



"Peaceful cooperation,  
is the key to success."  
J.K. Rowling

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

**Akranes Municipal Offices**  
Stillholti 16-18,  
300 Akraneskt  
Iceland  
Akraneskaupstaður 

Dear Mayor!

Skjal nr.	Mótt af.	Mótt dags.
50.21.1	GÍÓ	- 3. JUNI 2019
Abm.	Ury. aðili	Málsnr. One
SFP	SAS	1906038

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 Akranes 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 .



Mr. Bartosz Romowicz

Mayor of Ustrzyki Dolne Town





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## ATTRACTIONS OF USTRZYKI DOLNE TOWN

1. Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Bieszczady – brick Parish Church of the Assumption in 6 Jasień Street, constructed in 1740. In the high altar a painting of Our Lady of the Bieszczady. Tel. (+48) 13 461 13 09
2. Brick, neo-Gothic Parish Church of Our Lady, constructed in the years 1909–1911. Located in the neighbourhood of the bus station in ul. 29 Listopada 24. Tel. (+48) 13 461 19 82
3. Parish Church of St. Joseph the Worker – contemporary Roman-Catholic church consecrated in 1991. Located in ul. Gombrowicza 10. Tel. (+48) 13 461 38 70.
4. Affiliate Church of the Blessed Teresa Ledóchowska. Former Orthodox Greek Catholic church from 1831, located in ul. Strwiążyk. Tel. (+48) 503 396 986
5. Brick Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of the Dormition of Our Lady from 1874, located in ul. Szkolna 7. Tel. (+48) 503 396 986
6. Jewish cemetery with over 400 grave-stones – Jewish matzevot, to which the black walking trail and the Hasidic Trail lead.
7. Regional Chamber – collections on the history, culture, sport and tourism of Ustrzyki Dolne and the Bieszczady Mountains presented at numerous expositions in ul. 1 Maja 16.
8. Natural History Museum with a Scientific-Didactic Centre of the Bieszczady National Park, which conducts scientific, didactic and museum activities. Located in ul. Belska 7. Tel. (+48) 13 461 10 91
9. Milling and Village Museum presenting grain milling machines and devices. The museum presents also exhibits connected with the village and agriculture. Located in ul. Fabryczna 12. Tel. 607 477 110
10. Swimming Pools Complex "Delfin" – indoor and outdoor swimming pools with a complex of sports fields, in ul. Gombrowicza 49. Tel. (+48) 13 461 45 51



11. Bieszczady Rail-Cycles: Ustrzyki Dolne – Krościenko – Ustrzyki Dolne route (16 km long, total cycle time: 2 h). Tel. (+48) 570 770 108
12. Park Under Oaks featuring walking paths down the Strwiąż River, body-building gym, playground, barbecue arbours, and Pump Track.
13. Laworta Ski Station with a cable railway and Bike Park. Tel. (+48) 605 691 112
14. Gromadzyń Ski Station. Tel. (+48) 13 461 14 37
15. Mały Król Ski Lift. Tel. (+48) 601 451 324

16. Monuments:
  - WOP Border Guard Troop Soldiers fallen in the years 1945-47, in ul. 29 Listopada, next to the PKS bus station,
  - Polish soldiers fighting for the homeland, in ul. Rynek,
  - Commemorating the murdered by the Nazis during the occupation, in ul. Rynek.

17. Sources of the Strwiąż River, flowing through Ustrzyki Dolne and belonging to the basin of the Black Sea.

18. Walking and bicycle trails in Ustrzyki Dolne:

— — — The red trail starts by the PKS bus station, leads to Kamienna Laworta peak (769 m above sea level) – to the junction of red and green trails. Next, it runs via Kamienna Laworta and reaches the sources of the Strwiąż River. Then it goes via Mały Król (642 m above sea level) to the town. Non-stop hiking time: 4 – 4.5 hours.

— — — The blue trail starts by the PKS bus station and leads in the direction of Brzegi Dolne, and further along the steep slope Kinia to Orlik (618 m above sea level). In front of Orlik peak, the trails turn to Jasień and leads to the yellow trail. Non-stop hiking time – 1.5 hours.

— — — The green trail is a connecting trail between Kamienna Laworta and the Mały Król mountain range. It starts on Kamienna Laworta and leads to Strwiążyk Street. Next, up a steep slope we reach the trails junction on Mały Król. Non-stop hiking time – 1 hour.

— — — The yellow trail starts by the PKS bus station and leads through the town, and then runs past the stadium. It climbs the peak of Gromadzyń (654 m above sea level). From Równia peak, the trail turns left and leads to Jasień, and then via the town to the PKS bus station. Non-stop hiking time – 2 hours.

— — — The black trail starts in the town's market square, runs via the town, and then goes past the stadium. It reaches the forest limits and turns right. Next, it runs by the forest, and after some time turns right and reaches a Jewish cemetery. Non-stop hiking time – 30 min.



The Josephine Colonisation Trail – bicycle trail from Ustrzyki Dolne leads to such towns as Bandrów Narodowy and Stećnik (exit from voivodeship road no. 896) and to Krościenko and Brzegi Dolne (access by main road no. 84). The route runs mostly along a busy road.



The Petroleum Trail – bicycle loop trail: Ustrzyki Dolne, Brzegi Dolne, Łodyna, Leszczowate, Brelików, Ropienka, Dźwiniac Dolny, Brzegi Dolne, and Ustrzyki Dolne.

