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We would like to present you with the first issue of the NOWINY bulletin - a cyclic magazine covering topics important and interesting for foreigners in Poland.

The bulletin is part of the nowiny.inteuro.info service created under the project 'INTEURO - Programme of integration and professional activation of foreigners in the Świętokrzyskie voivodship'



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The website <u>nowiny.inteuro.info</u> and the NOWINY bulletin are new sources of information for foreigners on life in Poland.

All this is realised as part of the project 'INTEURO - Programme of integration and professional activation of foreigners in Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship', co-financed by the European Funds for Świętokrzyskie. The project is a continuation (from 2020) of the programme of comprehensive support for foreigners entitled Map of Good Neighbourhood INTEURO.INFO, initiated by the Association Integration Europe - East.

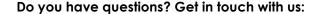
The project is an excellent response to the need to create a permanent source of information for foreigners on current issues concerning their life in Poland and the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.

Just as importantly, it is also the first initiative in the region to publish a cyclical guide, which is also created by foreigners themselves.

It is worth adding that in the same time we are developing the Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian Library, which has been operating for several months on the basis of the INTEURO Centre for Integration of Foreigners run by the Association Integration Europe - East.

The editorial team of our service and the NOWINY bulletin is already made up of Polish and Ukrainian employees and volunteers.

Our doors are never closed, so we invite all those who are willing to work with us to create a new initiative.

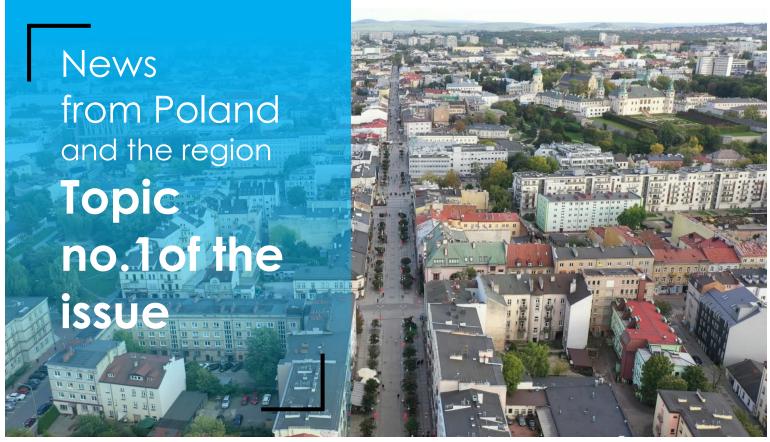


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Basis of residence in Poland for citizens of Ukraine after 1 July 2024. - important changes

According to data released by Eurostat at the end of May 2024, there are 4.3 million people in the EU who fled Ukraine as a result of Russian aggression and were granted temporary protection in the EU. Poland ranks second in terms of the number of people staying on its territory and enjoying temporary protection, which is about 953 thousand people. Temporary protection status is granted to citizens of Ukraine on the basis of EU Council Implementing Decision 2022/382 of 4 March 2022.

Russia's full-scale attack on Ukraine in 2022 caused the first such massive influx of displaced persons into EU countries. Accordingly, for the first time, the Directive was activated by EU Council Decision 2022/382 of 04.03.2022 specifically for Ukrainians.

The information most expected by Ukrainian citizens in accordance with the amendments was the period for which Poland will extend temporary protection, i.e. the legal stay of Ukrainians in Poland. Also, the most pressing issue is the terms of additional funding for accommodation and meals, the so-called 40+ programme.

First things first: according to the law of 15 May 2024, the period of legal residence in Poland was extended until 30 September 2025.

The conditions for receiving additional funding under the 40+ programme have undergone significant changes. In particular, the co-financing of accommodation and meals for persons under the 40+ programme has been partially cancelled.

Since 1 July, additional funding for accommodation and meals for persons in need of protection has been provided under new conditions. This provides for the payment of compensation only for persons residing in collective accommodation for at least 10 people in premises owned by local authorities or the state.

Read the rest of the article at

nowiny.inteuro.info

Author: Valentyna Liva



FREE OF CHARGE ADVICE

In today's edition, we invite you to take advantage of from free advice given to foreigners by advisors from the INTEURO Centre for Integration of Foreigners in Kielce.

It is within the framework of the Centre that the Information Point for Foreigners is operated in Kielce at st. Sienkiewicza 78A

It is all part of the <u>INTEURO.INFO</u> Good Neighbourhood Mapan original programme implemented by the Association Integration Europe - East from 2020.

The Point offers FREE information and advisory support in the area of:

- legalisation of stay on the territory of Poland,
- legalisation of employment,
- understanding and interpretation of official letters, contracts (including in drafting letters and applications),
- education,
- health care.
- assistance in contacting the Polish administration, etc.

It is worth pointing out that as part of the operation of the Point, the Association also provides FREE specialist support by a legal advisor and a psychologist.

In turn, professional advisors from the Voivodeship Labour Office in Kielce will help in finding or changing a job.

The Centre is available from Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 16:00



How to benefit from free support at the INTEURO Centre for Integration of Foreigners in Kielce?

INTERNET

he fastest way to find us is to visit our online platform: INTEURO.INFO Good Neighbourhood Map

HELPLINE

We have set up a helpline for you in four languages: Polish, Ukrainian, Russian and English.

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Counselling for foreigners

The project "INTEURO - Programme of integration and professional activation of foreigners in the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship" plans to organise a series of free training courses and business and tax advisory services for 10 women from Ukraine (under temporary protection), who will receive knowledge, advice and space to start a business in the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.

Our free program to support Ukrainian women's business enterprise will include:

- training and workshops (40 hrs) principles for opening and running a business in Poland,
- law advice preparation of registration documents,
- a coworking area in the INTEURO Centre for Integration of Foreigners.

In addition, participants will be given the opportunity to use a free coworking area, i.e. an office space in the INTEURO Centre for Integration of Foreigners at ul. Sienkiewicza 78A in Kielce.

How to sign up for the INTEURO entrepreneurship support programme?

- Fill in and send the ON-LINE FORM available at https://inteuro.info/
- After verifying your data, the staff of the Information
 Point will inform you about registering for the programme.
- You will receive a message to the e-mail box or SMS specified on the website.

Do you have questions?

Need help with registration?

You are welcome to visit the Information Point for Foreigners in Kielce or contact us via the Helpline: +48573338377 and

e-mail: info@inteuro.info

We speak Polish,

Ukrainian, Russian and English.

LOOKING FOR A JOB

Professional mobilisation of Ukrainian women in Kielce - what assistance from the Voivodeship Labour Office in Kielce?

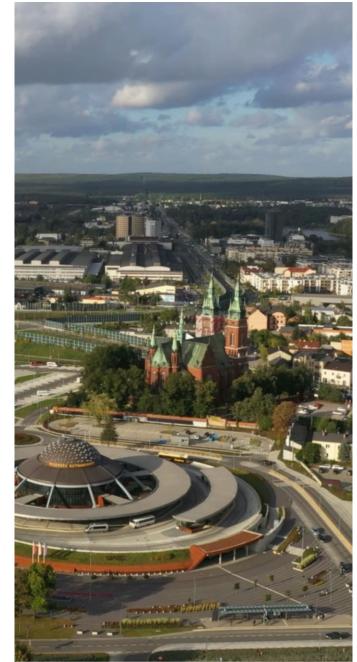
What steps have been taken by the Voivodeship Labour Office in Kielce for foreigners since the beginning of this year?

To date, 40 Ukrainian women looking for employment in the Swietokrzyskie labour market have benefited from assistance from the Voivodeship Labour Office in Kielce.

We organised 5 information meetings during which the participants of the project became acquainted with the most important indicators defining the specificity of the local market - employees of the Voivodeship Labour Office presented data concerning the situation of foreigners, shortage and surplus professions and the possibility of finding employment by foreigners in the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.

During individual meetings with career advisors support was provided in solving professional problems to project participants interested in taking up employment in the Świętokrzyskie region. In order to look for a job effectively, our clients were also assisted in editing a professional CV in Polish and preparing for a job interview with an employer. Moreover, the EURES advisor helped to browse job offers in Polish and to send applications for selected positions, paying particular attention to the credibility of offers posted on internet portals.

Full article on www.inteuro.info







Free Polish language courses

Association Integration Europe - East enrolls for free Polish language courses for foreigners in the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.

The courses are organised as part of the INTEURO Education programme - one of the activities of the Centre for Integration of Foreigners operating within the Good Neighbourhood Maps INTEURO.INFO.

Learning at the courses takes place at various levels of advancement: from A1 to C2 and includes 30 or 60 teaching hours.

Participants of language courses may be foreigners who are not EU citizens, legally residing in the territory of the Republic of Poland, and their children.

In the INTEURO Centre for Integration of Foreigners in Kielce, qualified teachers of Polish as a foreign language welcome you.

In addition, the Association has provided a rich library with the latest textbooks for learning Polish.

And it is also worth adding that a play and games corner has been prepared with the youngest in mind.

How to sign up for a free Polish language course? Contact us!

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Educational vouchers FOR WOMEN FROM UKRAINE!

Are you a Ukrainian woman? Are you unemployed? Are you looking for a job? Or do you want to requalify?

Quickly, substantially and free of charge benefit from the support provided by experts of the Voivodeship Labour Office in Kielce, which is provided thanks to the project "INTEURO - Programme of integration and professional mobilisation of foreigners in the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship". Career counsellors are waiting for you!

What We Offer?

- We will edit your application documents
- We will review job offers and assist you in submitting applications for selected positions
- Prepare you for job interviews
- We will show you the easiest way to find a job
- We will identify your competences and professional predispositions
- We will help you to make a decision on the choice of profession or retraining
- Plan your future career and help you find your way in the local labour market

... and very importantly we will sponsor the course of your choice with a voucher of up to PLN 5,000

P.S.: We also refund travel expenses for our forms of support



Don't delay your decision! Since the beginning of the year, we have supported dozens of Ukrainian women! You could be next!

Feel free to contact us:

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Cultural heritage of the region

The rich cultural heritage of the Świętokrzyskie region dates back to prehistoric times. The area of the Lesser Poland Upland, delimited by the rivers Wisla and Pilica, with the centrally located Świętokrzyskie Mountains - which are among the oldest mountains in Europe - attracts visitors with its diversity and uniqueness of monuments.

The Neolithic flint mines (Krzemionki in Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski), which were in operation 5 000 years ago, were among the largest in Europe, and products made from striped flint extracted there have been discovered hundreds of kilometres from the site. The beginning of our era, in turn, saw the mass production of iron in thousands of one-off clay smelting furnaces called dymarky. The Świętokrzyskie metallurgical centre was so huge that, according to some researchers, it could have provided iron production facilities even for the Roman Empire. The remains of Celts found in Ponidzie are another attraction of the region, indicating how much was happening here in times about which our chronicles are silent.

At this point it is worth mentioning Wiślica. According to legend, it was supposed to be the capital

of the mythical Wislan tribe, while in reality one of the most important administrative centres of the Piast monarchy was established here.

The Wiślica Collegiate Church is one of the most valuable Gothic religious monuments in Poland, and the newly opened Archaeological Museum is an excellent example of a successful and very attractive marriage of history, archaeological monuments, artefacts and modern technology for visitors.

The Świętokrzyskie region is also an important route for lovers of castles and palaces. To this day, it is possible to visit the buildings or their ruins (so-called permanent ruins) in Chęciny, Ujazd (Krzyżtopór), Sobków, Kurozwęki, Bejscach or Kielce.

Source of information: gov.pl/web/kultura/swietokrzyskie

On the website <u>nowiny.inteuro.info</u> we have prepared a special supplement for our readers with a list of several dozen tourist attractions from Świętokrzyskie.



VOLUNTEERING AND WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE CENTRE FOR INTEGRATION OF FOREIGNERS

INTEURO

We value community involvement, as we ourselves run the INTEURO Centre as part of the projects of the Association Integration Europe-East in Kielce.

For the past 14 years, volunteers and interns from Poland and Eastern European countries have participated in all of our organisation's activities. They are mainly students and pupils, but also long-time friends with whom we carry out international projects.

Also in the Centre for Integration of Foreigners you will meet volunteers and apprentices from Poland and Ukraine, who are gaining experience working in a non-governmental organisation related to helping foreigners in the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.

In addition, we appreciate creativity and provide opportunities to implement their own initiatives related to the objectives of the Association.

If you are interested in such activities - you are welcome to join us!

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On the trail of Taras Shevchenko

On 13 May 2024, the first Ukrainian Library of Taras Shevchenko in Kielce and the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship was opened.

The Library was established on the basis of the INTEURO Centre for Integration of Foreigners in Kielce at Sienkiewicza Street 78A, which is run by the Association Integration Europe - East.

The opening was attended by several dozen people, and the initiative to establish the library was a response to numerous requests and questions from visitors to the INTEURO Centre for access to contemporary literature and textbooks from Ukraine.

You are already welcome to use the ever-growing collection of our library.

We are also open to cooperation with people who would like to help expand our collections, organise meetings, etc.

<u>The library's Facebook profile</u> is run by our editorial colleague, journalist Liudmyla Yurchenko.

On website NOWINY we inform you about the numerous initiatives organised by the Library and, of course, about new book items.

Are you looking for Ukrainian literature?

Or would you like to donate your collection to us?

Feel free to contact us!

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