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WHO Global Network
of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are kindly requesting the acceptance of Oborniki Commune to the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

The commune, as the environment opened to the needs of elderly people, carries out a lot of initiatives focusing on elderly residents. Since 2014 the Council of Senior Residents of Oborniki has been operating in our community. The Council has introduced a programme 'Envelope of Life', under which over 2000 envelopes have been distributed. In the Municipal Office there is a Box of Ideas where everyone is welcome to place their own concepts. The local councillors are at the service of ageing residents on regular basis. Since April 2016, under the programme Oborniki Senior Card, people aged 60 and older have been able to enjoy discount prices of services of more than 50 partners and 50% discount from the rent rates. In autumn the elderly can use free influenza vaccines. So far more than 3500 older citizens have benefited from this programme. Since January 2017 the owners of Oborniki Senior Cards have been using city transport free of charge. Members of Polish Union of Pensioners and Disabled People as well as the University of the Third Age can freely take benefit from both cultural and educational offers of these organisations. Under the supervision of Social Welfare Centre the Day-Care Centre has been established in the town. Thanks to the funds raised by Oborniki Commune under Senior Plus programme, Senior Plus Club will have been created by the end of 2017. The possibilities of launching telecare programme are currently being analysed. Moreover, the conditions of partnership between Oborniki Commune and players applying for the funds within the project: 'Training activities for the development of digital literacy' are being negotiated. An agreement with Senior Plus Foundation has recently been reached. As a result, our programme Obornicka Senior Card is now honoured within the offer of the Foundation.

A survey concerning the living conditions of the elderly has been conducted in Oborniki commune. The findings have served as the basis for the plans for future actions at the local level that foster the full participation of older people in community life and promotes healthy and active ageing. The actions themselves are planned according to the offer of Senior Plus Club. The survey was carried out thanks to the effective collaboration of non-governmental organizations and the parishes from Oborniki. The President of the Oborniki Council of Seniors participates in the work of the Oborniki Council of Social Initiatives with great commitment. One of the outcomes of this effective cooperation is a plan to establish the nursing home for the elderly. Gmina Oborniki is a member of the Wielkopolska Cluster of Seniors.

Requesting the acceptance of Community of Oborniki to the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities we declare our readiness to contribute our efforts to further improvement of the network by establishing the mechanisms which will allow to involve the elderly in the process of joining the network. We are also going to take action aimed at raising the current level of adaptation of the municipality to the needs of people of all ages, including the elderly, the development of the three-year action plan to raise the existing level of adaptation of the municipality to the needs of people of all ages and the identification of indicators for monitoring the progress of the action plan.

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