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## **Regional Representatives' Meeting of Statistical Offices of Polish-Belarusian Borderland:**

### **Brest, Grodno, Lublin and Białystok**

**Białystok, 28-30 September 2010**

From 28th till 30th September this year the Statistical Office in Białystok held a meeting of the representatives of regional statistical offices belonging to the Polish-Belarusian borderland. The aim of this meeting was to share the experiences of the international cooperation carried out by the aforementioned offices and to discuss means for further work within the Polish-Belarusian borderland and the Białowieża Forest Euroregion. The participants of the meeting were: the President's Legal Adviser, CSO Spokesman – Władysław Wiesław Łagodziński; Chairman of the Association of Self-governments belonging to the Białowieża Forest Euroregion, starosta of Hajnówka (starosta) – Włodzimierz Pietroczyk; directors of statistical offices: in Brest, Georgij Chwalko; in Grodno, Tamara Gabryjanczyk; in Lublin, Krzysztof Markowski; and in Białystok, Ewa Kamińska-Gawryluk; along with other representatives of the abovementioned offices.

The first day of the meeting was devoted to matters regarding cooperation within the Białowieża Forest Euroregion scheme. The Manager of the Regional Research Centre of Podlaskie Voivodship, Dorota Wyszowska, presented basic data concerning this Euroregion and the preliminary project of the publication on the Euroregion, whereas Włodzimierz Pietroczyk discussed the achievements of the Association of Self-governments belonging to the Białowieża Forest Euroregion. As the summary of the first day's work, all the parties expressed their interest in further development of the cooperation within the Białowieża Forest Euroregion and agreed on the preliminary project of the publication. The parties also set the date of publication for the second half of the year 2011.

During the second day of the meetings, CSO Spokesman, Władysław Wiesław Łagodziński presented the origins and specific character of transboundary research in Poland. That day the representatives of the offices which took part in the meeting shared their experiences connected

with the international cooperation, discussed the results of their cooperation, and outlined suggestions for further work.

The last day of the conference was devoted to discussing the scope of the data collected in the surveys carried out by the Statistical Office in Białystok as well as the range of information gathered in the censuses with a view to issuing collective publications – thematic elaborations. Polish methods of carrying out the census, and the work of statistical pollsters and voivodship controllers of the National Agricultural Census 2010 were presented to the guests from Belarus, which was met with great interest.

In the end, the participants agreed that not only should they work on joint cooperation while preparing publications and elaborations on the Polish-Belarusian borderland, but also that further steps should be taken for participation, i.e. in programmes funded by the EU. The participants of the meeting received a brochure “Grodno Oblast and Podlaskie Voivodship in 2008”, a brochure “Podlaskie Voivodship 2010” and promotional materials of the Statistical Office in Białystok.