

## **DESCRIPTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC (in English)**

The goal of the project is to deepen the knowledge on the land and capital concentration in the agriculture and its environment (in particular, this means the food production and processing plants and the public institutions cooperating with the agricultural – food product sector) on the Polish and world level. The reference point for evaluation of the phenomena connected with these processes will be the sustainable development rules that, for the social good, in a long time perspective, should be implemented in the economic practice. The idea of the sustainable development covers such conduction of the economic activity which, at the same time, enables gaining good economic results, maintaining, at the same time, the respect for the natural environment, the social relations and smooth regional development, and favour such resource management that they could be used by the next generations.

Within the framework of the project, it is assumed to conduct wide and deepened investigations referring to the topics undertaken. In particular, it is planned to perform the investigations of the interview and questionnaire character in selected agricultural farms from Poland , Germany, France, USA and Canada (500 farms in total), and in 100 enterprises of the producer group and food processing plants acting in Poland. A supplement to the investigation will be the analysis of the documentation and reference base, connected with the research topic undertaken, in particular in particular that referring to the legal regulations that may help or hinder the excess concentration.

The main reason to undertake the investigations is the insufficient state of the knowledge on the scale of the phenomena connected with the concentration in the agricultural / food product sector and on the connection of the actual implementation of the sustainable development rules in the economic / social practice.

The following may be specified as the additional reasons to undertake the investigations in the scope proposed:

- to show the results of the impacts on the society for the unbeneficial phenomena consisting in a not uniform distribution of goods and capital in the economy,
- to define actions limiting the adverse impact of the uncontrolled and to fast concentration in the agricultural sector onto the total economy and the society,
- the wish to indicate the action that will favour the more effective implementation of the sustainable development concept.