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**Topic of the Workshop:**

**“ABC of Polish Language – culture from the Odra River to the Bug River”  
Getting to know Polish culture and basics of Polish language  
which is used in social contacts**

**Dates of the Workshop:**

**26.11.2012 – 01.12.2012**

**Participants will arrive on 25.11.2012 and will depart on 02.12.2012**

**Venue of the Workshop Place:**

**Zakopane Country: Poland**

**Target group(s):**

The workshop’s participants can be persons over 50 years old, from EU and associated countries, eligible to participate in the program. We assume “open call” for the workshop, but taking account of guidelines that no more than 1/3 of the participants should originate from the same country, learners should come from at least 3 different countries other than the country where the Workshop takes place.

According to the lifelong learning idea, the workshop is target at both employed and unemployed people wishing to participate in lifelong learning process, develop their language skills and deepen their knowledge of culture and history of one of the European Union Member States.

People taking part in the workshop must speak English at least on B1 level. Language skills will be verified after sending the application via a brief telephone conversation with a potential participant.

There are no contraindications to the workshop was attended by people with special needs, because the hotel will also have rooms for people with physical disabilities. Those persons will be guaranteed transport during each of the going out of the hotel.

Participation in the workshop will be entitled to all the people from the target group who speaks English at least on the B1 level and will send their application by e-mail: **office@boie.pl** to **15.09.2012**.

Participation in the workshop will determine by the order of the sending of the application and knowledge of English on min. B1 level.

**Main activities / programme of the Workshop:**

- ✿ Intercultural integration
- ✿ Learning the basics of the Polish language, used in interpersonal contacts
- ✿ “Going out” with the language from the class room to the real social situations
- ✿ Introducing workshop participants to the culture and tradition of Poland
- ✿ Braking ethnic stereotypes.

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**Expected outputs (especially in terms of the learning outcomes for the participants):**

- ✿ Learning the basics of the Polish language (acquiring basic language skills necessary for the main communication situations,
- ✿ learning the most important idioms and proverbs).
- ✿ Seeing Poland as one of the member of the European Union - an equal partner in the international dialogue.
- ✿ Knowledge of Polish culture and tradition
- ✿ Development of hobbies and interests of participants
- ✿ Social activation people 50+

**Practical arrangements (including detailed information on the accommodation):**

The workshop will be held in Zakopane. The John Paul II International Airport Kraków - Balice is convenient in terms of logistics. The workshop organizers will arrange transport for arriving participants who will be interested in using this option to get the place of the workshops (at least one depending on the number of people willing and time of arrivals, up two: one in the afternoon, the second in the evening) on the route of Krakow-Zakopane. The participants may also wish to get to Zakopane by themselves (e.g. participants from Slovakia, if such participated in the workshop; cost of travel will be returned to them).

Also on the departure day the organizer will arrange transport from Zakopane to the Airport Kraków-Balice (min. 1, max. 2).

Workshop participants will be accommodated in a three-star hotel, in rooms up to double. The hotel offers modern conference rooms with Internet access. There will be a full day trip to Krakow too in order to understand better Polish culture and traditions and to improve the language skills in practice.

We assume that the participants will pay the cost of flight tickets themselves and the organizer will pay participants money back on the arrival day. This rule, however, be treated flexibly for those people who won't be able to buy tickets from their own money.

The organizer will pay all the costs associated with the stay of participants, participation in workshops and the cost of accident insurance.

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