



**SUMMARY OF THE
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE OF
INITIATIVE „START”
EUROPEAN PLATFORM
OF COAL REGIONS IN
TRANSITION**

**Projects implemented
in Libiąż Municipality**



Project 1

“#Coalition for the Clean Future”

Integrated set of policies to protect the environment, ensure local energy security and create long-term jobs in the territory affected by the energy transition, including municipalities Alwernia, Babice, Chrzanów, Libiąż and Trzebinia (Western Malopolska)

The project includes **7 modules**,

which in combination with each other shall activate mechanisms preventing from negative effects of energy transition as well as social and economic marginalization in the territory covering Alwernia, Babice, Libiąż, Trzebinia and the county's seat – Chrzanów.

Estimated cost of the project: PLN 270 million: funding from JTF (Just Transition Fund) PLN 200 million

The time limit for implementation: up to 2030 and subsequent years

The project is included in the National Plan for Just Transition developed by IETU (The Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas) under the Objective of Intervention 3 - Model environmental transition for a job-creating zero-carbon economy



- **MODULE 1**
 - Creating an energy cluster by building photovoltaic farms (power plants) with a total area of approximately 293 ha
- **MODULE 2**
 - Ensuring local energy security and increasing the energy efficiency of public buildings through installation of RES (Renewable Energy Sources)
- **MODULE 3**
 - Restoring environmental values and giving new social functions to degraded lands with a total area of almost 117 ha
- **MODULE 4**
 - Increasing the competitiveness of investment areas, including post-mining and mining areas with a total area of 340 ha
- **MODULE 5**
 - Establishing Local Innovation Centres (LCI)
- **MODULE 6**
 - Establishing Education and Research Centre on clean technologies (Clean Tech Hub)
- **MODULE 7**
 - Smart Cities (Chrzanów - Jaworzno) - preparation and gradual implementation of an electro mobility strategy.

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Status of work on the project until December 2021:

Detailed analysis of the socio-economic-environmental motivation of the project in the context of the effects of low-carbon transition by each municipality.

Obtaining all needed information to make strategic decisions in organizational and financial terms, establishing partnerships for the project, creating the institutional, legal and financial framework, signing any possible letters of intent with project partners, academic centres, IOB (Business Environment Institutions), etc.

Engaging municipalities' own resources.

- As a result of START support for the project **The Expert Report** was developed containing the analysis and conclusions on the production and distribution of clean energy and other elements of the energy system for municipalities in Chrzanów District.
- The report is a very good tool to show local authorities potential opportunities while entering the RES market as well as the resulting implications!!!



Project 2

“Investment in human resources in order to adapt employees to the changing labour market in Libiąż Municipality”





MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT 2:

The project, through anticipatory actions, should counteract and mitigate the severe effects of the local labour market collapse in Libiąż Municipality. These actions include:

- 1) **Supporting the social and professional activity of women from Libiąż, including high-quality career counselling, problem-solving qualitative research, psychological and legal assistance, internships, involving women in job searching and gaining professional experience.**
- 2) **Creating a system of related vessels in relation to climate neutrality and GOZ (circular economy) goals at every level of education within the municipality:**
 - a) Technical and financial support to **The Upper-Secondary School Complex in Libiąż (secondary school and technical secondary school)** in terms of education in desired professions, connected with internships and cooperation with future employers:
 - b) Promotion of vocational and technical education among students of primary schools within the municipality along with the research of aptitudes among students. Project **“Good profession - good life”**,
 - c) Opening in 2021 the first kindergarten with an ecological profile in Libiąż municipality **“Ecological kindergarten in Libiąż Municipality”**.



SUPPORT FOR „START” INITIATIVE WITH REGARD TO THE GENDER COMPONENT

„Activities to increase women's social and professional activities as a solution to the problem of high unemployment rate among women in the mining community of Libiąż”

Women have always been ignored in the transition processes taking place in the mining industry. The transition in the 1990s intensified these unfavourable trends in the labour market: women's low labour force participation, high rate of unemployment and long-term unemployment among women, lower wages and wage gap, cultural and social barriers preserving the traditional mining family model and hampering the career ambitions of young girls.





WORKSHOP as the final outcome of START support on 21st July, 2021 (Community Centre in Libiąż)

"THE POSITION AND ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHALLENGES OF ENERGY TRANSITION"

30 people - representatives of Libiąż organizational units and associations, residents of the community as well as representatives of the Intelligent Małopolska Foundation in Cracow, the West Małopolska Development Agency, Tauron Polska Energia, the District Employment Office in Chrzanów, and the Social School of Management and Trade in Oświęcim

Hybrid public debate

During the break, a tour of the mobile FABlab was organized

Sweet refreshments and entertainment were provided for the children who came to the workshop with the participating women



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21 LIPCA GODZ. 10.00-15.00

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Projekt Gminy Libiąż realizowany przy wsparciu Komisji Europejskiej w ramach Inicjatywy Start Europejskiej Platformy Regionów Węglowych w Transformacji



WORKSHOP CONTENT

Magdalena Kozak - Libiąż Municipality – Historical view on low economic activity of women in Libiąż municipality and an attempt to identify the reasons

Jagoda Gregulska - START - Providing context for START initiative; Energy transition - what does it mean and what surprises can it hide? Conducting the workshop session.

Andrea Broughton START – Woman in the energy transition - good international practices

Monika Sadkowska WWF – European Green Deal and current activities related to Poland's participation in the Fair Transition Mechanism

Mapping - measuring the level of perceived power and the feeling of impact on transition processes among workshop participants.

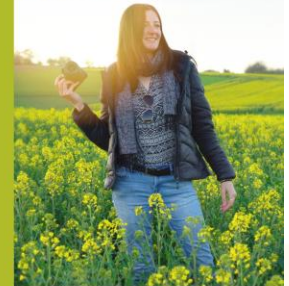
Debate: How will the transformation affect life in Libiąż in the coming decades? Confronting the future and trying to imagine how life in Libiąż will change?



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Innowacyjne warsztaty dla kobiet w Libiążu

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Trudno wyobrazić sobie Libiąż bez kopalni Janina. A jednak! Do 2050 roku Polska musi osiągnąć neutralność klimatyczną. To oznacza odejście od gospodarki wysokoemisyjnej opartej na węglu. Skutki transformacji odczują nie tylko zatrudnieni w górnictwie mieszkańcy, ale także ich żony, córki, siostry... Jak się na to przygotować?

Małopolska, jako jeden z 7 regionów UE, została wybrana do realizacji projektu START. Zarząd województwa wskazał 4 projekty, które mają szansę pozyskać dofinansowanie ze środków Mechanizmu Sprawiedliwej Transformacji na zintegrowane działania z zakresu ochrony środowiska, zapewnienie lokalnego ładu energetycznego i stworzenie



WYDARZENIA

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The key results of the workshop:

- **Public debate** on transition with women representing different backgrounds, education levels and ages. Carefully selected target group. A sense of community.
- **A platform of concepts** on the possible contribution of women in the energy transition so that the process is designed both for men and women.
- **Raising the awareness** of upcoming changes related to coal transition, its impact on women with identification of needs in this field. **Filling the knowledge gap.** Direct understanding of the link between decarbonization and the daily lives of families in Libiąż. Participants wanted to understand who was responsible for the decisions made and what would be the consequences at the local level?
- **Mapping** – results revealed that while participants understand that coal transition will dramatically affect their lives, they have a limited knowledge of the entire process and a limited sense of the power on how the transition will be finally designed. Men who are more active in the labour market and as mine workers are closer to the industry, were found to be more able to have access to information than women who are disregarded in this issue.
- **There was a consensus that women's labour activation should begin as soon as possible, in spite of the fact that the social contract identifies 2049 as the year in which the mine will cease its operation.**
- **International policies** may be a solution for the future and a desirable path to follow.



Problem-solving scenarios developed during the project:

- 1) Involving girls preferably at the preschool and primary school level in discussions about possible careers in technical/green jobs. The vicious cycle of excluding women from innovative technology-oriented sectors although educators claim that at the primary level, girls outperform boys.
- 2) Focusing activation efforts on young women who still have the ability to create their own career paths.
- 3) Promoting vocational education for women through primary and secondary schools (upgrading school offers).
- 4) Cooperation between secondary schools and future employers.
- 5) Cooperation between teachers and parents and informing them about civilization challenges; overthrowing stereotypes concerning gender aptitude for certain professions.
- 6) Professional career counselling and coaching. Visits to potential employers.
- 7) New infrastructure (preschools/nurseries, senior care) and additional new jobs outside of mining industry.
- 8) Including OZE and GOZ knowledge in education, promotion of the energy industry - preferably from kindergarten!!



Evaluation of the workshop with START support by participants:

- *“The participants of the workshop found the meeting very valuable and the subject matter rather surprising. For most of them it was the first opportunity to learn about the problems of energy transition and decarbonization. As residents of the mining community of Libiąż, they did not realize that this is a very real prospect which determines the future of their children and affects their current behaviour and various professional, family and social decisions.”*
- *“Most of them declared their interest in permanent participation in the working group as well as in further meetings. They want to exchange the knowledge on possibilities of development and improvement of qualifications and competences in the transforming labour market.”*
- *The workshop laid the foundations for women to create a cooperation network based on website, a fun page dedicated to transformation and the role of women in this proces.*



***Evaluation of the workshop by START experts:
"Libiąż as a laboratory for gender-focused social
intervention in energy transition"***

Innovative approach to the role and position of women towards energy transition.

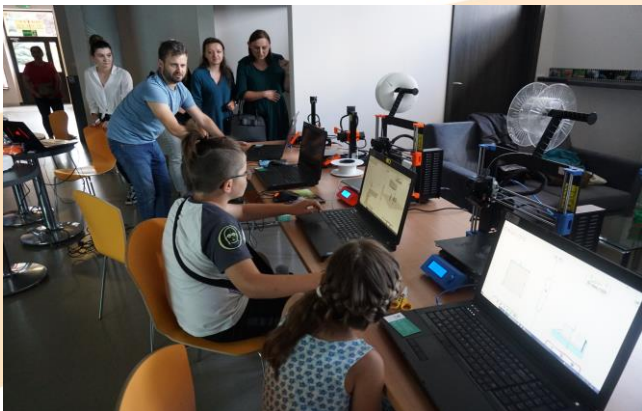
A local, bottom-up initiative, based on the resources and means available in the municipality.

Local government's sense of responsibility for the process.

A universal model that can be used by any

mining municipality.

An inspiring event.





Further steps and actions?

Further support of START experts and selection of adequate support tools.

Areas of support should focus on: research and diagnostics. Gender data at the local level are scarce, available datasets are outdated, collected using different methodology and therefore, incomparable.

Conducting and providing a good research both in terms of quality and quantity would allow us to design activities addressed to specific groups of women in mining communities: women in education, mothers, women entrepreneurs, professionally inactive women, etc.

Using community engagement and labour market institutions in implementing gender equitable transformation projects.

Promoting the approach presented in Libiąż as a specific gender policy and raising awareness of the topic in program documents.



Thank you for your attention

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