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Recreation Resort "The Sailor" - Poland.

Key qualification: Assoc. Prof. of Economisc Science, businesswoman.

Participant of 14 research projects and Manager of projects: The impact of projects in the field of tourism and culture in socio-economic development of the region. The project carried out at the request of the Marshal Office Podlaski. Implementation period: August 2014 - April 2015. Developing the concept of the innovation system model of health tourism. The project under the program OPUS 6 implemented by the National Science Centre. The expected implementation period - from July 2014 to December 2016. Implementation of the project support of tourism in protected areas of the region of Podlasie - research funded by the budget allocated to scientific activities Bialystok Technical University - the implementation period: 2009-2011.

*Innovation of tourism enterprises in Poland* (2010-2011). Our study funded by the NSC. University of Bialystok, the implementation period: 2010-2011.

ERASMUS and ERASMUS+ Programs coordinator of the Bialystok University of Technology, Management Faculty (since 2010, up to now). Expert in Foresight Poland 2020 and Member of Polish Economy Association and Senator of Bialystok University of Technology (cadence 2016-2020). The Author of about 100, including 5 books.

The major fields of study are as follows: management of innovations, tourism economics, sustainable tourism development, non-governmental organizations management.