

Integrity Pact pilot in the European Union. Results and perspectives

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Katarzyna Kaźmierczak, Mayor of the Poraj Commune

A local government official with many years of experience and a great track record. A graduate of the Secondary School in Myszków. She graduated from teaching history at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Silesia in Katowice. Since 1991, i.e. from the moment of graduation, she has been associated with education in Poraj - first with the Leonid Teliga Primary School, and then with the Kazimierz Górski Middle School. In 2010-2014, she acted as the Chairwoman of the Commune Council, then in 2016 became the vice mayor of the Poraj Commune. In 2019, she won the election for the Mayor of the Poraj Commune. She also completed postgraduate studies in social studies at the University of Silesia in ESF. Chartered teacher. Co-founder and long-term president of the Association for Aid to Children "Aspera" in Poraj. Member of the board of the Association of Enthusiasts of Janusz Gniatkowski's Creativity in Poraj, member of the Marina Poraj Association and Poraj Society for the Promotion of Physical Culture and Sport. For several years, she was the coordinator of the finals of the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity in the Poraj Commune. ZHP instructor with the rank of scoutmaster - once active, now as a sympathizer and ally of the activities of the Myszków Region.



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