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STATEMENT

The OECD Rural Policy Principles were developed in 2019 following a comprehensive process of reviewing national rural policies of OECD member countries, including the 2019 OECD Rural Policy Review of Poland. The Principles are fundamental guidelines/principles for better rural policy-making and monitoring. They are addressed to national ministries dealing with rural policies and sustainable development, notably ministries responsible for regional development in OECD Member and Partner Countries, as well as representatives of subnational levels of government and stakeholders involved in or affected by the rural policy (e.g. civil society, the private sector, academia or financial institutions).

On behalf of the OECD's Regional and Rural Policy Division, I hereby confirm that You and the Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development of the Polish Academy of Sciences made an active contribution to the 2019 Rural Policy Review of Poland, which was an important building block for the elaboration of the "OECD Principles on Rural Policy".

In addition, some of your publications and work inspired in particular the 11th OECD Principle on Rural Policy "monitoring, independent evaluation and accountability of policy outcomes in rural areas". In this regard, we would like to acknowledge the experience of IRWiR PAN in conducting comprehensive and interdisciplinary research on monitoring and evaluation of socio-economic changes in rural areas, as well as their practical use for better policy-making. My team has become familiar with the series published by IRWiR PAN "Monitoring of the Rural Development" (ISSN 2720-376X) consisting of volumes:

- 1) Rosner A., Stanny M. (2014), Monitoring rozwoju obszarów wiejskich. Etap I (Rural Development Monitoring. Stage I);
- 2) Rosner A., Stanny M. (2016), Monitoring rozwoju obszarów wiejskich. Etap II (Rural Development Monitoring. Stage II);
- 3) Stanny M., Rosner A., Komorowski Ł. (2018), Monitoring rozwoju obszarów wiejskich. Etap III (Rural Development Monitoring. Stage III)

These publications study social, economic and environmental indicators to benchmark rural well-being and uses innovative data collection methods that address confidentiality issues that are an inevitable part of small-area analyses. They also provides easy-to-use access to data to enable rural communities and stakeholders to set development priorities and monitor the progress.

The OECD Principles on Rural Policy are also a fundamental tool to help countries implement the latest vision for rural development "Rural Well-being Geography of Opportunities (2020)". They focus on effective policy implementation across horizontal and vertical governance mechanisms and aim for a deeper understanding of diverse and complex socio-economic rural systems and their connection to cities.

We hope to continue this cooperation in the future.

Yours sincerely

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