

Sosnowiec - a low carbon vision of the future

The city of Sosnowiec is located in the southern Poland in the heart of Poland’s biggest agglomeration – GZM (The Metropolitan Association of Upper Silesia and Dąbrowa Basin). With approximately 190 000 citizens it is one of the biggest cities in the country. Due to the cessation of mines exploitation and the closure of other large industrial plants, small and medium-sized enterprises operating in the industrial as well as service and trade sectors predominate in the business structure.

One of the biggest challenges for the city is adaptation to climate change and engagement of citizens and other stakeholders in activities preventing its negative effects. The vision of the city's development describes Sosnowiec as a city managed in a sustainable and friendly for environment, residents and entrepreneurs’ way.

The local authorities understand the necessity to transform the local economy towards a low-carbon one and to improve living conditions for the residents of Sosnowiec. They attach particular importance to issues such as: improvement of air-quality, development of low-carbon energy sources, improvement of energy efficiency, development and exploitation of low-emission technologies, waste prevention and improvement of waste management efficiency, promotion of new consumption patterns and raising public awareness about the impact of their daily activities on their health condition and environment in which they live in. Subsequently, the city of Sosnowiec sees the transfer of BEE PATH as an opportunity to promote eco-friendly behaviors among its residents and encourage them to undertake individual efforts to build a green and sustainable city.

Due to Sosnowiec’s strong industrial heritage, there are many places suitable for urban keeping. It is crucial to introduce solutions supporting beekeepers and to build an efficient network of local stakeholders. Recently the Municipal Museum and The Municipal Theatre installed a few beehives and started running workshops for children to educate them about the fascinating world of bees and their importance for the



ecosystem. The new parks, green areas and meadows that have been established and the old ones that have recently been renovated provide perfect conditions for the reintroduction of beekeeping in Sosnowiec.

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