

# Rural Pact Conference

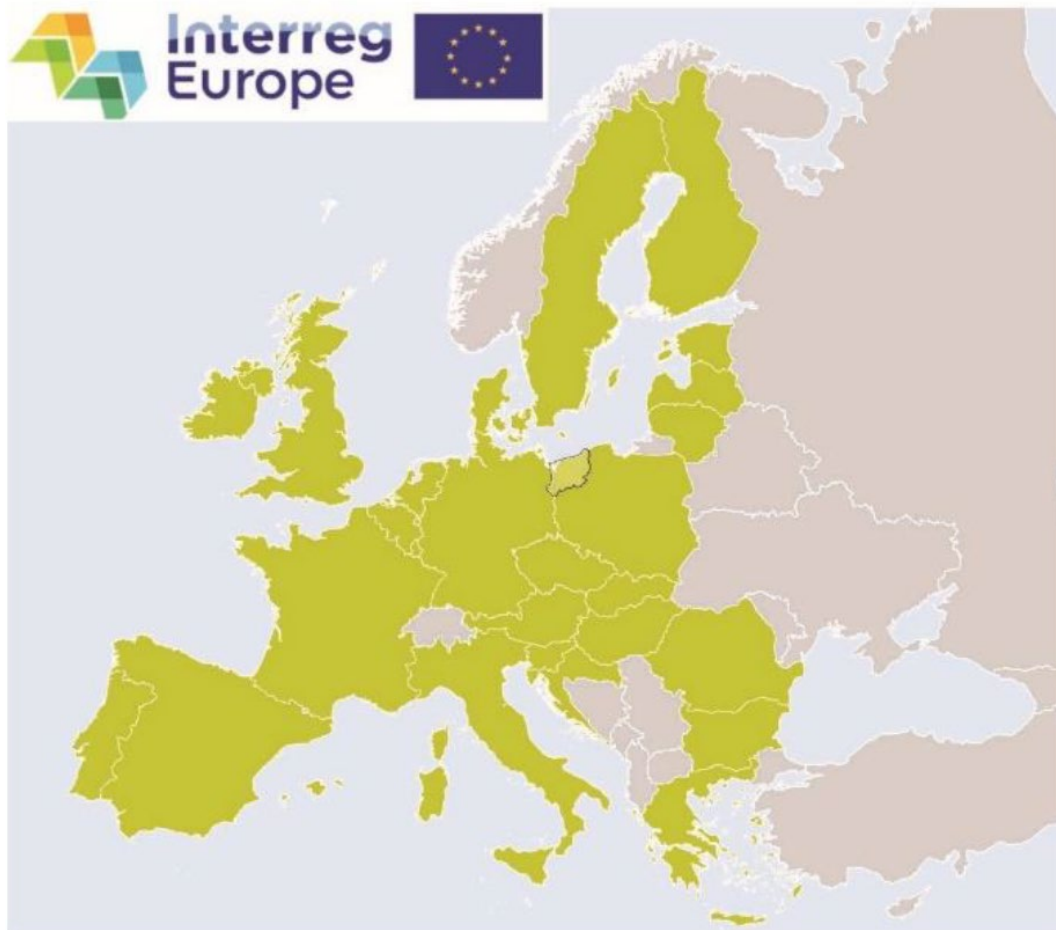
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## Mechanism of support for marginalized areas in West Pomerania



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1 682 003 inhabitants (1 722 739 - 2011)

68.6 % urbanization rate

Low population density - 74 people / km<sup>2</sup>

Almost 90% of the voivodeship's area are rural areas

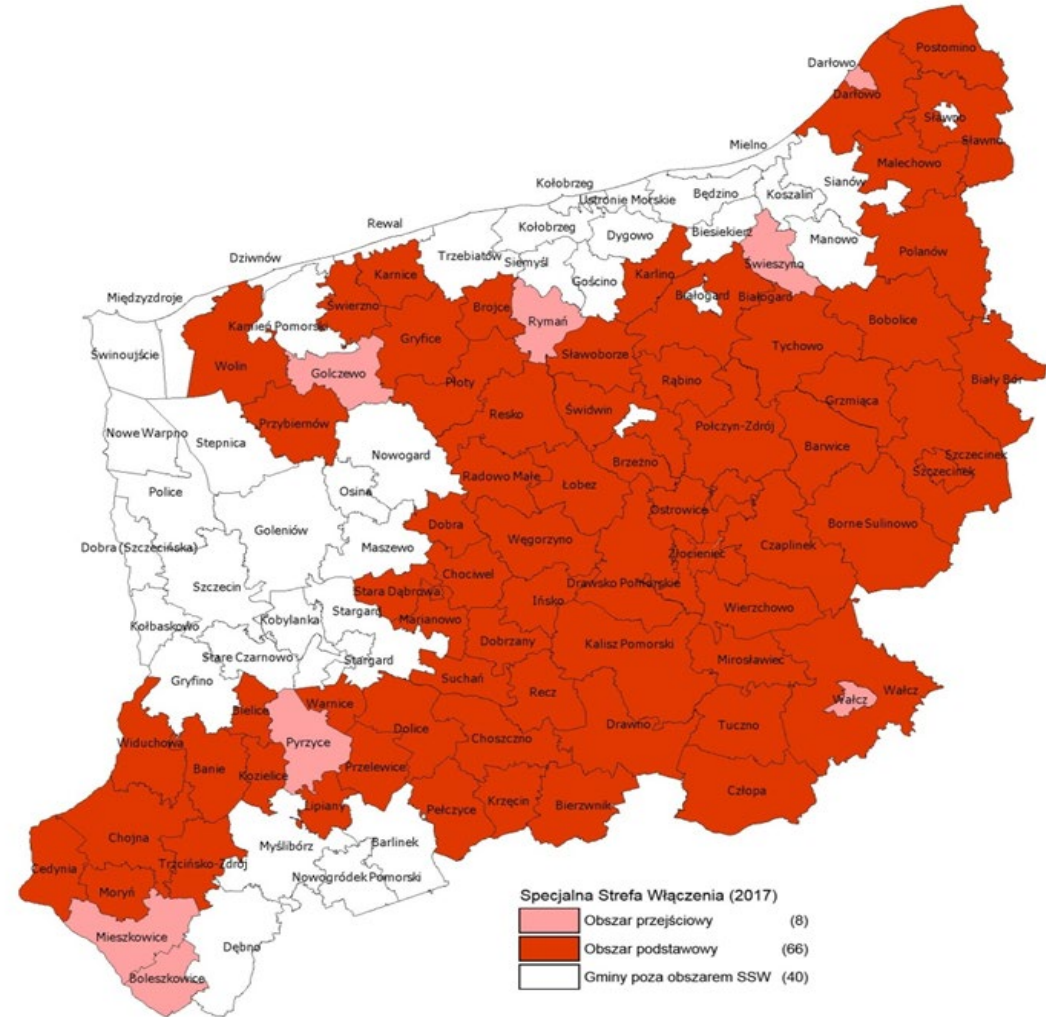
Elderly population – 22,7%



# Current situation

Most of the rural area has unfavourable conditions of development. Main of them:

- demographic problems,
- accessibility to public services,
- technical infrastructure,
- economic potential,
- poverty.



# Mechanism of support in West Pomerania **Local Government Contracts (LGC)**

## **What the LGC is?**

Agreement between Voivodeship Self-Government and unions / associations of local government for implementation of the local strategies.

Each of unions of local government had to prepare joint strategy / diagnosis of the area based on common potential.

The strategies had to include a package of projects contributing to the solution of problems or the enhancement of potentials.



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Cooperation between local governments in order to solve common problems, was focus in the area of **local transport, labor market**, including support to investment areas – business parks, and **education**.





# Local Government Contracts (L

6 LGCs for the implementation of 96 strategic projects with a total value of UE contribution 30,153 million EUR:

Available budget (ROP): 51.75 million euro (ERDF – 31.25 million EUR, ESF 20.5 million euro)

The scope of supported investments: enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs, promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility, supporting labour mobility, investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning



# Lessons learned

- Long term planning and territorial co-operation is crucial.
- Involvement of people (NGO's, local action groups, local leaders)
- Complementarity and optimization of public services
- Affordable public transport and better connectivity





# Thank you

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