Projects of ECEAT Poland between 2000 and now:

1. Name: ECEAT Accommodation and Nature Protection
   
   Date: 1999-2000
   
   Funding: Dutch Ministry of Agriculture and Nature Protection
   
   Partners: ECEAT – Holland
   
   Description: Organisation of a training seminar on tourism and nature protection in and around national parks in south part of Poland. Development of European criteria for tourism in and around national parks to be used by the WWF Pan Parks’s organisation and ECEAT

2. Name

   Strengthening of the socio-economic position of women farmers in Poland,
   
   Date: 2000-2001
   
   Funding: UE – Program Phare
   
   Partners: ECEAT – Holland
   
   Description: Development of tourism and agricultural production groups for Polish Farmers Women. Creation of a network of rural tourism accommodations in the Beskidy mountains.

3. Name:

   Ecoeducation – a chance for local development
   
   Date: 2001
   
   Funding: The Polish-American Freedom Foundation
   
   Partners: Stryszów Community
   
   Description: The aim of the project was to train 15 farm owners to run tourist businesses targeted at educational activities for children and youth.

4. Name:

   „Sustainable tourism and town twinning Netherlands – Poland”
   
   Date: 2003 – 2004
   
   Funding: NL - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
   
   Partners: ECEAT – Holland
   
   Description: Integrates sustainable tourism in 101 Town Twinning "Netherlands -Poland” projects. ECEAT role: participation of 2 conferences, research tourism offer, development of project proposals for sustainability in tourism for at least to twinning projects, publication and publicity activities.
5. Name:
Ecologization of farming and rural tourism as a chance for nature and people of Kamienna Góra district

Date: 2004

Funding: The Polish-American Freedom Foundation

Partners: Kamienna Gora District

Description: The aim of the project was to increase ecological awareness of Kamienna Gora district inhabitants and enhance tourist offer of the Karkonosze Region.

6. Name:
Cooperation of the agrotourism farm owners of the Kamienna Gora district with “Domy Zielone Porta Lubavia” (network of accommodation holders)

Date: 2006

Funding: The Polish-American Freedom Foundation

Partners: Kamienna Gora District

Description: The aim of the project was to provide the farm owners with updated information concerning legal, tax and other necessary data to facilitate cooperation with “Domy Zielone Porta Lubavia” (network of accommodation holders).

7. Name:
Sharing experience in the field of agrotourism in the mountainous areas of France (Provence), Romania (Transylvania) and Poland (Beskidy Mountains).

Date: 2006-2007

Funding: Fondation de France - programm « L'Europe, en plus large!»

Partners: Fédération Régionale des Groupes d’Etudes et de Développement Agricole (Francja) oraz Focus Eco Center (Rumunia)

Description: During the project a study tour to Transylvania and Provence was organized to share experience in the field of agrotourism.

8. Name:
Extending the “Domy Zielone Porta Lubavia” network and encouraging farm owners to improve quality and diversity of their offer.

Date: 2007

Funding: The Polish-American Freedom Foundation

Partners: Kamienna Gora District

Description:
The aim of the project was to promote “Domy Zielone Porta Lubavia”. The assessment criteria were defined and inspectors were nominated to ensure quality standards are met.
9. Name:

„Training for trainers in agrotourism in Belgium, Poland and Romania”

Date: 2007-2008

Funding: Leonardo da Vinci

Partners: Groupe One (Belgia), HRP (Polska), ECEAT – Poland (Polska), DANMAR Computers (Polska), Accueil Champêtre en Wallonie (Belgia), University of Szeged Hódmezövásárhely (Węgry), The Regional Resource Centre for Sustainable Rural Development CEDER (Rumunia), The Center for Rural Assistance – CAR (Rumunia).

Description: The main objective of the project was to develop, test, validate and finally disseminate high-quality and innovative training curriculum and educational tools for teachers and trainers from vocational schools, educational institutions and other organizations active in the rural tourism in Belgium, Poland and Romania.

The beneficiaries were small size farmers and rural people willing to start and run an agro tourism business (mostly women and young people). The target-group were training institutions (broadly: schools, association, universities).

The training product object of this project was made of 3 components: a pedagogical simulation game, a set of training modules for the beneficiaries with support materials and access to a web site platform for trainers and trainees and to a forum of exchange (restricted area).

10. Name:

Learning the Business of Eco-Tourism

Date: 2010-2012

Funding: Leonardo da Vinci

Partners: Pielinen Karelia Development Centre (Finlandia), Meath Community, Rural & Social Development Partnership Ltd (Irlandia), Varna Free University (Bułgaria), West Lithuania Business College (Litwa) Maailmankyla Oy /Global Village (Finlandia) i European Centre for Ecological Agriculture & Tourism (Polska).

Description:

What is Learning the Business of Eco-Tourism -project? N8URjob - Learning the Business of Ecotourism was set up to create adult education services on ecotourism and its business opportunities, thus promoting economic regeneration process in European rural areas facing a decline in agricultural opportunities.

The objective of N8URjob is to design and pilot an online ecotourism curriculum that enables adult learners to deepen their knowledge of the essential principles and practices of ecotourism and become eligible for ecotourism certification. The new multi-faceted curriculum will address e.g. the basic principles of ecotourism, the development of products and services, business management and marketing, the social and ecological impacts of ecotourism, and eco-labeling. The e-learning facilities will be supported by a pedagogical strategy and an adult education induction tool to ensure that the outputs are appropriate and accessible to the target audience. Curricula and e-learning facilities will be made available in all partner languages.

Website: http://eco-tourism.pikes.fi/
11. Current projects:

Name: “Promoting responsible tourism to organic farms in Poland”

Date: 01.01.2013 – 31.05.2016

Funding: Stichting Pequeno.

Partners: ECEAT Netherlands, the Polish Federation of Rural Tourism,

Description: The object of the project is to:
- carry out training courses for farmers already running organic tourist farms (or are willing to change the production method into organic) in the vicinity of national and landscape parks on various aspects of responsible tourism,
- prepare an innovative manual for farmers (available on-line together with e-learning courses) about organic farming and responsible tourism,
- promote eco farms in the Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom and in Poland through the websites and printed leaflets,
- develop an efficient self-assessment tool organic tourist farms in Poland using knowledge, experience and expertise of ECEAT-Projects from Holland.

In Poland, the project is coordinated by Sebastian Wieczorek.