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Dear Sirs,

percentage of senior citizens in Poland and worldwide is growing steadily. According to demographic forecasts, by 2030, seniors will constitute 30% of the total population in Poland, and by 2050, the number of Polish seniors will exceed 40% of country's total.

Local authorities must therefore meet growing expectations and take into account demographic changes, including issues such as ageing population, increased life expectancy, pressure to satisfy needs of the disabled (in terms of eliminating architectural barriers and improving access to public utility buildings), adverse changes in birth and fertility rates, and the implementation of tasks related to local social policies. This includes diagnosing and monitoring the needs of older individuals, organizing and co-financing social and welfare facilities, creating conditions for active living and self-help, and above all, fostering conditions for high quality of life for city's residents.

The activity of local authorities in creating action plans based on intergenerational solidarity is therefore extremely important. These strategies should encompass a wide range of activities: from providing medical care and housing adapted to the needs of seniors, to expanding employment opportunities for older individuals, access to culture, and strengthening social cohesion through intergenerational integration efforts. A key element is the collective, coordinated action of all urban stakeholders to create ageing-friendly environment.

The physical, psychological, and material well-being of residents is a significant challenge that can be more easily addressed by drawing on the best practices and knowledge from other countries.

Membership in the Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities is both a sign of appreciation of past efforts in the field of senior policy, aimed at improving the quality of life of seniors, and a motivation to continue these efforts. Expert knowledge, good practices, and experiences from cities around the world constitute valuable know-how that ensures the further development of the city of Lublin as a place that welcomes all residents.



Taking above into account, we declare, as a city, our willingness to join Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities and, at the same time, commit ourselves to continue our efforts to create a city that is inclusive of all generations.

The concept of age-friendly cities represents continuous development and overcoming new challenges.

We look forward to the acceptance of our application and express hope for our community to be included in such a respectable group of cities.



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