



CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND CHAPTER



Warsaw, April 4, 2016

Mr
Phil Hogan
European Commissioner
For Agriculture and Rural Development

Dear Mr Commissioner,

On behalf of myself and the European Fund for the Development of Polish Villages - Counterpart Fund Foundation (EFRWP) I have the honor to invite you, Mr Commissioner, to take part in the conference "**Micro-sources of renewable energy as the basis of prosumer energy system, and prospects for their development in Poland and the EU**", which will be held on June 25, 2016, at the Centre for International Cooperation in Grodno n/ Miedzyzdroje (Poland).

Until recently, the topic of prosumer energy did not exist in the public awareness in Poland, mainly because of excessive bureaucracy and the tax burden towards this sector. The quest for energy independence, rising awareness of environmental threats, as well as the good EU examples should speed up the legislative changes. We are just on the verge of the energy revolution, as well as the environmental and social ones. Important participants and addressees of these processes can be especially the residents of rural areas, but not only them. There is a growing need to promote information about good experiences and practices implemented in the EU countries through the lens of the institutions of the European Commission.

These needs are to be addressed with our conference in Grodno, organized by the EFRWP Foundation. It will be a continuation and development of works on renewable energy that have been undertaken already within the framework of the Programme Council of the Foundation – i.e., the think-tank bringing together researchers from different disciplines and academic centers in Poland, which prepares reports, analyzes, and propose solutions to the key socio-economic problems associated with the development of Polish and European rural areas. We are confident that this conference can contribute significantly to increasing the interest of the current government circles in creation of appropriate legislative solutions in the field of renewable energy sources, already in operation in several EU countries (e.g., Germany - 1000 Roofs Programme).

We would also like to emphasize that all the environmental circles involved in the subject of renewable energy sources will participate in the conference – the government representatives, non-governmental institutions and social initiatives.

I would like to mention that the participation in the conference has already been confirmed by Mr Franz Fischler, former Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, as well as Mr

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament. We have also invited to participate in panel discussions, among others, Ms. Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy (we count very much, Mr Commissioner, on your support of our invitation for Ms Commissioner Corina Crețu), Mr Krzysztof Tchórzewski, Minister of Energy, as well as Mr Krzysztof Jurgiel, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Mr [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Board of PSE SA (Polish Power Grid Company JSC).

Dear Mr Commissioner, we would be greatly honored if you would like to accept our invitation to participate in the conference **“Micro-sources of renewable energy as the basis of prosumer energy system, and prospects for their development in Poland and the EU”** in Grodno on June 25, 2016. We remain at your disposal, Mr Commissioner, in all the organizational issues related to your possible arrival and stay in Poland.

Yours very truly,

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