

## Recommendation of Mr Leszek Butowski

I have the pleasure to recommend Mr Leszek Butowski as a consummate consultant and adviser.

Mr Butowski graduated from the Faculty of Tourism and Recreation at Poznań University School of Physical Education in 1989. In 1995 he was awarded a doctorate in the field of geographical sciences at the Warsaw University. Both in the course of writing his doctoral dissertation and after he earned a doctor's degree he continued expanding and deepening his specialist knowledge and expertise through studies at renowned European universities and in specialist courses:

- in 1991 he completed a study on the development of the tourism sector and obtained a diploma from University of Bordeaux;
- in 1992 he earned a Sorbonne University certificate of completing a higher education study in tourism;
- in 1996 he earned the KPMG certificate of completing a course on preparing investments offers in tourism;
- in 2001 – 2003 he gained the EU trainer's qualifications for European Union's economic and social cohesion policy, European structural funds, Cohesion Fund and pre-accession financial instruments for candidate states.

Hence Mr Leszek Butowski is a high class specialist and expert adviser in the area of tourism projects co-financed from European structural funds and pre-accession funds. He has authored a number of handbooks on the subject.

Mr Butowski has advised both the public administration sector at central, regional and local level, and the business sector - including individual farmers – in the process of preparing SAPARD projects involving technical infrastructure development and job creation in rural areas.

Mr Butowski has extensive practical experience. Since the year 2000 he has managed a Consulting Bureau responsible for providing numerous expert opinions for local government bodies ( Voivodship Marshal's Offices, town and commune councils), and private companies (Polish Tourism Development Agency, TVP SA, small and medium-sized enterprises).

Mr Butowski's Bureau has organised a dozen or so training courses on financing tourism from European Union funds.

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