

„Investments in renewable energy as an opportunity for sustainable development of Polish municipalities”

**Kraków, Auditorium Maximum, ul. Krupnicza 33
9th June 2016**

AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE	
Moderator: Tomasz Zubilewicz	
9.00 – 09.30	Registration of participants
09.30 – 09.45	Opening and Welcome • Roland Python – Head of the Swiss Contribution Office, Swiss Embassy
09.45 – 09.55	Introduction – a short film presenting five large-scale projects that have introduced renewable energy in municipalities under the Swiss Contribution to Poland (Swiss-Polish Cooperation Programme)
SESSION 1	
09.55 – 11.55 15’	Impact of individual households on air pollution in their regions – local consequences (environment, health, tourism, municipality budget), strategies for improving air quality and major areas needing support (not only financial). • Andrzej Guła, Institute of Environmental Economics
30’	Why investments in renewable energy coordinated by municipalities/local authorities are more effective than direct subsidies for individuals? – representatives of Executing Agencies implementing projects under the Swiss-Polish Cooperation Programme • Tomasz Mierzwa, Commune of Busko Zdrój • Bolesław Żaba, Mayor of Mszana Dolna • Andrzej Czernecki, Association of Wisłoka River Basin Communes
15’	The role of municipalities’ commitment to replace traditional heating sources with renewable energy in addressing the issue of fuel poverty. • dr Andrzej Kassenberg, Institute of Sustainable Development

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60'	<p>Panel discussion: examples of the above topics in the regions of Busko Zdroj, Mszana Dolna, Niepołomice, Sucha Beskidzka, Association of Wisloka River Basin Communes – views and recommendations from representatives of institutions implementing projects under the Swiss-Polish Cooperation Programme.</p> <p>Panelists – representatives of local authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Józef Bałos, Mayor of Powiat of Sucha Beskidzka • Andrzej Czernecki, President of the Association of Wisloka River Basin Communes • Roman Ptak, Mayor of Municipality of Niepołomice • Waldemar Sikora, Mayor of Municipality of Busko Zdrój • Bolesław Żaba, Mayor of Mszana Dolna <p>Moderator: Tomasz Zubilewicz</p>
11.55 – 12.10	Q&As
12.10 – 12.40	<p>Coffee break</p> <p>Photo exhibition showcasing solar projects implemented under SPCP (in main hall)</p> <p>in parallel: time for media (possible interviews)</p>
SESSION 2	
12.40 – 14.55	<p>How Switzerland supports municipalities in developing and implementing sustainable development and low emission plans.</p>
15'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc Muller, the Swiss Federal Office of Energy
15'	<p>Economic effects in context of calculating financial implications of environmental pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dr hab. inż. Krzysztof Berbeka, Institute of Economy, Finances and Management, Jagiellonian University
15'	<p>The role of solar projects in implementing regional plans of sustainable development and low-emission strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanisław Nowacki, Municipality of Niepołomice
10'	<p>Educational and informational campaigns on renewable energy sources as an example of engaging local communities in activities aimed to protect the environment in the regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prof. dr hab. Małgorzata Grodzińska - Jurczak, Institute of Environmental Studies, Jagiellonian University
15'	<p>Quality requirements and systems of monitoring ecological and economic effects as well as already observed results (environmental, financial, social). What should local authorities pay attention to while implementing projects of such a scale in order to optimally use the funding and respect value for money principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paweł Dyrzcz, Powiat Suski, Powiat of Sucha Beskidzka

65'	<p>Panel discussion: main challenges faced by institutions implementing solar projects under the Swiss-Polish Cooperation Programme, recommendations for both potential future beneficiaries and donors which could facilitate implementation of similar large-scale projects in future (discussion on practical level).</p> <p>Panelists: Municipality of Busko Zdrój: Anna Przyborowska-Ryś Municipality of Niepołomice: Stanisław Nowacki Związek Gmin Dorzecza Wisłoki: Maria Lignar Municipality of Mszana Dolna: Antoni Róg Powiat of Sucha Beskidzka: Paweł Dyrz Marc Muller, the Swiss Federal Office of Energy</p> <p>Moderator: dr Andrzej Kassenberg, Institute of Sustainable Development</p>
14.55 – 15.15	Q&As
15.15	Wrap-up and closing
15.15 – 16.15	Lunch

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