**Project title:**

“Safe Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship”

**Main theme:**

Cooperation for common safety.

**Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):**

The main objectives of the Programme include:
- reduction of common crime and vandalism;
- improvement of road traffic safety;
- protection of children, youth, disabled and elderly persons;
- prevention of social pathologies.

The aim of the Programme is to support the activity and promote municipalities and counties where activities of natural and legal persons contributed to a significant improvement of public security situation and protection of state, municipal and private property.

**Project submitter (Member State):**

Poland

**Project leader(s):**

The members of the Chapter include: Voivode of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship, Marshal of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship, Voivodeship Commander of the Police in Kielce, President of the Association “Union of Towns and municipalitie of the Świętokrzyskie Region”, President of the Staroste Council of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.

**Cooperating entities:**

Municipalities and counties participating in the implementation of the Programme.

**Project description (max. 150 words):**

The “Safe Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship” Programme defines the framework of cooperation for common safety and is also a glossary of terms. It identifies areas where threats occur and possible actions in a given area. It is a tool coordinating prevention measures implemented in the voivodeship in various fields of widely understood safety. The Programme inspires local governments to take actions going beyond their tasks assigned in legal regulations and
implementing acts, in cooperation with non-governmental organisations and local communities.

Under the Programme, a “Koziołek” award is granted every year to the county which undertook actions, going beyond its regular tasks, aimed at increasing safety and protecting state or private property, which contributed significantly to promoting social activity in the area of human safety and public law and order. The award also provides an incentive in the form of funds for prevention measures in the awarded counties.

Objectives project (max. 150 words):

The Programme is to support activities and promote municipalities and counties where natural and legal persons contributed to improvement of public safety and protection of state, municipal and private property. Its main objective, i.e. maximum safety for Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship inhabitants, was an inspiration for “Koziołek” award, at the initiative of Inspector Tadeusz Cielecki, the Voivodeship Commander of the Police in Kielce. The award is to:

- Support activities of municipalities and counties and promote them, recognize their work and commitment to implementing the “Safe Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship” Programme;
- Consolidate social attitudes strengthening law and order, civic response to negative phenomena and sense of security of citizens and their property; Present good examples, achievements, actions for combating crime and pathologies;
- Increase social acceptance for actions of persons, law enforcement services and institutions acting for safety of citizens and for protection of their rights and property;
- Support financially the entities best implementing the programme.

Project outcome (max. 150 words):

The “Safe Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship” Programme is a bond consolidating, maintaining, inspiring and coordinating the undertakings of numerous entities responsible for public safety, namely, central and local government public administration, the Police, non-Police institutions, non-governmental organisations, the Church, volunteers and others. Increasing integration of activities related to safety which translates into numerous valuable local initiatives is the fulfilment of the mission and commitments resulting from adoption of the Programme for implementation. The promotion of municipalities and counties provides an opportunity to present good practices and indicate possible actions for combating crime and pathologies. The award is not only a statuette but also funds for prevention measures in the awarded counties, which provide an incentive to act.

Start and end project:

The “Safe Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship” Programme originated in December 1999, and was planned for 5 years. The success of the first edition of the Programme resulted in a decision on its continuation, with subsequent editions planned for 2006-2010 and 2011-2015. The current edition is planned for the years 2016-2020.
The “Safe Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship” Programme has no own sources of funding. Pursuant to statutory regulations, the implementation of prevention measures and their financing are the responsibility of local governments.

Financial awards to counties are funded as follows:

- PLN 15,000 for the first place is funded by the Voivode of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship;
- PLN 10,000 for the second place is funded by the Marshal of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship;
- PLN 5,000 for the third place is funded by the Voivode and the Marshal of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.

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