

POLISH-NORWEGIAN COOPERATION PLATFORM

The Polish-Norwegian Cooperation Platform brings together local authorities and their partners (research institutes, financial institutions, NGOs, private companies, etc.) interested in cooperation and exchange of experience in the area of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources. Participation in the Platform facilitates establishing new contacts and engaging in the efficient dialogue, which will help to:

- increase knowledge and capacities in the field of energy planning & management,
- get acquainted with inspiring good practices and already tested solutions,
- use other members' experience to develop own, innovative energy projects,
- establish permanent relationships with Norwegian and Polish partners, which will result in common projects and initiatives.

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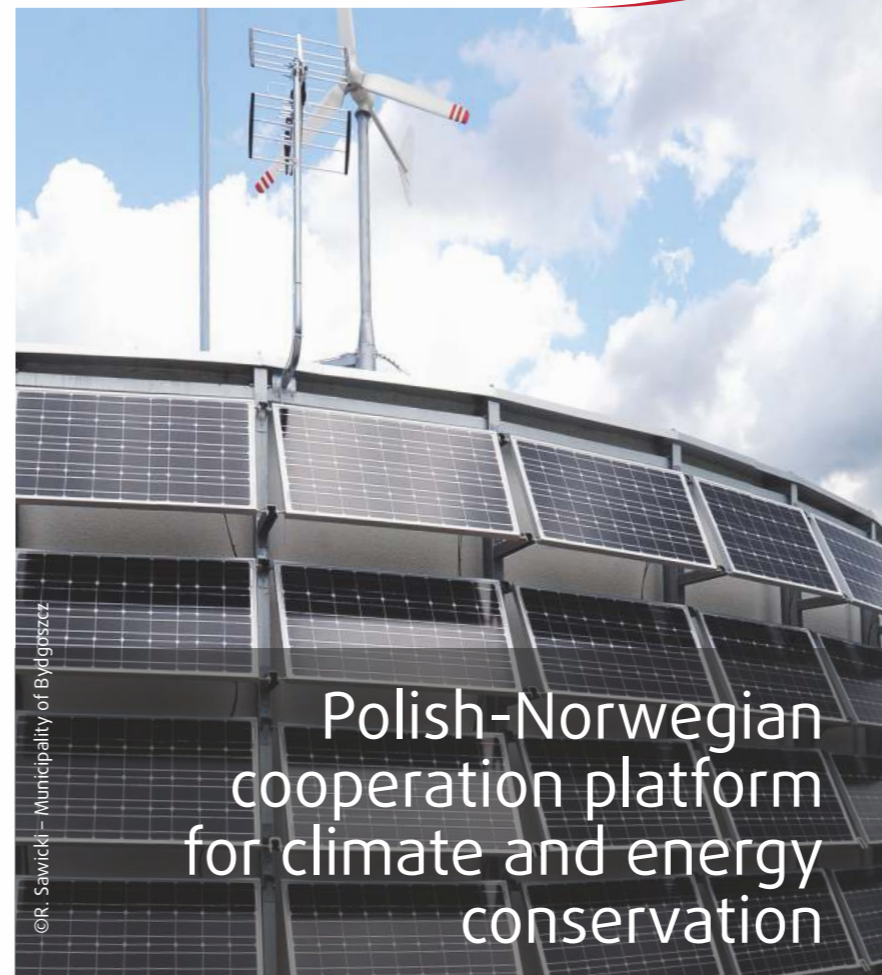
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JOIN US!

The invitation to Polish-Norwegian Cooperation Platform is addressed to all municipalities and their partner institutions interested in:

- enhancing their actions for EE improvement and RES use,
- establishing new contacts and strengthening cooperation with present partners,
- exchanging experience, knowledge, technologies and best practices with Norwegian municipalities and institutions,
- finding partners for energy-related projects and initiatives,
- supporting innovation in the area of energy planning and management.

Platform members meet during different events organised within the project, including workshops, conferences and webinars. They also exchange their opinions and experience using interactive forum available on the project website.



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The aim of the project "**Polish-Norwegian cooperation platform for climate and energy conservation**" is to establish and strengthen bilateral cooperation between Norwegian and Polish municipalities, covering the exchange of experience, knowledge, technologies and best practices in the area of energy efficiency (EE) and the use of renewable energy sources (RES) in the municipal sector.

Implementation of the project is divided into three phases:

- 🔦 **Diagnostic phase:** analysis of the current situation and best practices in the field of EE and RES use in Poland and Norway, as well as creating mechanisms facilitating efficient dialogue and exchange of experience between entities from both countries.
- 🔦 **Open contest phase:** organisation of the open contest for the best ideas for innovative energy projects inspired by Norwegian experience and prepared by Polish municipalities.
- 🔦 **Implementation phase:** implementation of the 10 winning projects with the support of the Norwegian partners.

Duration: January 2016 - April 2017



ACTIVITIES

Establishment of the Polish-Norwegian Cooperation Platform, which provides space and opportunities for efficient dialogue and exchange of experience between Polish and Norwegian municipalities and their partners.

Development of the diagnosis of the situation of Polish and Norwegian municipalities in terms of energy efficiency and RES use, which answers the questions about their current energy planning & management processes, as well as helps to identify the most important barriers, challenges and needs.

Development of the catalogue of best practices in the area of energy efficiency and RES use, including examples of inspiring investments and actions implemented by both Polish and Norwegian municipalities.

Organisation of a series of meetings of the Experience Exchange Group, which gathers municipalities and aims at analysing current and developing new, innovative solutions in the area of EE and RES use.

Organisation of the open contest for the best ideas for innovative energy projects inspired by Norwegian experience. 10 winning projects will be awarded with micro-grants for the preparation of necessary analyses and documentation.

Organisation of the study visit in Norway, during which representatives of the winning municipalities will have an opportunity to get acquainted with the most interesting Norwegian investments and energy strategies implemented on the national, regional and local level.

Implementation of 10 pilot projects in cooperation with experienced Norwegian municipalities, who will support Polish local authorities in working out the details and implementation of their ideas. Signed Memorandums of Cooperation will be also a basis for future joint initiatives!

RESULTS

- 🔦 Polish-Norwegian Cooperation Platform
- 🔦 implementation of 10 micro-projects in the field of EE and RES use proposed by Polish municipalities and inspired by the Norwegian experience, including:
 - development of analyses and documentation necessary to launch pilot investments and actions
- 🔦 establishment of bilateral cooperation between 10 Polish and 10 Norwegian municipalities, including:
 - signing 10 Memorandums of Cooperation aiming at implementation of the above-mentioned micro-projects
 - participation in the study visit in Norway
- 🔦 organisation of a series of events aiming at analysing initial situation of Polish and Norwegian municipalities, promotion of best practices and dissemination of project results, including:
 - 3 meetings of the Experience Exchange Group
 - 2 bilateral conferences
 - a series of thematic webinars
- 🔦 publication of documents summarising and disseminating results of the project, including:
 - diagnostic report on the energy situation of Polish and Norwegian municipalities
 - catalogue of best practices in the area of EE and RES use
 - final publication

BENEFICIARIES

- 🔦 Polish and Norwegian municipalities
- 🔦 organisations cooperating with municipalities on the implementation of energy-related projects (research institutes, financial institutions, NGOs, private companies, etc.)
- 🔦 local communities

BENEFITS

- 🔦 exchange of experience in the area of EE and RES use with other municipalities and institutions, both from Poland and Norway
- 🔦 establishing bilateral cooperation with partners from Norway
- 🔦 receiving co-financing (micro-grants) for the best innovative projects supporting energy conservation and climate protection

Low-emission economy in municipalities

Cities and towns play a key role in the transition towards low-emission economy, based on the use of local renewable energy sources and on the responsible consumption of natural resources. Their involvement in energy-related projects and initiatives contributes to the overall sustainable development and improving the quality of life and health of the citizens. Norwegian municipalities are known for being frontrunners in the implementation of the sustainable development concept and for many years already have been implementing ambitious projects in the area of energy efficiency and RES use. Their experience may be valuable for Polish municipalities, therefore this project aims at creating conditions for the efficient and regular exchange of experience, knowledge, ideas and best practices, which will result in successful implementation of local climate & energy targets.