

**Join Plenary Meeting of the Polish Network
“Partnership: Environment for Development” and the
“European Network of Environmental Authorities and
Managing Authorities”**

French-Polish cooperation within “Partnership: Environment for Development” Network



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... in perspective with 2 major events at planet scale this year

◆ COP 21 in Paris

◆ Adoption of 17 sustainable development goals in New York

Big changes are ahead of us :

- economic model,
- development,
- Design and implementation of new projects,

.... respecting more the environment, decreasing natural resources,

... more focused on environment protection and climate change



... IN PERSPECTIVE with FRENCH_POLISH COOPERATION:

3 pillars of French-Polish Cooperation:

◆ Institutional dialogue

◆ Eco-Miasto initiative

◆ Cooperation with « Partnership:
Environment for Development » (Partnerstwo)

1. INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE

at the **ministerial levels between Polish and French ministries** on different topics:

- ◆ energy,
- ◆ transport,
- ◆ water management
- ◆ and waste management issues,

through **working groups** , meeting in Paris or Warsaw



2. ECO-MIASTO

Objectives :

- ◆ Encourage the dissemination of good practices on **sustainable development** and their implementation by **Polish local governments and municipalities**;
- ◆ Strengthen pro-environmental awareness in the **Polish civil society**.



2. ECO-MIASTO

ECO-MIASTO initiative is built around four pillars:

- ◆ Organizing **seminars** every year by the Embassy which French and Polish experts (mainly representatives of ministries and agencies, local community representatives). This year 4 seminars were held between June and September on **Energy Efficiency** in Katowice, on **water management** in Lodz, on **waste management** in Krakow, on **sustainable mobility** in Wroclaw
- ◆ Putting **on line** through **Internet site** (<http://eco-miasto.pl>), information on ECO-MIASTO to identify **good practices and initiatives** implemented by the French and Polish communities.
- ◆ Organizing **educational actions (primary, middle, high schools)**
- ◆ Holding a **competition to reward the Polish cities which are the most committed to sustainable development and in 4 categories.**

In 2015, **38 cities participated** among the largest of the country; Warsaw, Lodz, Krakow, Gdansk, Poznan, Wroclaw, Gdynia, But as well, small municipalities



3. FRENCH_POLISH COOPERATION WITHIN PARTNERSTWO

5 events organised in the last 3 years :

- March 14 & 15, 2013 in Warsaw: **“Seminar on adaptation to climate change”** .
- May 28 and 29, 2013 in Warsaw: **“Seminar on the Sustainable City”**
- October 6th to 11th, 2013, visit in France on **“Adaptation to Climate Change and Sustainable City”**
- March 13th and 14th, 2014: Workshop in Warsaw on **“Mainstreaming climate change into realization of projects. Making vulnerable investments climate resilient »**
- June 11th and 12th , 2015: Workshop in Warsaw on the **“Water Framework Directive: challenges and practical aspects of implementation”**



3. FRENCH_POLISH COOPERATION WITHIN PARTNERSTWO

This cooperation was fruitful for France:

- ◆ To discuss difficult issues
- ◆ To share our just “new” experience, in a transparent way, as we are fully aware of the difficulties that we are all facing,
- ◆ In order to improve our vision, our tools, our strategy

In that sense, these French-Polish collaboration has always been fruitful



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March 14 & 15, 2013 in Warsaw: **“Seminar on adaptation to climate change”**

- with a French experts coming from Ministry, ADEME (French Agency active in the implementation of public policy in the areas of the environment, energy and sustainable development), and operators.
- We exchanged on our National plan on climate adaptation, adaptation strategy, and concrete actions implemented through the national adaptation action plan



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May 28 and 29, 2013 in Warsaw: **“Seminar on the Sustainable City”**,

- with experts from French Ministries and French municipalities and operators.
- Exchange on Policy issues, strategy, tools of urban development in France at the state level,
- presentation of “Eco Cités” (Eco-Cities) and “Eco-quartier” (neighbourhood) initiatives,
- in perspectives with The European approach: the Reference Framework for European Sustainable Cities (RFSC);
- and 2 concrete examples of sustainable planning of a French city (big city of Lille, and small city of ST Chamond, both experiencing difficult readaptation after major industrial crisis)





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October 6th to 11th, 2013, visit in France as a follow up of our 2 first previous seminars on the 2 themes of “**Adaptation to Climate Change and Sustainable City**”,

- first in Paris for meeting with central governments,
- and visiting concrete experiences in St Ouen, Lille, Lyon, St Etienne, St Chamond, discussing with regional and local authorities) .



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“**Mainstreaming climate change into realization of projects. Making vulnerable investments climate resilient** ».

- We shared our experience on Climate change adaptation policies in France,
- and some concrete examples on taking climate change into account in **urban** projects,
- Climate adaptation and resilience in **transport**,
- and Climate adaptation and resilience in **water management**.



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June 11th and 12th , 2015: Workshop in Warsaw on the **“Water Framework Directive: challenges and practical aspects of implementation”**

- as Poland is also on the track for the reform of the water policy .
- Experts from French Ministry, from 2 River Basin Agencies (Artois-Picardy and Rhin-Meuse) ; French National Agency for Water and Aquatic Environment, Office International de l’Eau.
- We were sharing experiences but also difficulties that we are facing, and how we are trying to address the implementation challenges.



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We are ready to continue and extend our collaboration with Partnerstwo. We are already working on new ideas, new items like:

- ◆ Study trip program for **waste and water management** working group in April 2016.
- ◆ A seminar in Warsaw with the **Waste management** Group which could take place during the second part of 2016.
- ◆ A workshop in Warsaw with the **Climate changes adaptation** Group.
- ◆ discussions on topics, related to **landscape protection**, which could be developed in cooperation with French side.

Still on these issues, form of cooperation has to be determined.





3. CONCLUSION

- ◆ **France is supporting dialogue with Poland through different channels and forms.**
- ◆ **We are aware we are facing new challenges for our economies, new challenges for businesses, new ways of addressing sustainable development issues, new ways of preparing and implementing projects better integrating environmental and climate issues in an European context.**
- ◆ **In that context, we all need to exchange even more our experiences, to better prepare projects in a more competitive environment.**

Actually, this is what is at stake



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