

Curriculum vitae

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I am a farmer who lives in the village Gałkówka Kolonia in the Brzeziny commune and district, in the Łódź province. For 40 years I have been running together with my wife a 20 ha farm which is specialized in production of agricultural seeds. I have 3 adult children whose working life is also connected with the agriculture. I am a proud grandfather of 6 grandchildren.

I have a proven track record of social activities, in the beginning in the Farmer Youth Union, and then in the units of agricultural services – membership in Supervisory Boards of the Regional Dairy Cooperative, Cooperative Bank and Farmers' Self-Help Commune Cooperative.

In the years 1992-1998 I was Chairman of the Board of companies engaged in the seeds trade. Beginning in 2006, I had a seat on Supervisory Boards of companies connected with the agriculture: ELEWARR Sp. z o.o. [*ELEWARR Limited Liability Company*] (2006-2008), Lubelski Rynek Hurtowy „Elizówka” S.A. [*Lublin Wholesale Market "Elizówka" Joint-Stock Company*] (2008-2012), Hodowla Roślin Strzelce Sp. z o.o. [*Plant Breeding Strzelce Limited Liability Company*] (since 2013).

I am an expert in the area of social security of farmers. For many years I have had a seat on the Farmers' Council of the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund, in the years 2006-2011 I was the Vice-Chairman of the said Council. In the years 2001-2003 I was also the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Contributory Fund of the Farmers' Social Insurance.

I have been since 1985 the Chairman of the Polish Union of Potato and Seed Growers. For 10 years I have also acted as the Chairman of the Council of the Federation of Agricultural Producers' Union – a member unit of Copa. The Federation is the biggest Polish organization to which belong the national agricultural unions – composed of planters, breeders and producers who specialize in individual sectors. The members of the Federation are now 27 unions (the list is enclosed). On recommendation of the Federation I took part for example in works of the Council for the Village at the Committee for European Integration and the Steering Committee for SAPARD. In the year 2004 I took active actions among agricultural producers supporting the idea of Poland's access to the European Union. Beginning this year, I have also been a member of the Monitoring Committee of the Rural Development

Programme 2015-2020. From the beginning of our membership at Copa (2006) I have been taking part in the meetings of the Presidium. I am also the representative of the Polish organizations in the Copa Working Group and the Civil Dialogue “International aspects in the agriculture”. I have been constantly expanding my knowledge and experience through the participation in numerous trainings, conferences, study tours both in the country and abroad (in the European Union and in the United States of America).