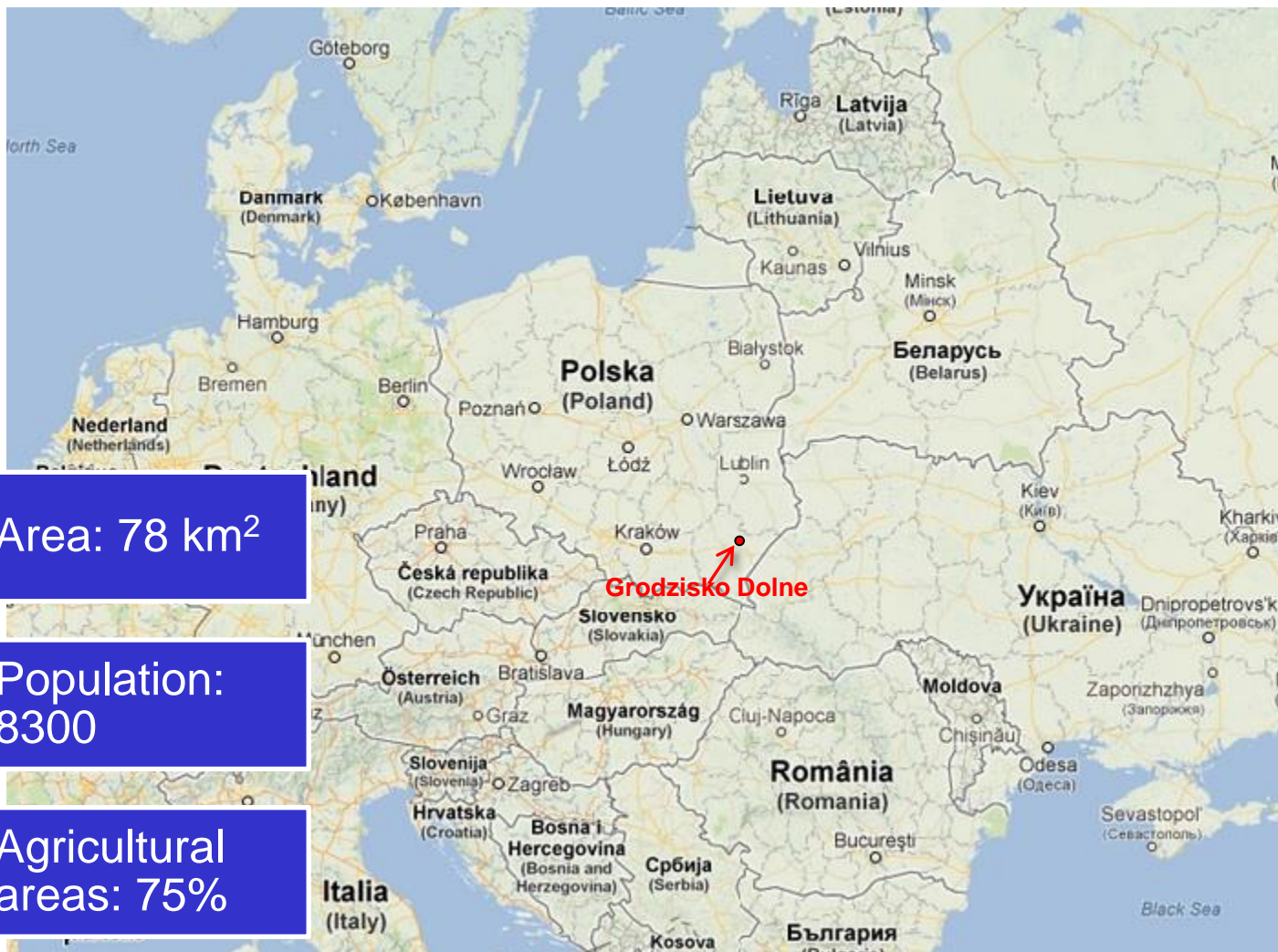




Development of rural areas in Poland example of Grodzisko Dolne

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Area: 78 km²

Population:
8300

Agricultural
areas: 75%



beautiful nature and clean environment





interesting history





active people





Unfavourable location:

- Through the community doesn't run any important route
- The community is far away from significant urban area



Small number of companies



low taxes – low communities incomes



Unemployment



Our solution of low-incomes problem is the best possible use of Poland's membership in the European Union





In order to make the best use of UE funds the following assumptions have been made:

- ✓ in the first instance we realize this tasks from our strategy that are currently possible to get the grant,
- ✓ we multiply our own money as much as possible - also by combining different sources of funding, if it's allowed,
- ✓ we specialize in the professional preparation of grant applications,
- ✓ we provide support for non-governmental organizations from our community to be able to obtain EU funds - it's important that the funds went to the community, no matter who it obtains



There are some examples of investments, which were fulfilled thanks to UE funds



Sewage farm and sewerage system

Total cost: **2 800 000 €** Grant: **1 900 000 €**



Primary school

Total cost: **1 125 000 €** Grant: **250 000 €**



Modernization of the stadium and sports locker room

Total cost: **425 000 €** Grant: **200 000 €**



Rebuilding of the cultural center

- investment in progress

Total cost: **412 000 €** Grant: **337 000 €**



Thermo-modernization of 11 public buildings

Total cost: **975 000 €** Grant: **700 000 €**



Local road „Na góry”

Total cost: **300 000 €** Grant: **196 000 €**



Marketplace

Total cost: **170 000 €** Grant: **102 000 €**



Pavement (10 km)

Total cost: **187 000 €** Grant: **115 000 €**



5 kindergartens - equipping and operation for four years

Total cost: **625 000 €** Grant: **625 000 €**



Over 6 years we had **2,25 mln €** of our own
and we gained **7 mln €** from EU funds



In 2012 we took following places among the 160 communities of Podkarpacie Province:

- **2nd** place in obtaining EU fouds (287 € for 1 inhabitant)
- **4th** place in capital expenditure (470 € for 1 inhabitant)
- **132nd** place in own-incomes (140 € for 1 inhabitant)

EU Projects require a contribution of the municipality, so if the municipality has more money is easier to get more grants.

Despite the fact that we are one of the poorest municipalities in Province we are among the best in obtaining EU grants and capital expenditure.



One of the our ideas for reducing unemployment is locating in the community day-care centers for people with disabilities.



In 2009 r. the first day-care centre was established:

- **30** patients
- **8** employees

Total cost: **275 000 €**

We obtained government and UE funds in the amount of: **250 000 €**





In 2012 r. the second day-care centre was established:

- **15** patients
- **5** employees

Total cost: **225 000 €**

We obtained government funds in the amount of: **125 000 €**





Benefits:

Therapy of
disabilities

Support for
families with
the disabled

current
operation is
financed from
the national
budget

New
workplaces

Inhabitants
can use the
buildings



Plans

In order to develop the community we are going to:

- locate wind farm – 15 windmills
- locate photovoltaic farms
- create economic zone (tax incentives for investors) at the beginning of 2014





New opportunities

UE funds have created new opportunities for community, including:

- The ongoing building of A4 motorway
 - entry **6 km** far from the community's border
- Expanded airport in Rzeszów
 - **30 km** far from community's border





Thank you for your attention