

## DESCRIPTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The research project is aimed to publish in print the records created as a result of activities of the judicial authority operating in Hrubieszów in 1429-1468, and the source edition will include all the records of cases pending before the aforementioned court which have been preserved to this day. Therefore, it will not be limited to the Hrubieszów Land Register with No. 1 stored in the State Archive in Lublin, but will also take into account the individual cards included in other Chełm Land Registers from the series of judgments and records, sewn in mistakenly in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and possible preserved copies in the Notes of Priest Z. Kozicki stored in the State Library of the Academy of Sciences in Cracow. The planned source edition is not only aimed to reading the Latin text of source. The project also provides inclusion of a summary of the case in Polish, containing the most important non-formal information, in each transcript of the case. This will enable the edited source to be used not only by medievalists, but also by lovers of the region. In order to fully study the material, a number of factual footnotes will also be included, in which the local names and mentioned persons will be identified. To facilitate the use of publication by the future reader, a personal index, local names and non-Latin words and expressions will also be drawn up. The works carried out under this project will focus mainly on efforts aimed to render the content and specificity of edited material as faithful as possible, as well as to its thorough and comprehensive development.

The source edition of this project will certainly contribute to its dissemination and preservation for future generations of researchers. Given the state of its preservation (numerous lacks of cards, large fragments of illegible text due to destruction and fading of entries due to external factors), the use of original nowadays poses numerous difficulties and doubts for even those familiar with the Latin paleography. There is also a real danger that this situation may deteriorate over the years, leading irretrievably to the loss of many valuable information sources. This would be a great loss for the historians of community, especially as the source to be edited is a particularly interesting and unique source due to the first mention of court hearings held there even before the introduction of Polish law to the Crown in 1431 on the Ruthenian lands, as well as the administrative and judicial organization modelled on the Polish lands. This enables to trace the changes taking place within the system previously created by the Ruthenian duchies. This source is also used for research on the genealogy of noble families and their ownership, as well as economic and social relations in the area. Making it available to a wider range of scientists and regional historians active in the area will probably contribute to intensifying research in the field of above mentioned issues. It will also enable to make many detailed arrangements regarding the past of Hrubieszów and its surroundings, and will also provide valuable comparative material for research concerning neighboring areas located in the area of the Polish-Ruthenian borderland.