

Podlaskie

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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 interior furnishing and food production and processing. The region is home to companies whose products delight private and corporate customers around the world, where it is synony-

mous with highest quality and reliability.

The potential of the interior furnishing and food industries is presented during the Podlaskie business seminar in London. This is now the third in a series of meetings with Podlaskie's business across Europe this year, with the first two taking place in Paris and Brussels. The event, organised in the capital of the United Kingdom by the Podlaskie Voivodeship Marshal's Office, will be attended by representatives of eight businesses from Podlaskie Region.

I am convinced that the presence of Podlaskie's entrepreneurs in London 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





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.









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.




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!







Brand Distribution Group is an international distribution group operating in the FMCG sector for 29 years. Specializing in sourcing and distributing quality food and non-food brands, its offer covers more than 20,000 unique categories of goods including beverages, confectionery, groceries, coffee and tea, baby items, household products, cosmetics, etc.

Brand Distribution Group cooperates with international and local retail chains and manufacturers all over the world. Its operations are based on the group's own warehouse facilities, latest technology, and commercial offices located in Poland, Spain, Great Britain, Germany, and Singapore.

The company has nearly 200 employees, communicating in 20 languages. BDG is a modern organization that provides partners with a comprehensive product distribution service, transaction security and continuity of logistics processes worldwide.

A person wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt is holding a tablet computer. They are in a large industrial warehouse with high ceilings and metal structures. In the background, there are tall racks filled with various metal components. A red rectangular overlay is positioned at the bottom of the image, containing the text 'BRAND DISTRIBUTION GROUP' in white.

BRAND DISTRIBUTION GROUP





EKO-ARONIA

Eko-Aronia is a family-run company that produces 100% organic chokeberry juice sourced from plantations located in Biebrzanski National Park. In addition to chokeberry juice, the company's offer also includes:

- 100% Organic Raspberry Juice,
- 100% Organic Wild Rosehip Juice,
- 100% Organic Cranberry Juice,
- 100% Organic Elderberry Juice,
- 100% Organic Haskap Berry Juice,
- 100% Organic Sea Buckthorn Juice,
- 100% Organic Blackcurrant Juice

The company's mission is to:

- produce juices of utmost quality,
- spread awareness about chokeberries and other juicing fruits,
- promote the health benefits of its products, including:
 - lowering blood pressure,
 - high polyphenol content of the fruits, protecting the body against cancer and civilisation diseases,
 - strengthening the immune system,
 - lowering bad cholesterol.









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.









“KINGA” CONFECTIONERY

“A party without cake is really just a meeting” said Julia Child, the American star of culinary arts. These words became the motto and objective of “Kinga” confectionery, which was established from the passion of two masters of confectionery arts over 30 years ago.

Since 1990, the company has produced sweets made from natural ingredients, using best industry practices. Despite its extensive production and large team, it has still remained true to its traditional values. “Kinga” is famous for its regional flavors that are known around the world. Sophisticated machinery, including cake printers, is utilised on equal terms as production by hand and the skills of master craftsmen.

Currently «Kinga» offers more than 100 different types of sweets: delicious cakes, yeast dough pastries, perfect fresh and frozen cakes, elegant banquet cakes, as well as mini desserts - insane miniature miracles that you want to eat with your eyes!















INTERIOR DESIGN INDUSTRY

The growing development of the furniture industry in Poland has its eyes set mainly on international 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.







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