SHERPA)

- Established **41 regional and national MAPs** (i.e. Science-Society-Policy interfaces) across 19 EU Member States & the United Kingdom (Scotland)
- ERDN established 20 MAPs in LT, PL, CZ, HU, RO, BG!
- **630+** actors from science, society and policy have been actively engaged in a variety of topics using the SHERPA approach
- Created a shared knowledge base relevant to EU rural policy by taking stock of results of past and ongoing projects → the **SHERPA Repository**

https://rural-interfaces.eu/

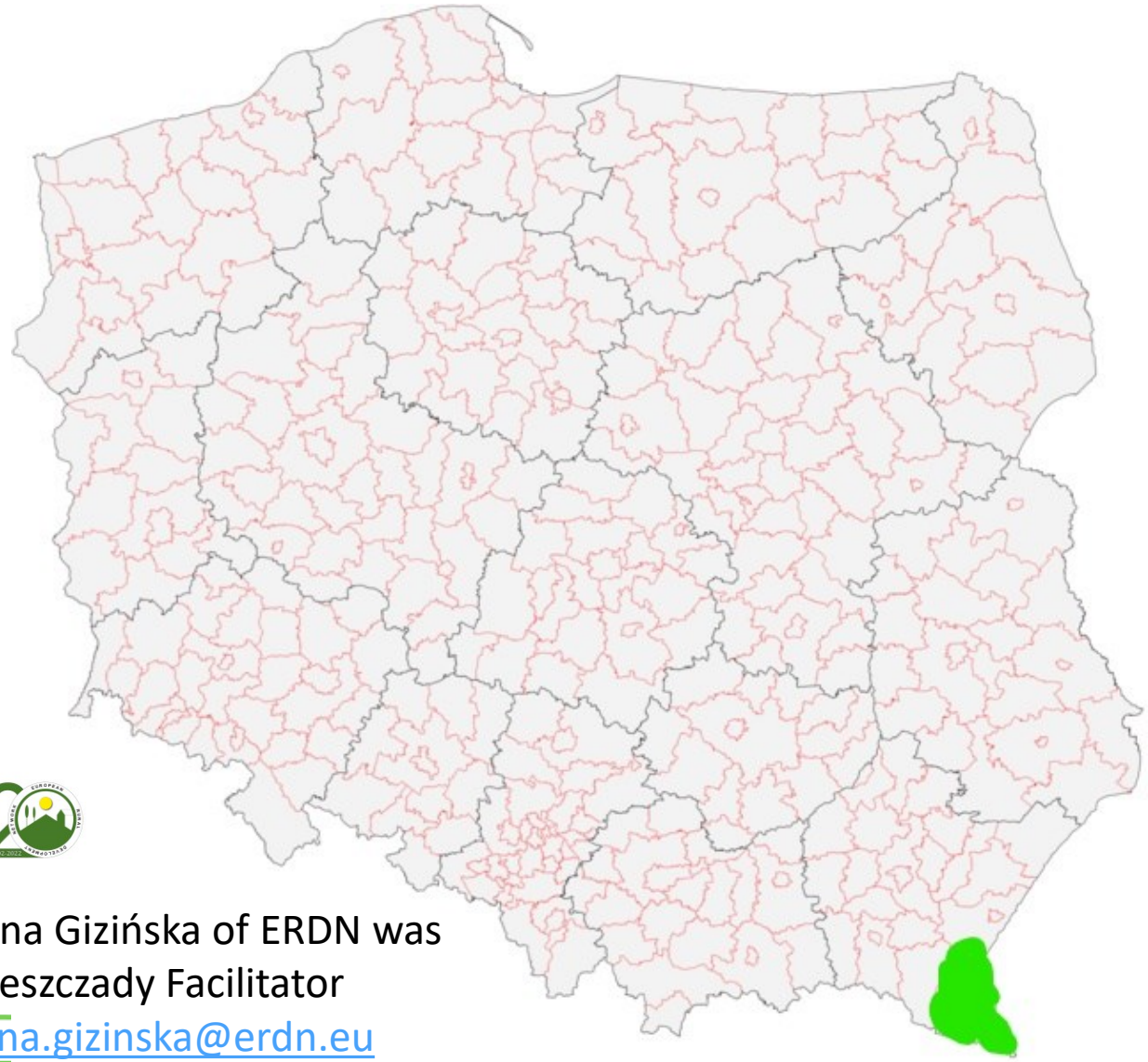


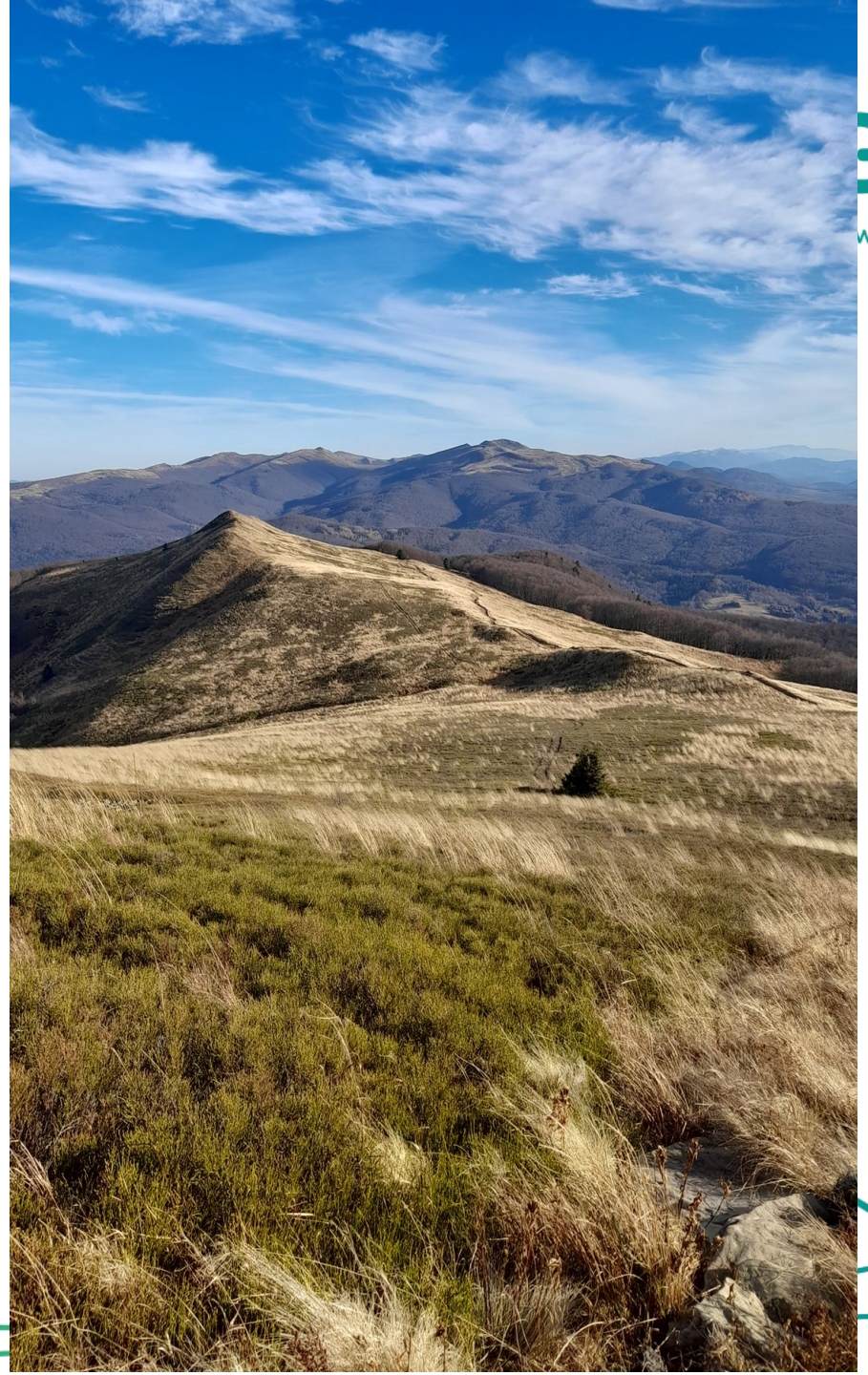
Rural Science-Society-Policy Interfaces

Overview of SHERPA results

- Synthesised **needs, opportunities, challenges and good practices for rural areas** as identified in multiple publications:
  - **100+** MAP Position Papers/Notes
  - **9** SHERPA Position Papers *(+ one more on the way)*
- SHERPA was **mentioned multiple times** in the EC Communication on the Long Term Vision for Rural Areas
- Formulated a first set of **recommendations for future research agendas and for the development of future rural policies**
  - *A second set of recommendations will be published this September*
- Produced **25 SHERPA Deliverables**
  - Working principles of the MAPs, a review of the rural ambition in the CAP Strategic Plans, methods for setting up MAPs, etc.
  - *10 more to be published before the end of the project*

Region: Bieszczady Mountains





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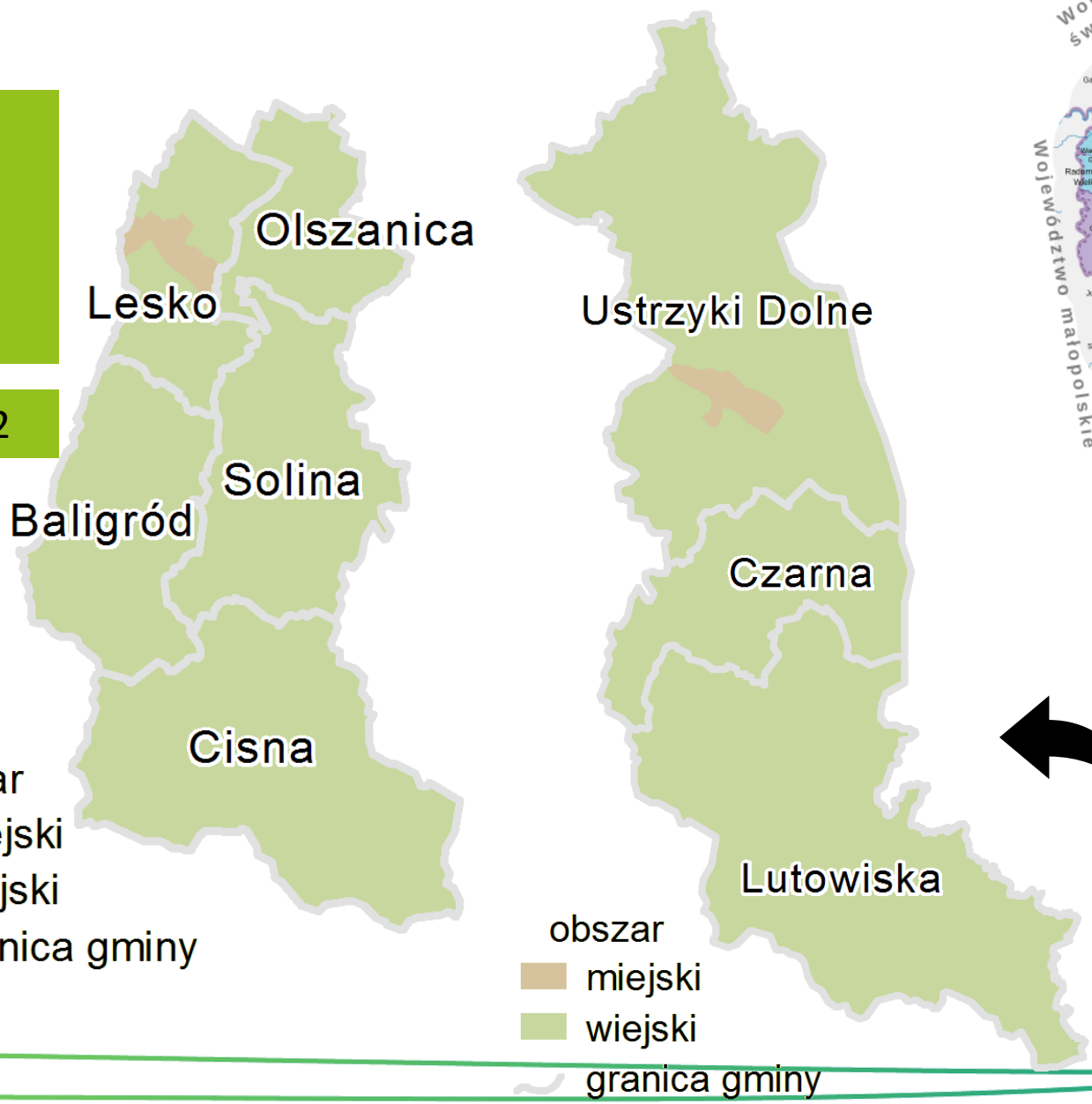
risk of permanent marginalisation

Low population density

6 people per 1 km2



The least populated Polish municipality
-> 4 people per 1 km2

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Identified needs

Nature is not disconnected from social and economic life – local communities see that great coexistence but ‚upper' levels are still sectoral (natural parks, farming, production, tourism and leisure, social life).

Lack of inclusive venues to bring people together colse to the Nature (Parks)

More connetion to ecosystem services, knowledge and civic engagement

Better planning (governance) in local ecosystem

Stopping the outflow of young people from rural areas (why to live in Bieszczady?)

Work: unemployment, job instability, seasonality / no industry /

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Nature driven

(Narr) Multiactor netowrks allow adaptively protect nature to build a social economy

How to make a good balance of human intervention and biodiversity.

EU and National strategies promoting extensive forms of sustainable economic practices

(ToCh) Public /Citizen engagement is increasing and there is a stable public funding (entrepreneurship, eco-services, nature preservation)

Building regional viability through sustainable interaction with nature

(T-offs) Increasing attractivenes versus nature preservation

To keep idylle and develop nature-based economy (intensive tourism, services)….

more freedom by complex funding options given to theinhabitants to create social-nature reality and businesses

Bieszczady Mountains, Poland

The entire economy is linked to natural resources that require good governance!!!

(varriables)

Local food (eco) production

Ecosystem services

Nature-based job creation

(Forces)

Tourism

Climate change

Digitization

Demography

Bieszczady percieved as mythical land of peace and nature

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Challenges addressed by the SO

1. Demography and Civic Engagement (Woman and Youth) in local ecosystem
2. Sustianable Tourism in Natural Parks
3. ... or how to manage the whole? How to integrate environmental concerns into people's actions and daily life activities?

Objectives

1. Securing the long term care of natural-based busiensses and initiatives in Bieszczady
2. Networking people and initiatives / to governmental – sectoral initiatiives (like Parks' management, forestry)
3. Developing the attractiveness of the region and sustainable use of resources

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Governance

LEADER: Local Action Group „Green Bieszczady”: Bieszczady NGO Forum and Podkarpackie Tourism Cluster

Funding

LEADER Funding accumulates social capital and leads to crossfunding:

Local Village Fund, Act on Circles of Rural Housewives, Regional Operational Programme, SWISS Funds, EEA/Norway Grants, Operational Programme Knowledge Education Development 2014-2020, INTERREG PL-SK

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Rozwijanie kompetencji podstawowych poprzez promowanie kultury i tożsamości bieszczadzkiej

Nordic Walking Park
POŁUDNIE PODKARPACIA

PL-BY-UA
2007-2013

SWISS CONTRIBUTION

Policy integration only at the LAG level:

Cooperation on Local Development Strategies of LAGs (covering all municipalities in the region)

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Interventions following the LEADER approach

"Switching" Bieszczady Initiatives Association - voluntary effort, to integrate business to better manage natural resources and promote sustainable tourism

Social economy enterprise - Bieszczad.Ski Wańkowa -sustainable approach to skiing

Workshops for local and eco-producers – impact on water, biodiversity and tourism

"CHANCE project - new opportunities for adults" – skills and knowledge

School of sustainable tourism – for already existing and new nature-based businesses

Bottom-up international integration in the area of the Carpathian Mountains – to include communities from Skolvakia and Ukraine

Grassroots iniciatives / „Przełączenie” – Stowarzyszenie Inicjatyw Bieszczadzkich [Lutowiska]

Comments

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Local initiatives (business, tourism, leisure, farming) and sturt-ups informed.

Local governance (bottom-up) is more effective but not always represented in regional (plus) levels of strategic planning (low respond to public consultation)

Empowerment of local stakeholders by LEADER, followed by other funds (big role of the EU funds – CAP, Interreg, Cohesion/Regional Funds) was crucial.

Rural Housewive's Circles
KGW Babiniec – Czarna i Przyjaciele

	Leski	Bieszczadzki
Number of rural woman associations	2018 – 12 2022 - 20 (+8)	2018 – 9 2022 – 21 (+12)

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Thank you

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