



Andrzej Łapkowski, polonist and linguist with Master's degree; journalist, photographer and cameraman by conviction; translator, trainer, EU funds specialist. Currently an officer at the Voivodeship Labour Office in Rzeszów. Since the beginning of Russian invasion in Ukraine, has been involved in migrant and refugee issues. Born in Riga, came to Rzeszów, Podkarpacie to study as a scholarship holder of the Polish government's program. Received Master's degree in Polish philology at the Higher School of Pedagogy in Rzeszów, wrote and defended master's thesis entitled 'Modern Polish in Latvia' under the supervision of the eminent linguist Prof. Kazimierz Ożog. A lot of time devoted to translations from Russian. My greatest achievement is the translation of a book by the well-known Russian publicist Viktor Suvorov, 'I take back my words'. After graduating, took up a job at the local daily newspaper Super Nowosci. As a journalist and editor, developed my passion for photography, which had dormant in me since childhood, and then switched to filmmaking to perfect my craft. I have worked and collaborated with several local and national television stations and production agencies. I am the author of numerous photographs for albums and publications, devoted to the cultural heritage of the Podkarpackie region, social life, entrepreneurship and promotion. Since 2009, I have been professionally involved in aid funds, starting work as the manager of the Office of the Czarnorzecko-Strzyżowska Local Action Group Association in Strzyżów. Have participated in several projects for children and young people training in the basics of journalism and photography. Since 2016, I have been an employee of the Provincial Labour Office, as an

employee of the Promotion and Social Communication Department. Since August 2022, as an employee of the Department of Proprietary Projects, I coordinated the Project entitled "Razem Możemy Więcej" (Together We Can Do More) - Activation Programme of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship for Foreigners', financed from the Resort Activation Programme for Foreigners for 2022-2025. One of the first Podkarpackie projects for refugees who arrived to Poland because of the war in their country and are in a particularly difficult life situation. From the beginning of 2024, as member of the team implementing the "Podkarpackie Centre for Integration of Foreigners II" Project within the structures of the Voivodeship Labour Office in Rzeszów, I have been the coordinator of inter-institutional cooperation for the benefit of Third Country Nationals. I like and appreciate teamwork. I'm passionate about parapsychology, modern technologies and motivational techniques.