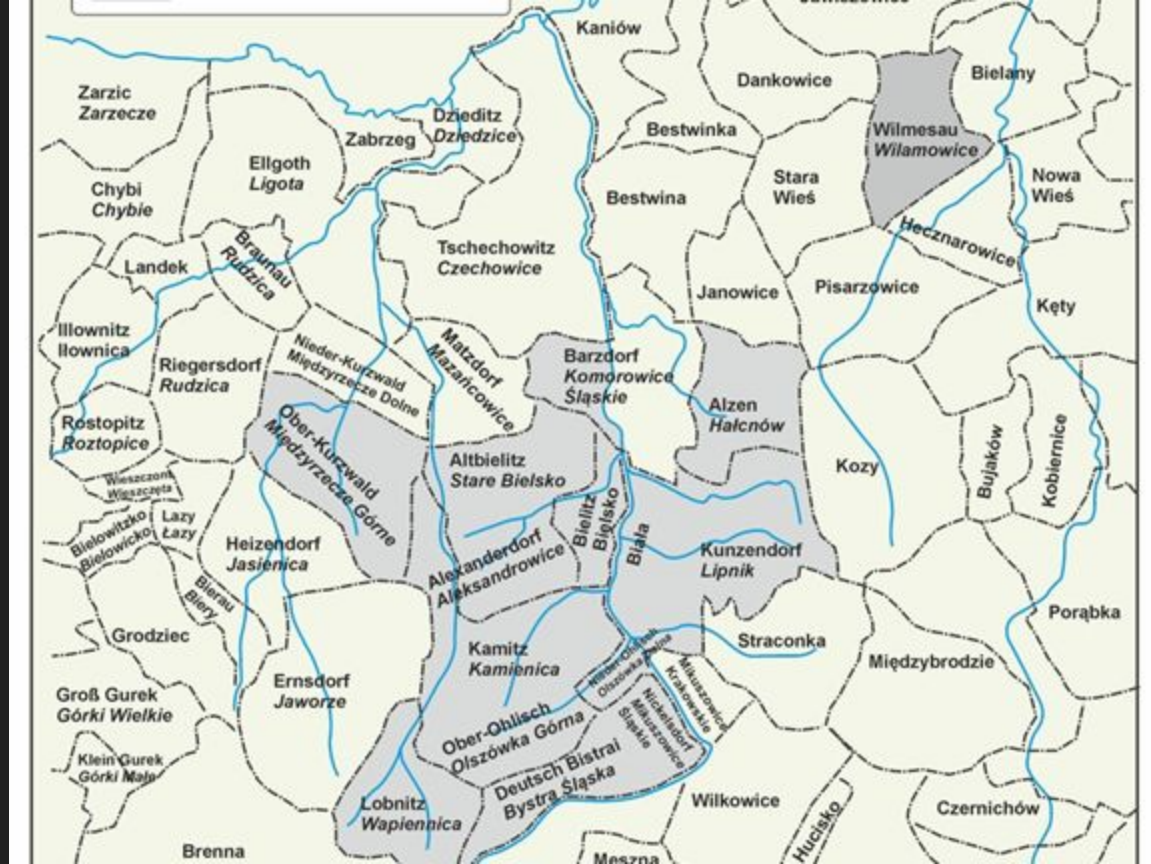


Practical aspects of decent behaviour in collaboration with local communities

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They considered themselves to be Vilamovian nation,
not Poles or Germans. (Szymeczko 2003: 68)



Sprachinselforschung



There has always been a spiritual bridge from this small island over the larger *Bielitzer Sprachinsel* to the great Germany, one just had to search for it and many people have undertaken this search



Deutsche Bäuerinnen – Strzygowski 1936/1937



Wilamowice is the last German-speaking village in Eastern Europe (Kuhn 1981)



- Typical „Slavic” elements of a folk dress (Bazielich 2001: 28)
- The church and the home were the bastions of Polishness (Dziedzic 2012: 13)
- The nationality of Vilamovians started to clarify thanks to me – Vilamovians started feeling Polish (Szymeczko 2003: 68)



Problems of fieldwork in Wilamowice

“You will rarely be praised for the disaster
you prevent. Prevent it anyway.”

[by ExNihiloAdInfinitum on reddit]

Free
Prior
Informed
Consent

[W]hat is legal may clash
with what is ethical

[O]ne [shouldn't] treat the written word as having absolute precedence over what you are told by the members of the community

When asked whether what they are speaking is a language, the best answer is the one respecting the perspective of the community.

The position of an outsider can also be exploited by the community collaborators

[R]esearchers might be seen as (...)
representatives of the dominant culture

What counts most (...) is that personal engagement outlasts the funding process.

A healthy, well-rested and positively-minded person can do more for the revitalization than one who is struggling to maintain a healthy work-life balance.

Final caution

Don't be someone described in this:

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