



Podlaskie

Poland



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Podlaskie



Podlaskie is one of the fastest-growing regions in Poland, and many of its assets cannot be found anywhere else. These include its strategic geographical location at the crossing of European and Asian trade routes, the country's highest level of safety, excellent conditions for fostering talents, impressive numbers of deep tech start-ups, as well as the cleanest air in Poland. Podlaskie is a place where two worlds – nature and business – merge perfectly. It is a region of ambitious people whose ideas conquer international markets.

For many years, Podlaskie has been famous for its tourist attractions, particularly its primeval forests, which are reminiscent of the woods that covered Europe thousands of years ago. Today it is a region known for its dynamic economic development and high quality of life.

Podlaskie's most dynamic industries include construction, interior furnishing, food production and processing. The region is home to companies whose products delight private and corporate customers around the world, where it is

synonymous with highest quality and reliability. The potential of the construction, interior furnishing and food industries is presented during the Podlaskie business seminar in Brussels. This is now the second in a series of meetings with Podlaskie's business across Europe this year, with the first taking place in Paris. The event, organised in the capital of Belgium by the Podlaskie Voivodeship Marshal's Office, will be attended by representatives of eight businesses, accompanied by a representative of the Polish Construction Cluster - the largest construction cluster in Poland.

I am convinced that the presence of Podlaskie's entrepreneurs in Brussels will allow them to establish new business contacts, strengthen expansion in foreign markets and promote our regional and national economy. I am pleased to invite you to take a closer look at Podlaskie!

Marshal of Podlaskie Voivodeship
Artur Kosicki





CONSTRUCTION AND INTERIOR DESIGN SECTORS

Easy access to raw materials enabled the development of the construction and interior furnishing industries in Podlaskie. The region specializes in modern, modular multi-family buildings and prefabricated houses. Manufactured in Bielsk Podlaski by Unihouse and Danwood, they are spectacularly successful on the Scandinavian and German markets. Danwood S.A. is one of the key suppliers of prefabricated timber-frame houses delivered as turn-key projects in the European market. Throughout its 25 years in the business, it has handed over more than 13,000 homes to customers. Most of the buildings are erected in Germany, but also in Austria, Switzerland, the UK and Poland.

Unihouse S.A. is one of the largest European companies in the modular construction industry, with a production capacity of approximately 2000 modules per year. The company's exceptional position on Scandinavian markets is confirmed by the fact that in Norway Unihouse SA is the biggest general contractor from Poland.

Unibep S.A. is one of the largest construction companies in Poland. Its operations also include road construction industry, and through its subsidiary, Budrex, it builds and renovates bridges all across Poland. It is also active in the property development sector.

The strength of Podlaskie's construction sector is underlined by the fact that it is home to the Polish Construction Cluster, an association of over 300 companies from all across Poland.

The furniture industry has been developing in Poland, with most of its production aimed at external markets. Poland is currently the fourth largest exporter of furniture in the world, the leaders of this industry operate in Podlaskie. These include companies specialising in the production and sale of furniture designed for offices, apartments, reception areas, conference rooms, hotels, schools and kindergartens, and public facilities. This type of furniture is custom-made, making it possible to utilise any and all available space. Specialised machinery and constant technical supervision guarantee that the manufactured furniture is of the highest quality. There are a number of companies in Podlaskie whose products enable original finishing and interior arrangement. These include floorboards, stairs and balustrades, window sills, skirting boards, wall slats, wooden windows, as well as solutions for energy-efficient interior lighting. All these products are recognised by consumers in Poland and on foreign markets.











ANTIQUE PARQUETS

Antique Parquets is a studio which manufactures, consults on and designs custom-made floors. The company's offer includes panels and pattern – ROYAL COLLECTION, ARTISTIC COLLECTION, ANTIQUE COLLECTION, which help to create a truly regal interior in every home.

Since 1997, Antique Parquets has been working with French and British companies specialising in the manufacture, sale and installation of wooden floors, and its products can be found in France, the UK, and - through intermediaries - in Germany, Belgium, Ireland, the USA and China.

All floors are made to an individual demand or to orders made by the company's business partners. Great experience gives Antique Parquets the opportunity and potential to create even the most sophisticated compositions.





ŁUKASZ KOC CIVIL ENGINEERING ENTERPRISE

The company is in the business of extraction, processing, transport and sale of materials such as natural aggregates, construction aggregates, road aggregates. It extracts sand, gravel, black soil, kaolin. It offers comprehensive services to construction companies, executing and coordinating earthworks, and providing consulting the field of construction projects.

Thanks to its extensive machinery fleet, it provides services such as: excavation, fertilising, levelling, road construction and reconstruction, demolition, aggregate separation, as well as machinery rental, including: Cat backhoe loader, Cat wheel excavators, Cat crawler excavators, Cat wheel loaders, Powerscreen mobile screen, Scania dump trucks.





POLISH CONSTRUCTION CLUSTER

The Polish Construction Cluster brings together over 300 companies operating in the construction sector. While the cluster originated from the Podlaskie, its dynamic development expanded its operations not only all across Poland, but also globally. It includes general contractors, architects, producers of materials and chemicals used in construction, door and window joinery, interior designers, furniture and blinds manufacturers. Because the members of the cluster provide such a diverse range of services, they are able to join together to form consortia. The activity of the Cluster is supported by universities and business environment institutions which, through research and development, help the companies to develop their innovative potential and achieve a competitive advantage. Membership in the Polish Construction Cluster is an opportunity for businesses to grow, strengthen cooperation and conquer new markets.







FOOD INDUSTRY



Podlaskie's pristine natural assets create optimal conditions for the development of the agri-food sector and the green economy. Industries based on local natural resources, sharing a common system of values, develop dynamically through eco-innovations and environmental sciences. This specific ecosystem is particularly evident in the milk production and processing industry, thanks to which Podlaskie is known as Poland's dairy valley. Its unpolluted and uncontaminated natural environment provides the best conditions for milk production. Podlaskie is home to European milk processing giants such as: Mlekovita - the largest dairy group in Central and Eastern Europe, Mlekpól - one of the largest dairy producers in Europe, and Piątnica - recognised by the London Stock Exchange as one of the most inspiring European companies. These companies have huge production capacities and use the latest and most environmentally friendly technologies. Their products, renowned for superior quality and natural taste, are sold all over the world.

Rare herbs found in Podlaskie are used in modern pharmacology and in the production of natural food and cosmetics. 4 Szpaki, or Four Starlings, specialises in the production of skin care cosmetics made from natural raw materials. Its offer includes natural soaps, shampoos, oils and scrubs. Handmade and produced in small batches, natural cosmetics are the domain of Swoje.

Its products are made from vegetable oils, herbal infusions and macerates. They are rich in vitamins, natural essential oils, beeswax and honey.

Moja Farma Urody, or My Beauty Farm, a company specialising in women's herbal medicine, creates herb based and organic food for women. Its product range includes organic herbal teas, herbal oils, vinegars and natural cosmetics. Natural cosmetics based on bee products are produced by Miodowa Mydlarnia, Honey Soap Factory.

The Matecznik brand offers a unique line of food products, free from pollution or chemical processing. Its products, which include jams, dried goods, syrups, are composed exclusively of wild fruit, herbs and mushrooms from the Białowieża Primeval Forest region. Matecznik's premium products are available at locations such as Harrods in London, Galeries Lafayette in Paris and Dubai Mall.

Podlaskie is also known for its top quality honey and superb pastry and confectionery products. They are also inspired by Podlaskie's natural features. For example, there is "the anthill", a very soft and sweet pastry that resembles an "ant nest", smothered in honey and sprinkled with raisins and poppy seeds.

Another product typical of the region is "sękacz", whose dough is baked to resemble icicles, reminiscent of tree knots. These unique products are available from confectioners and bakers throughout the region, including Andraka and Janza.









AUGUSTÓW MEADERY

The idea for the Augustów Meadery was born out of the owners' commitment to the restoration of tree beekeeping. Just like beekeeping, mead-making is a beautiful old Polish tradition pushed out of the market and public awareness by the popularisation of more economical forms of production. Augustów Meadery was established to produce highest quality meads using traditional methods and only natural resources from the Augustów Primeval Forest and the nearby areas. Their meads, valued by consumers and experts, win numerous awards at international competitions, and their recipes, drawn from the rich mead-making tradition, recreate the delightful flavours from centuries past. Augustów Meadery was the first establishment in Poland to start producing Zbicień, a long forgotten honey-based drink.



BISONTES GROUP

Located in the heart of Europe's largest wild bison reserve in northeastern Poland, Bisontes Group produces natural baked goods under 2 brands: LOV Food (www.lovfood.eu) and Bison Bakery (www.piekarniazubrowka.pl). LOV are baked goods that follow the simple yet important principles of Local, Organic, and Vege. The L stands for locally sourced ingredients, the O stands for certified organic, and the V stands for vegan /vegetarian. We believe that these three principles yield the best-tasting, highest-quality, and most sustainable food possible. Our offer includes vegan, no-sugar-added, and high-protein cookies. We even wrap our products in biodegradable foil. Bison Bakery (Piekarnia Żubrówka in Polish) produces a wide range of sourdough breads, fresh bakery items, cakes, healthy cookies, brownies, and granola. Both brands represent products that are traditional, clean-label, good-for-you, and are produced in the pure and forested region in northeastern Poland. Enjoy!







IDEAL BISTRO

IDEAL BISTRO. Eat better offers a unique mass catering system in companies based on a meal ordering app, payment solutions and machines to distribute fresh, pre-ordered meals (food-o-mats) and other products, creating an automated canteen. The journey starts with a nutritional audit which is used to find out what the consumers expect. Thanks to Ideal Bistro, employers get satisfied and loyal employees with a nutritional package perfectly tailored to their expectations.

Benefits of implementing the Ideal Bistro programme:

- proven increase in productivity and reduced employee absenteeism, which has a significant impact on company operating costs;
- structured and efficient canteen model that solves the problem of 24/7 catering.







KASOL

KASOL J. A. Kazberuk, a foreign trade company, is a private enterprise which has been dynamically developing since 1988, specialising in the purchase, processing and trade of forest cover products: wild mushrooms, berries and cultivated mushrooms. Long-standing experience, skilled staff, constant quality control of purchased raw materials, strict technological regime, quality management system ISO-9001:2000, regular internal inspections in accordance with HACCP and a modern machinery ensure that our customers receive the highest quality products in line with European Union standards. Guaranteed high quality goods and regular and timely deliveries. A wide range of delicatessen preserves made from wild forest products, prepared with the greatest care and according to proven recipes contributed to the success of the company and its position on the Polish and foreign markets.







BIOPLANT NATURA

BioPlant Natura is a Polish producer of natural and herbal raw materials for the cosmetic, food, pharmaceutical and veterinary industries, and for manufacturers of dietary supplements. The company offers more than 70 extracts, such as calendula oil, red clover oil, nettle oil, arnica oil, carrot oil, bison grass oil, Ashwagandha oil.





FOUR STARLINGS SOAPMAKERS

Four Starlings Soapmakers is a cosmetics company with more than 50 employees. While it is developing in different dimensions, it remains faithful to the path it took while functioning as a family manufactory: creating simple and functional care products based on natural raw materials.

The cosmetics created at Four Starlings Soapmakers aim at minimalistic formulas that are also effective. The company respects the health of its customers and also cares for the environment.

Since the very beginning Four Starlings has been packing its cosmetics using environmentally friendly materials, in the spirit of zero waste, to minimise the use of plastic. The company's range includes bar and liquid soaps, shampoo bars, cream deodorants, nourishing butters, body oils and mousses, natural scrubs, as well as products for comprehensive facial care.











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