**Ryszard Pagacz – 1st Deputy Voivode of the Malopolska Region**

Born on August 13, 1959 in Bucz.

He is a graduate of the Pedagogical University in Krakow (major: mathematics, physics and technology), currently the Pedagogical University of National Education Commission. He also completed post-graduate studies at the Malopolska School of Economics in Tarnów (marketing) and the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow (management of European Union Funds). He also developed his interests and competences during his studies at the Master of Business Administration (National Louis University School of Business in Nowy Sącz).

Ryszard Pagacz has extensive experience in the field of government administration (Voivodship Office in Tarnów) and local administration (Poviat Starosty in Brzesko). He also performed important functions in institutions such as Kasa Rolniczego Ubezpieczenia Społecznego (Agricultural Social Insurance Fund - KRUS) and the Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture. He was also the chairman of the City Council in Tarnów and councilor of the 7th and 8th term of office.

He is closely associated with the region of Tarnów but emphasizes that he feels like the ambassador of all Malopolska residents.

Privately, a father of three daughters and a history enthusiast. The 1st deputy voivode has a special fondness for the Borderlands of the 1st and 2nd Polish Republic.