



PROJECT INFORMATION

Polish-German cooperation on low-emission economy in cities



Sustainable transport in Poznań

Source: Solaris Bus & Coach S.A.

Background

In Poland, more than 800 municipalities have already applied for funding to develop low-emission plans. This is an encouraging signal as municipalities play a decisive role in the success of the European Union's ambitious climate and energy policy. At the same time, air pollution remains a major environmental challenge in Poland. Due to the wide use of small coal-fired heating furnaces and the expansion of the transportation sector, there is a need for action, particularly in urban areas.

Project details

The objective of the project was to support cooperation and the exchange of experiences among Polish and German municipalities as well as with relevant stakeholders in the transition to a low-emission economy. It focused on synergies between climate change mitigation and air pollution control as well as on the socio-economic benefits of climate change mitigation measures. During workshops and field trips municipalities learned about measures which support the transition to a low-emission economy. Topics comprised renewable energies, energy efficiency, mobility, urban planning and participation. Four German-Polish city partnerships extended their cooperation through an exchange of expert knowledge and experiences as well as with joint projects. In a coaching, 13 Polish municipalities reflected with experts planning and implementation of their low-emission projects. Furthermore, representatives from politics, academia and civil society discussed the benefits of climate mitigation measures for cities as well as strategies to reduce energy poverty and air pollution. The discussion paper [“Tapping into the co-benefits of low-emission economy in cities”](#) as well as the field report [“Municipalities: working together for a low-emission economy”](#) summarise important results of the project.

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Beneficiaries: Ministry of Environment, municipalities, associations of municipalities, think tanks

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