

## INVITATION FOR DESIGNERS TO TAKE PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

# CARPATHIANS

## WOOL DESIGN

Carpathians have rich traditions affiliated with processing of wool and formation of wool products. For centuries pastoralism was the basis of agriculture in the region, has shaped both material and spiritual culture of its inhabitants. Unfortunately, today wool is becoming more and more forgotten material, an unwanted by-product and wool products disappear.

The "Wool Design. Carpathians" is an attempt to draw attention to the long-standing and rich tradition of grazing sheep and wool production. It also helps to protect the endangered professions associated with the processing of wool. The project would show that linking the abilities of designers with craftsmen's knowledge and experience makes the opportunity of creating new regional products.

### The project's events

Designers from the Visegrad countries will take part in two international workshops, where thanks to cooperation with the Beskid craftsmen they will learn techniques associated with processing of wool in Carpathians, like: spinning, weaving, felting, dyeing and many others. Dozen of new products using the old methods of working with wool will occur. These products will be shown at exhibitions in Cieszyn, Bratislava, Prague, Taliándörögd and Sophia.

### How to apply for the workshops?

#### Recruitment:

Please send your application together with the portfolio (link to portfolio or file up to 5 MG) to: [apilch@zamekcieszyn.pl](mailto:apilch@zamekcieszyn.pl) or [ltrojan@zamekcieszyn.pl](mailto:ltrojan@zamekcieszyn.pl) until 10 of August 2014.

The number of participants is limited! Please note that registrations will be not handled on a first-come, first-served basis. The participation in the workshop is free of charge. Organizers provide accommodation and catering but do not cover the travel costs.

Results will be announced by August 18, 2014.

### Schedule:

#### I workshop

4 – 6.09.2014 Jaworzynka, Poland

#### II workshop

12 – 15.11.2014 Jaworzynka, Poland

Exhibitions presenting the results of workshops – new products made of wool will be shown in: Cieszyn (PL) – at the 10th Zamek Cieszyn birthday, January 2015; Bratislava (SVK) – ÚLUV – The Centre For Folk Art Production, April 2015, Taliándörögd (HUN) – Hungarian Wool Festival, May 2015, Sophia (BUL) – Sophia Design Week, June 2015, Prague (CZ) – Czechdesign, July 2015.

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