Values of life and business

in Tricity and Pomeranian Voivodeship

We are pleased that you have chosen the Pomeranian Voivodeship and Tricity (Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot) as a location for your next projects and investments. We appreciate your trust. Together we are building an economically strong Pomerania and creating further development opportunities for the local community.

Pomerania has always been synonymous with openness, tolerance and thriftiness. Its coastal location has allowed the inhabitants of our region to be co-creators and participants in the birth and development of new ideas and movements based on humanistic values. It has been so for centuries, from the economic Hanseatic Union of European cities, through the creation of the port and city of Gdynia from scratch, which gave economic independence to the young Polish state reborn after World War I, to the socio-political movement of Solidarity, which 40 years ago changed the course of history around the world. We remain faithful to the same values. It is solidarity, equality, cooperation and integration that direct development in our region. The principles of a democratic state governed under the rule of law are the same as our highest values, which we strive not only to proclaim but also to put into practice on a daily basis. We ensure that everyone has the opportunity to fully enjoy human rights and fundamental freedoms on equal terms.

This is because we believe that convictions alone are not enough. Noble principles must be reflected in the daily lives and work of our citizens, entrepreneurs and the business community. Of course, you can never reach perfection in this matter, but we already have many prestigious international awards to prove the effectiveness of our efforts. The following are worth mentioning: *The Princess of Asturias' award*, granted to the city of Gdańsk in 2019. This prestigious award in the 'consent' category, further motivates us to continue being, to quote King Philip VI of Spain on his presentation speech, an example of solidarity, integration and peaceful coexistence. Similarly, *the European Access Award*, granted to Gdynia in 2019 yet again, honours the philosophy and strategy of building a society in such a way that no one is excluded.

It is essential for us that the Pomeranian Voivodeship is perceived as a stable, safe, but also open and friendly region by all its inhabitants and guests. We want everyone in Pomerania to feel fully integrated into the local community. By supporting attitudes of kindness, caring for each other and acting for the common good, we foster an attractive living environment for the residents, and opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses.

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