

# **AGENCIES IN POLAND AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE VOIVODE (STR)**

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# NEW GOVERNANCE

- Many definitions
- Transferring good practices from business organizations to public administration organizations

# PUBLIC TASKS

- ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS
- REPRESENTATION FUNCTIONS
- SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC SERVICES
- MANAGEMENT OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES

# AGENCIES -LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- BASED ON NEW LEGISLATION
- BASED ON EXISTING LAW:
  - COMMERCIAL CODE (non-profit company) - PPP
  - FOUNDATIONS LAW

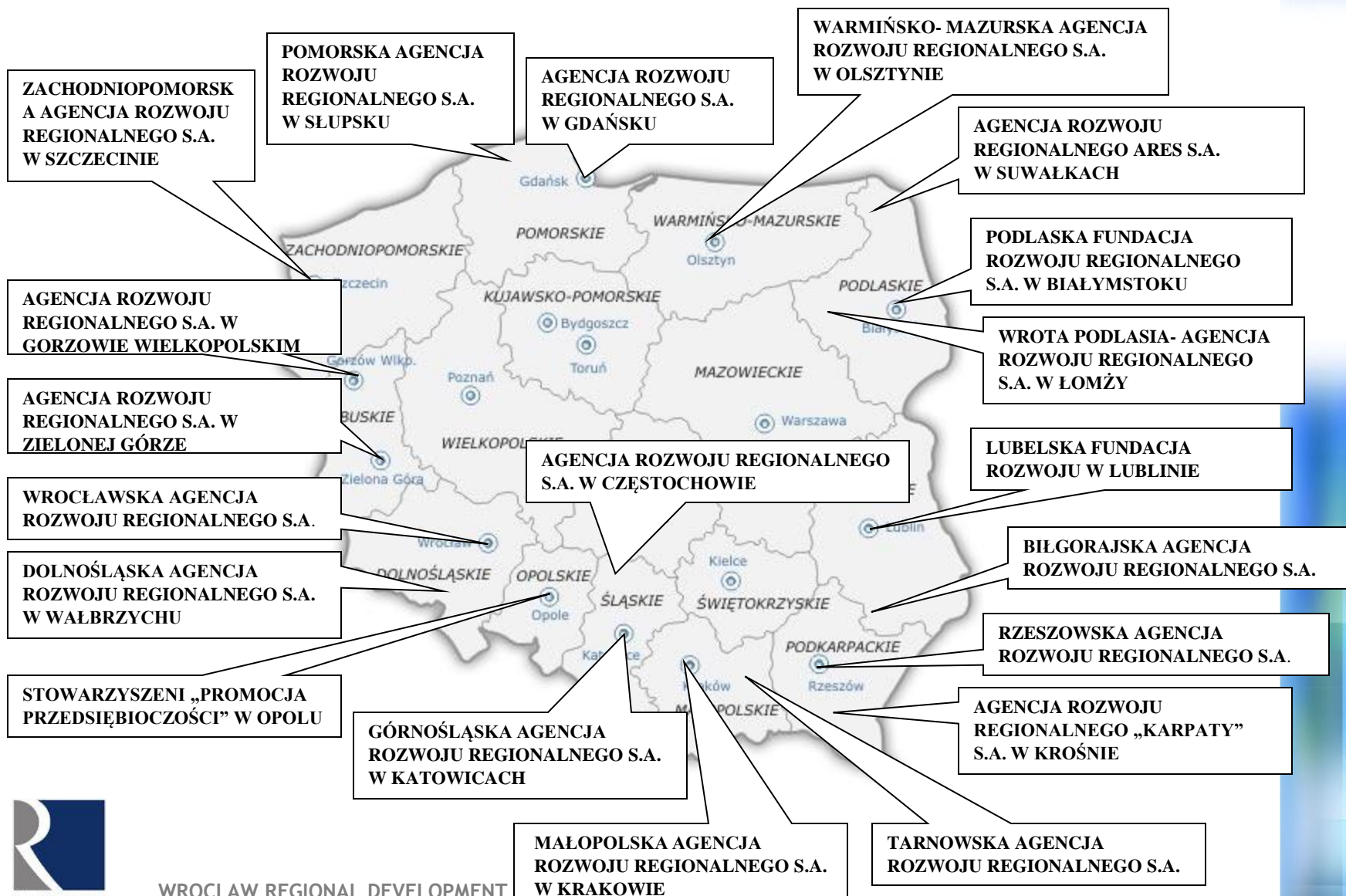
# TYPE 1 AGENCIES

- **Agricultural Property Agency** – to manage and privatise agricultural properties owned by state-run agricultural farms before the transformation,
- **Polish Agency for Enterprise Development** – to implement programmes of grants and loans for SMEs,
- **Agricultural Market Agency** – to stabilise prices on the agricultural market and to make intervention purchases,
- **Agriculture Restructuring and Modernisation Agency** – to carry out and finance modernisation activities in agriculture and in rural areas,
- **National Health Service** – to manage the public health service by contracting out health services,
- **National Fund for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons** – to finance activities addressed to disabled persons,
- **National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management** – to finance ecology-oriented projects through a system of grants and preferential loans,
- **Voivodship Funds for Environmental Protection and Water Management** – as above, but at the regional level.
- **EURO 2012 Agency** – to build the national stadium in Warsaw and to prepare EURO 2012 Football Championship.

# TYPE 2 AGENCIES

- **Regional Development Agencies** – to support regional and local development in the preparation and implementation of investment projects and studies – **99% ESTABLISHED BY VOIVODES AND TRANSFERRED TO REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS !!**
- **Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency** – to promote Poland and attract FDI,
- **Industrial Development Agency** – to carry out restructuring and privatisation activities undertaken as government interventions in relation to specific state-owned enterprises, degraded areas and unwanted property
- **Polish-German Cooperation Foundation** – support projects.

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AGENCJA ROZWOJU PÓLNOCEJ  
WIELKOPOLSKI W PILE

WIELKOPOLSKA AGENCJA ROZWOJU  
PRZEDSIĘBIORCZOŚCI Sp. z o.o.  
W POZNANIU

TORUŃSKA AGENCJA ROZWOJU  
REGIONALNEGO S.A.

AGENCJA ROZWOJU REGIONALNEGO S.A.  
W OSTROŁĘCE

POLSKA AGENCJA ROZWOJU  
PRZEDSIĘBIORCZOŚCI

AGENCJA ROZWOJU  
REGIONALNEGO S.A. W KONINIE

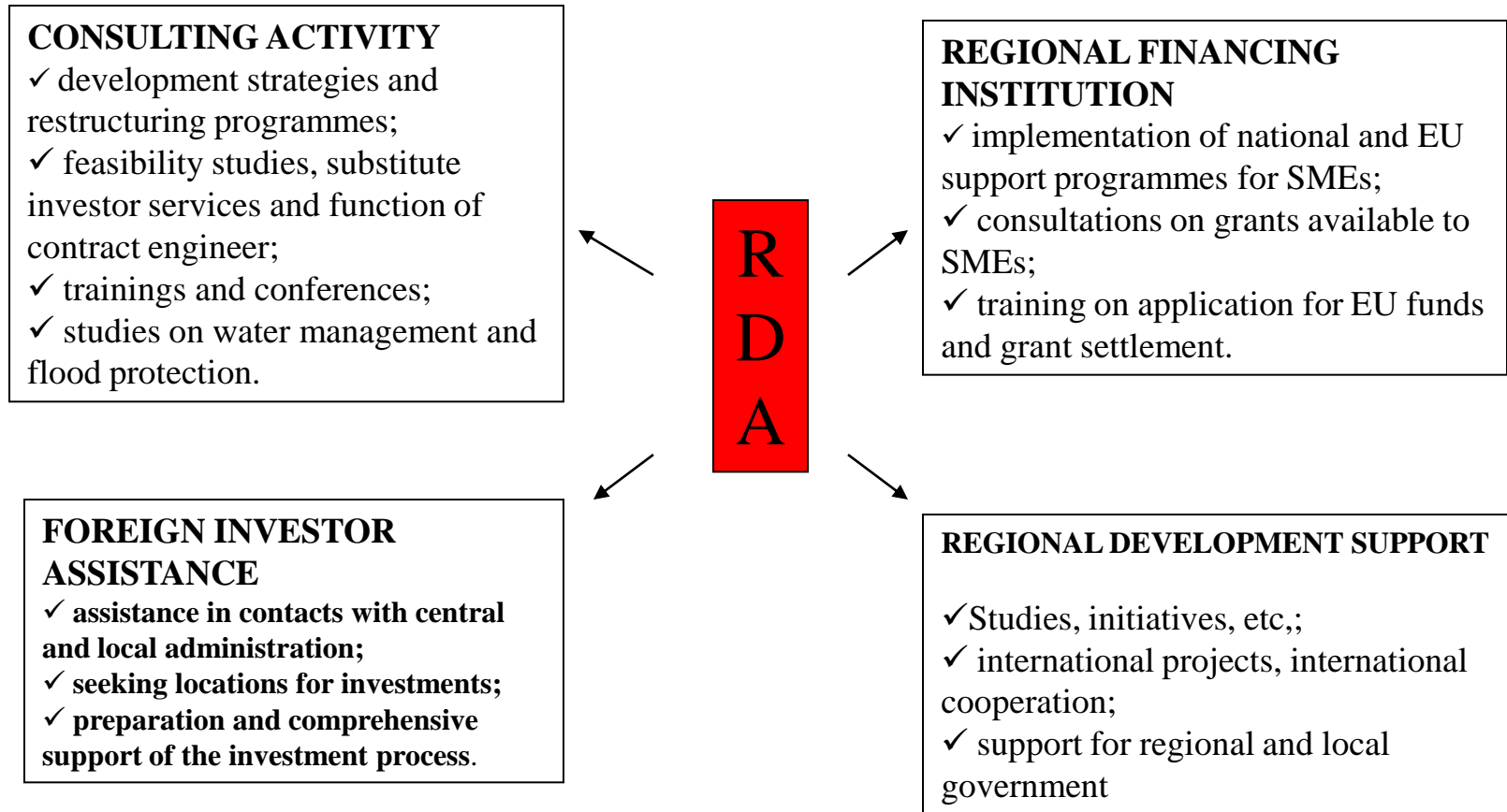
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W SIERADZU

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REGIONALNEGO S.A.

ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKA AGENCJA ROZWOJU  
REGIONU S.A. W KIELCACH



# RDA- areas of operation



# Wroclaw Regional Development Agency

## Shareholders:

### public

Self Government of Lower Silesia (95,86%)

Industrial Development Agency Joint Stock Company (1,18%)

Municipalities (0,63%)

### private

Lower Silesian Chamber of Commerce and other shareholders (2,33%)

## Mission:

The Mission of WARR is to support regional government and businesses in operations aimed at development of Lower Silesia and Odra river region.

# Relations agencies - voivode

- very diverse
- do not have the character of superior authority or supervision
- rather coordination
- much stronger powers in relation to agencies operating as government-run agencies based on the legislative regulatory framework
- little possibility of exerting a direct impact on agencies operating as foundations/companies

# Evaluation of agencies

- assessed quite differently
- 1st type agencies have become similar to public administration offices.
- Effects of inspections of the Supreme Chamber of Control (NIK) have also contributed to that operate rather in order to minimise the risk of failure.
- agencies operating based on the commercial code or the law on foundations are much better
- eliminated the possibility of transferring mechanisms of operation of public administration offices to the management of these institutions.

# Conclusion

- As a consequence of failures in the agencies of the first type, the government have undertaken the initiative to redefine the idea of the agency performing public tasks by providing for a new legal solution – the implementing agency – in the new bill on public finances.
- The legislative work is ongoing in the Parliament
- the new solutions will take effect at the earliest in 2009.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

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