

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Resource-efficient regional development in Podlaskie (Poland)



PV systems contribute to improve air quality, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and – facilitated by appropriate business models – to let regions benefit from economic value added from energy generation.

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#### Background

The Podlaskie Voivodeship in the northeast of Poland adopted a regional development strategy for the period 2014–2020. The strategy aims at using renewable energies as one of the main pillars for the region's economic development. The Podlaskie Voivodeship is thus taking a pioneering role in resource-efficient regional development. However, the strategy's implementation is being challenged by a lack of experience in the development and implementation of local or regional resource efficiency strategies and by legal and administrative framework conditions.

#### Project details

The project supported decision-makers at local, regional and national levels to pursue a resource-efficient regional development. In numerous target group-specific, dialogue-oriented forms (consultation meetings, town hall meetings, workshops and study visits), an exchange of experiences and knowledge on options to generate regional value added from renewable energies was provided in order to help experts from Poland to develop suitable options for specific challenges. One important output for the local level is an Energy, Clean Air and Climate Protection Plan for the Hajnówka District which was developed together with mayors and local stakeholders in order to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Further results at local level are an energy management tool for municipalities, a solar atlas, teaching material for schools and the facilitation of numerous newly installed PV and solar thermal installations on public and private buildings in the project region. At regional level, concepts have been developed together with officials of the Marshal's Office to promote small-scale decentralised energy-production and projects in the current framework conditions. At national level, an exchange of experiences with Sejm Deputies promoted the improvement of legal and economic framework conditions.

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