**The Local Action Groups Network of Swietokrzyskie Region** invites representatives of local action groups to the international conference “Cooperation Projects and Rural Development”, which will take place on 20-21 September 2018 in Kielce. The accommodation and full nourishment for the conference participants is provided from 2:00 PM, 19 September to 12:00 PM, 22 September.

On the first day, there will be presented projects accomplished by polish local action groups, concerning:

a) activation of the rural residents

b) support for entrepreneurship development on rural areas

c) projects on quality of life in rural areas or their promotion as sites for life and career development

d) spread of knowledge on local development planning including economic, social and environmental potential of the region

Later on the same day, the participants will be asked to take part in “speed dating”, in order to get to know as many local action groups from the entire European Union as possible and find a partner for the cooperation project.

We encourage you to join the study visit on the second day. You are given the opportunity to explore three tourist attractions of Swietokrzyskie Voivodeship, two of which were inspired by the local action groups, and the other one uses support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

More information about conference and application form can be found on [www.t-c-p.pl/en/](http://www.t-c-p.pl/en/)

**The Medieval Settlement in Huta Szklana** is the place, which in interesting, interactive ways introduces tourists and pilgrims to the cultural diversity, historical heritage of Swietokrzyskie Mountains and Swietokrzyski National Park but also to the native legends and local folklore. The association Local Action Group - Around The Bold Peak has developed and provided funds for the conception and specification of the settlement. The construction has been conducted with use of the European Regional Development Fund. The facility start-up followed the specialistic courses for unemployed residents. They were conducted by the Bieliny Municipality and Local Action Group – Around the Bold Peak’ supported by the European Social Fund.

**Cultural and Archeological Centre in Nowa Słupia** designed by the Local Action Group The Association for the Swietokrzyskie Rural Area Development, reflects the ancient hamlet from the very first centuries. It is situated by the stream deriving from the foothill of the Bold Peak. Facility is located exactly where the old-time furnaces were. The centre proves its usefulness as a site for topical events including handcrafts, daily routines and spiritual life of the society which lived in this region 2000 years ago. This is the only place in Poland and possibly even in the whole Europe, where the ancient iron metallurgy is presented in such a wide cultural context.

**Kurozweki Palace Complex** provides tourist, hotel management and gastronomic services. The various offer addresses both individual and group customers. It successfully combines tourist attractive antique palace built in XIV century with agribusiness elements such as American bisons’ inbreeding, mini zoo and mazes in corn and hemp.

The application form and details about the conference are available on [www.t-c-p.pl](http://www.t-c-p.pl). The website will also contain the registry of local action groups participating in the conference as well as the descriptions of their cooperation projects concepts.