

Wałbrzych Green City Action Plan

Summary of the workshop – Prioritization of challenges

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Workshop background

The aim of the workshop is to support the city of Wałbrzych in agreeing on priority urban and environmental challenges important for the city in the pursuit of the Green Vision of Wałbrzych. The selected priorities are the basis for further shaping the strategy and identifying activities implementing sustainable infrastructure projects and supporting the quality improvement of the city environment.

The discussion was based on the analysis of the initial state of the city.

Prioritization process		
City baseline assessment	Presentation of the results and discussion with the city	Discussion on key priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The project team collected a wide range of environmental and urban data on Wałbrzych in order to build a database of indicators. The indicators were analysed together with other contextual information to identify specific areas of interest in environmental sectors and systems.Analyses of the urban policy framework were prepared, the maturity of Smart Cities was assessed, and the city's vulnerability to possible threats was mapped and analysed.A document "Technical assessment report" was prepared, presenting the challenges which the city is facing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As part of the workshop, the results of the analysis of the initial state of the city were presented in the form of a presentation. The discussion was divided into environmental challenges and 7 thematic areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transport- Water- Solid waste- Buildings- Energy- Land use- Industry	<p>As part of the workshop, participants had the opportunity to vote on key challenges in each of the discussed thematic areas.</p> <p>Voting took place through an interactive presentation, through the Menti tool.</p> <p>At the same time, participants had the opportunity to comment on the presented challenges, add additional challenges and discuss the results of the vote.</p> <p>Through voting and discussion, priority challenges for the city were identified.</p>

Introduction

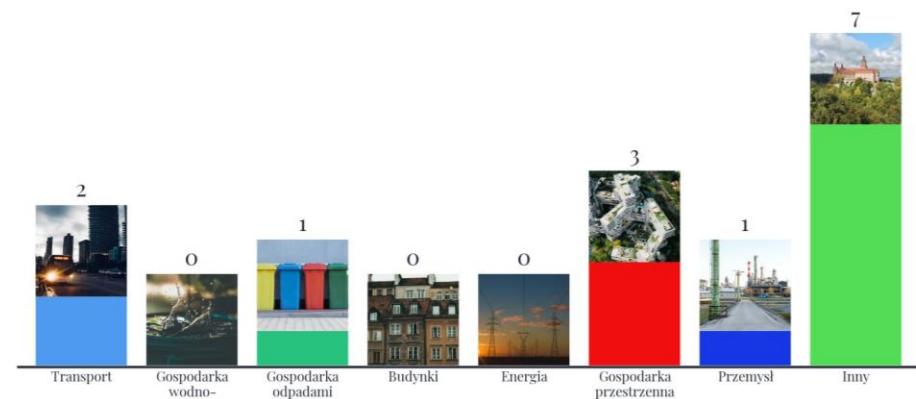
Workshop participants

The workshops were conducted in the form of an on-line meeting. The meeting lasted over 2.5 hours and included the welcome of the EBRD representative Nigel Jollands, Stephen Cook, the representative of Arup, and Mrs. Ewa Klusek, Treasurer of the city of Wałbrzych.

The workshop gathered representatives of the following departments and city units:

- Representatives of the City Hall in Wałbrzych;
- Office of Revitalization and Spatial Planning of the Wałbrzych City Hall;
- Office of Strategic Management, Ownership Supervision,
- European Funds and Economic Development of the Wałbrzych City Hall;
- Housing office of the City of Wałbrzych;
- Office of Computer Technology of the City of Wałbrzych;
- Office of Environment and Climate of the City of Wałbrzych;
- Real Estate management and Municipal Property Office
- Office of Education, Culture and Sport of the City of Wałbrzych;
- Municipal Department of Municipal Services;
- Municipal Board of Buildings in Wałbrzych;
- Roads, Communication and Maintenance Authority of the City of Wałbrzych;
- Intelligent Transport System Centre (ITS).

In which sector do you work?



Identified priorities

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Prioritization summary

Prioritization of the city's environmental challenges

The workshop presented environmental challenges selected on the basis of the conducted analyses including the results of the developed reports, database and the first workshops with the city. After discussing the results, during a poll, the selected environmental priorities were confirmed, but the order and weight of the priorities were changed (where the first on the list are the priorities considered the most important). As a result of the workshop, it was established that the priority environmental challenges are:

Air quality

Surface water pollution and water availability

Climate change mitigation

Water, greenery, biodiversity and ecosystems

Soil quality and contamination

Adaptation and resilience to disaster risks

Challenges of the city

Priority challenges of the city

Key challenges identified on the basis of analyses and voting at the workshop

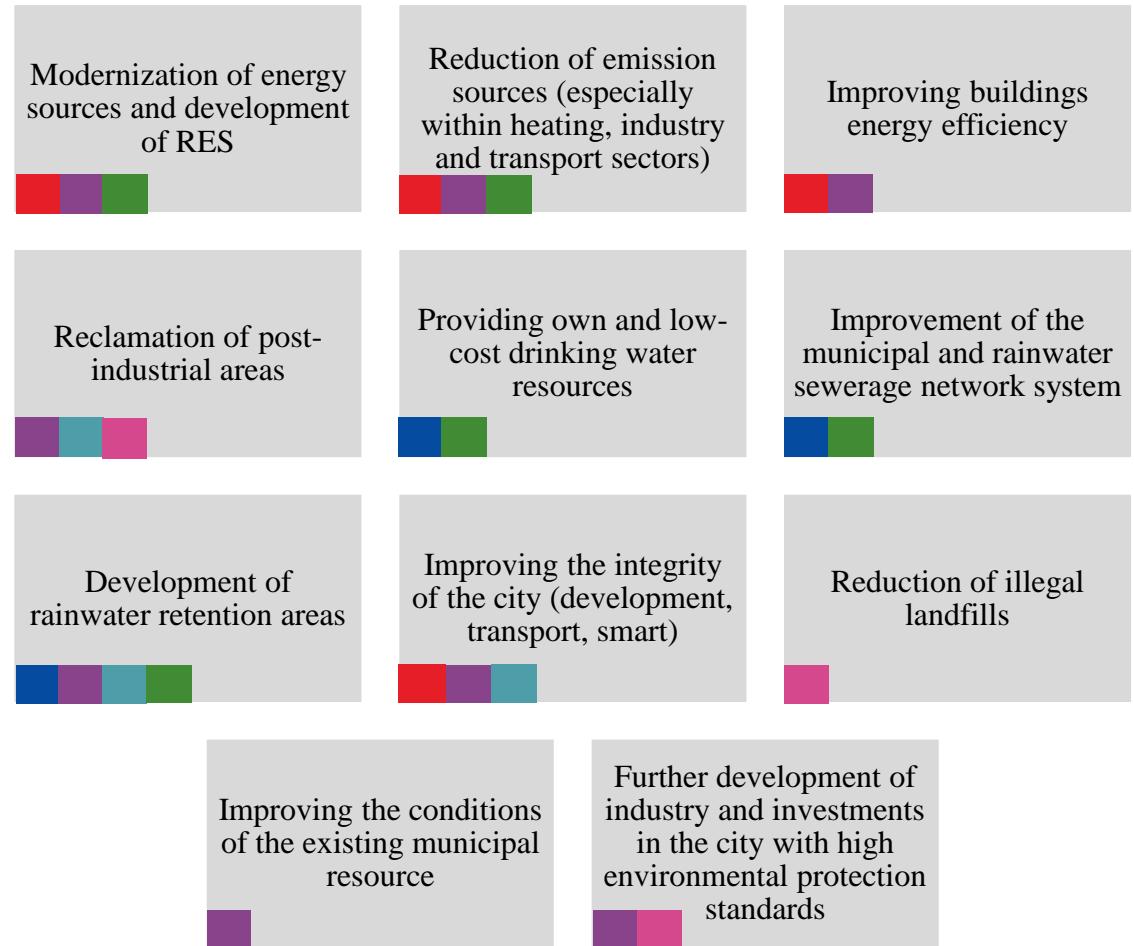
- Modernization of energy sources and development of RES
- Reduction of emission sources (especially within heating, industry and transport sectors)
- Improving buildings energy efficiency
- Reclamation of post-industrial areas
- Providing own and low-cost drinking water resources
- Improvement of the municipal and rainwater sewerage network system
- Development of rainwater retention areas
- Improving the integrity of the city (development, transport, smart)
- Reduction of illegal landfills
- Improving the conditions of the existing municipal resource
- Further development of industry and investments in the city with high environmental protection standards

Challenges of the city

Declaration of priority strategic objectives

The selected environmental challenges and those identified in individual sectors make it possible to select priority areas, the implementation of which will help improve environmental conditions, the life of residents as well as the quality and efficiency of the city's infrastructure.

- Air quality
- Surface water pollution and water availability
- Climate change mitigation
- Water, greenery, biodiversity and ecosystems
- Soil quality and contamination
- Adaptation and resilience to disaster risks



Next steps

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The challenge areas identified during the workshop are the starting point for further, deeper analyses as part of the Green City Action Plan for Wałbrzych. The presented workshops are the second in a series. Further work will confirm the strategic objectives developed to prepare a long list of actions under the plan.

In the next stages, the results of the work and the course of the project will also be presented, as well as conclusions and comments from all participants, companies and municipal institutions interested in the project will be collected.

