



*"Peaceful cooperation,  
is the key to success. "*

*J.K. Rowling*

Ustrzyki Dolne, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 r.

**Dalvíkurbyggð Municipal Offices**

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*Dear Mayor!*

I hereby request you to consider the possibility of building a partnership between your commune/town and our Ustrzyki Dolne Commune.

Ustrzyki Dolne commune is one of the most beautiful parts of Podkarpacie Voivodship. The unique landscapes, closeness to nature, serenity and the abundance of places undisturbed by man's activities attract those who seek freedom, and relaxation. Winter sports lovers come here to find perfect weather conditions and skiing facilities. Ustrzyki Dolne, the commune's capital, a 17 000 inhabitant town, situated in the south east of Podkarpacie Voivodship is the seat of the local self-governmental authorities and an important administrative and transport centre. Ustrzyki Dolne commune is distinguished and characterized by several domains specified below:

### **Large tourist potential**

Ustrzyki Dolne Commune, surrounded by mountains and endowed with favourable climate, offers excellent conditions for both cross-country and downhill skiing, as well as ski-touring.

Thanks of well-maintained ski slopes, situated on the nearby hills (Gromadzyn, Laworta, Maly Krol) the town has earned its status of the winter capital of Podkarpacie. Apart from those, there are also ski lift in Arlamow. Ustrzyki's cross country skiing trails have the reputation for being among the best ones in Poland. They have got a FIS Certification (Certification of The International Ski Federation).

The Ustrzyki Dolne Town sport facilities include: a modern sports hall, a sports and leisure complex consisting of the modern indoor and outdoor swimming pools with a beach, and a number of multifunctional sports fields (a tennis court, basketball court, volleyball, beach volleyball), a sports and leisure complex in the Park pod Dębami, including playground, paths, outdoor fitness centre and pump track.

The accommodation offer includes hotels, restaurants, guesthouses, farmhouses, and all-season cabins.

Recently, the luxury Arłamow Hotel has been opened (27 km from Ustrzyki Dolne town), designed as a multi-function, complex facility to be used for leisure, conferences as well as sports events. The complex situated in mountains has also been provided with a state-of-the-art SPA & Wellness Zone, different and multifunction sports fields, golf course, ski complex, equestrian centre, rope park, conference facilities, own airport and heliport.

Several tourist trails, of the total length of 25km, run over the surrounding hills. There are also about 100 km of cycling routes, 150 km of horseback riding trails and Bike Park "Downhill" on the Kamienna Laworta hill .

The nearby Solina Reservoir (the largest Polish artificial lake, called The Bieszczady Sea), to which the Ustrzyki Dolne Commune has access, is a perfect place for water sports and angling. The Lovers of flying can find here excellent conditions for paragliding and gliding.

### **Green region rich in natural sources**

A major part of the commune area is covered by a mixed forest, which belongs to the large complex stretching far into the area of Ukraine and the Slovak Republic. The forest north and east of the town belongs to the Landscape Park of Słonne Mountains.

### **Cross-border region**

Another asset of the commune is the international, Poland-Ukraine cross border situated in Kroscienko, merely 9 km away from Ustrzyki Dolne: a convenient passage to Lviv and further into Ukraine and Hungary.

The commune of Ustrzyki Dolne, in the area related to obtaining external funds, is trying to expand access to the opportunities offered by, among others, projects and funds to achieve impressive and measurable effects on many levels. Effective self-government is more and more often the self-government, which can effectively operate in an international environment: build partnerships, raise subsidies, actively involve residents in various enterprises.

I turn to you as the host of the city Dalvíkurbyggð with the proposal to join the group of cities that want to cooperate in the field of joint projects and undertake joint initiatives to meet the needs of our residents.

For my part, I assure you that the Commune of Ustrzyki Dolne assumes specific and at the same time beneficial for all objectives of the proposed partnership, such as:

- focus on results,
- Integration,
- involvement in participation,
- openness,
- focus on action,
- and with all the responsibility.

From your side I expect:

- commitment and openness to changes,
- cohesion with own development policy,
- undertaking new solutions for old problems,
- flexibility expressed in adapting the structures of activities to future needs.

I express my deep hope that the proposal I will present will meet with your recognition, the result of which will be signing the partnership agreement and joining the implementation of the first joint project's .

*Sincerely*

*BR*

Mr. Bartosz Romowicz

Mayor of Ustrzyki Dolne Town