

# 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mazovian Office of Regional Planning in Warsaw

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The Mazovian Office of Regional Planning in Warsaw (MBPR), established in 1999 by the Regional Assembly of the Mazovia Region, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Therefore, on January the 29<sup>th</sup>, a celebratory meeting took place in the Jan Kiepura Mazovian Musical Theater. The attendees included, apart from MBPR employees, representatives of the Regional Government of the Mazovia Region, the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, the Statistical Office in Warsaw, as well as scientists and artists.

The meeting host was Dr Elżbieta Kozubek, the Director of the MBPR. Following a brief series of greetings, the director pointed out the challenges we are facing in a world of rapidly developing new technologies, not just in the fields of spatial planning or sustainable development, but also mental wellbeing – especially taking into account that we live in an age of increasing loneliness. Dr Kozubek closed her speech by wishing the participants to act together, in accordance with the words of John Paul II, “Politics means a reasonable care for common wellbeing”.

The meeting was attended by the Marshal of the Mazovia Region, Mr Adam Struzik, who thanked the directors and employees of the Mazovian Office of Regional Planning in Warsaw for 25 years of work contributing to the building of an innovative, competitive and territorially cohesive Mazovia. The marshal also underlined the MBPR’s contribution to the division of Mazovia into two NUTS 2 statistical regions, which resulted in a beneficial allocation of EU funds in the current financial perspective. Mazovia received around 2 billion EUR for the European Funds for Mazovia 2021–2027 regional development program.

The Marshal made use of the occasion to present commemorative “Pro Masovia” medals, awarded to people and institutions for their professional, social and public activity or for deeds of particular importance to the economic, cultural or social development of Mazovia. The medals were presented to: prof. dr hab. Elżbieta Mączyńska-Ziemacka, prof. dr hab. Zygmunt Niewiadomski, prof. dr hab. Paweł Swianiewicz, dr Renata Calak and the Statistical Office in Warsaw, represented by its director, Agnieszka Ajdyn. Also awarded were with the “Pro Masovia” were dr Elżbieta Kozubek – the Director of the MBPR and Ewa Baranowska, the Director of the Regional Office of the MBPR in Płock.

In addition, Marshal Adam Struzik presented certificates of appreciation and expressed his thanks to outstanding employees of the MBPR.

The next speaker was prof. dr hab. Zygmunt Niewadomski, a specialist in administrative and economic law, who cooperated with and supported the MBPR over the years. The professor gave special thanks to the directors of the MBPR and presented a specially prepared address on the challenges of spatial planning and development.

The jubilee was also an occasion to present special certificates of appreciation commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MBPR. Dr Elżbieta Kozubek presented these, as an expression of thanks for many years of collaboration and backing, to Mr Adam Struzik – the Marshal of the Mazovia Region, Mr Waldemar Kuliński – the Secretary of the Region and the Director of the Office of the Marshal, and to Mr Marek Miesztański – the Treasurer of the Mazovia Region.

The final point of the celebration was a performance by opera singers collaborating with the Mazovian Musical Theater: Ilona Krzywicka and Wojciech Sokolnicki, also known as Voytek Soko-Sokolnicki. The audience had a chance to listen to works from the musicals “The Phantom in the Opera” and “Cats”, both composed by the British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

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