

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081558] - [Alliance of Associations Polish Green Network] (PGN)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	3 (D3.1 and D3.2)
Event name:	Two Green Deal events for activists, citizens and media in Poland, with focus on EP elections in second one
Type:	Training, workshops, conference
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	<u>First event:</u> Poland - Ludwików, Warszaw, Konin, Katowice <u>Second event:</u> Poland - Warsaw
Date(s):	<u>First event:</u> 20.06.2023, 7.10.2023, 1.12.2023, 15.02.2024, 27.03.2024 <u>Second event:</u> 21.03.2024
Website(s) (if any):	<p><u>Activities of the first event:</u></p> <p>The European Green Deal – outdoor training for NGOs - 20/06/23 PGN website: https://zielonasiec.pl/2023/07/12/europejski-zielony-lad-relacja-z-drugiego-dnia-warsztatow-dla-organizacji-pozarzadowych/ Article on project landing page: https://bankwatch.org/event/147616</p> <p>Workshop ‘Solar panels on the roofs of Warsaw blocks of flats – Why not!’ - 7/10/23 PGN website: https://wiecejnizenergia.pl/panele-sloneczne-na-dachach-warszawskich-blokow-czemu-nie/ Article on project landing page: https://bankwatch.org/event/workshop-solar-panels-on-the-roofs-of-warsaw-blocks-of-flats-why-not</p> <p>Workshop ‘Social climate policy and the development of municipalities’ - 1/12/23 PGN website: https://zielonasiec.pl/2023/12/07/warsztaty-w-koninie-spoleczna-polityka-klimatyczna-a-rozwoj-gmin/ Article on project landing page: https://bankwatch.org/event/workshop-social-climate-policy-and-the-development-of-municipalities</p> <p>Silesia after coal: Workshop on social climate policy in the</p>

	<p>region - 15/02/24</p> <p>PGN website: https://zielonasiec.pl/2024/02/23/slask-po-weglu-warsztaty-o-spoecznej-polityce-klimatycznej-w-regionie-2/</p> <p>Article on project landing page: https://bankwatch.org/event/silesia-after-coal-workshop-on-social-climate-policy-in-the-region</p> <p>Revision of the National Recovery Plan – workshop – 27/03/24</p> <p>PGN website: https://zielonasiec.pl/2024/03/28/rewizja-krajowego-planu-odbudowy-podsumowanie-warsztatu/</p> <p>Article on project landing page: https://bankwatch.org/event/workshop-revision-of-the-national-recovery-plan</p> <p><u>Activities of the second event:</u></p> <p>Debate on the EU environmental policy - 21/03/24</p> <p>PGN website: https://zielonasiec.pl/2024/03/25/debata-o-polityce-srodowiskowej-ue-w-collegium-civitas/</p> <p>Article on project landing page: https://bankwatch.org/event/debate-on-eu-environmental-policy-at-collegium-civitas</p> <p>Election compass on the PGN website: https://zielonasiec.pl/2024/03/14/kompas-wyborczy-2024/</p> <p>Polish translation of the manifesto on the future of EU public finances: 2024_01_Manifesto-on-the-future-of-EU-public-finances_Polish.pdf</p>		
Participants			
Female:	111		
Male:	68		
Non-binary:	0		
Preferred not to say:	27		
From country 1 [Poland]:	206		
Total number of participants:	206	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>In the framework of the Work Package 3, the Polish Green Network organised a total of 6 in-situ national activities - 5 under the implementation of WP 3.1 and 1 under WP 3.2, plus development of the election compass. Next follows a detailed description of each of them:</p> <p><u>Work Package 3.1 consisted of the following activities:</u></p> <p>1) On 20 June 2023 the Polish Green Network carried out a training called “The European Green Deal – outdoor training for NGOs”. It took place in a conference facility in Ludwików, around 30 kilometres from Warsaw.</p> <p>The event was organised for representatives of civil society interested in the subject of EU funds, with particular emphasis on members of monitoring committees of the EU funded programmes – both on national and regional level. The PGN wanted to familiarize the participants with the most important assumptions and goals of the European Green Deal, so that they would be aware that European funds for climate and environment must implement the goals of the Green Deal. The most important issues</p>			

discussed with the participants were Fit for 55, EU Emissions Trading System and the planned EU Emissions Trading System 2, as well as a block concerning the European funds and NGO's activities in the monitoring committees.

The participants received a wide range of knowledge on the above topics and had the opportunity to discuss them with the speakers and with each other. As part of the block on monitoring the EU funds, group workshops were also held to discuss the specific issues of the funds. As a result of these works and mutual discussions, the participants of the workshops learned how to analyse the documentation concerning the individual stages of programming and how to evaluate it in terms of its compliance with the European Green Deal. They also had the opportunity to map potential opportunities and challenges related to monitoring committees, exchange ideas for effective actions, and meet people and organisations involved in the process.

The event was attended by the representatives of civil society. They were members of non-governmental organizations, associations and foundations, mostly dealing with the subject of environmental and climate protection, but also social issues, such as housing or the problem of energy poverty. They are to varying degrees and scope involved in the issues of European funds for the climate. This group included people who are members of the EU funds monitoring committees, organisations monitoring funds as part of public consultations and organisations planning to apply for available funds.

The list of speakers and the titles of the thematic blocks they led is as follows:

- 1) "What is FIT 55, what challenges and what benefits will it bring to Poland?" - Representative of the European Commission in Poland;
- 2) "ETS reform - new ETS2 and new Social Climate Fund" - Speaker from the Institute of Green Economy think tank;
- 3) "European funds for green transformation. NGOs activities in monitoring committees" - Speaker from The Polish Green Network.

There were 42 participants at the event – 22 women and 20 men. There were 16 responses to the EU Survey. In response to the summary question - "What is your overall assessment of the event?" - 13 respondents granted the event the highest score (5/5) and 3 respondents the score 4/5. Most of the respondents ranked highly the increased awareness, knowledge, skills as well as cooperation. The venue, length and methodology were positively evaluated, receiving mainly the score of 5/5. In response to questions regarding gender equality 14 respondents indicated that the content of the activity took into account differences in situations and needs of different genders; 12 indicated that the organiser made sure that the participant group is diverse and that for the training activity, the trainers team was diverse and gender-balanced; 10 respondents indicated that the format and the time schedule of the activity was flexible enough to allow access for all. 13 respondents claimed to definitely use what they learnt in their everyday life/work.

2) On 7 October 2023, PGN has organised a workshop entitled "**Citizens' energy - what does it mean? What options are there and what can be done in the city? How to act in a housing community?**". The event was organised in Warsaw, in cooperation with the "Miasto Jest Nasze" association, which gathers young urban activists. The topic was citizen energy in the context of the European Green Deal and prosumer solutions that can be used in the city. The training was designed to show what the European Green Deal is, how it offers Poland opportunities for development and how energy democracy fits into the realisation of its objectives. Unfortunately, despite cooperation with an organisation that brings together young urban activists, the event was only attended by 8 participants - 2 women, 1 man and 5 persons, who preferred not to indicate their gender. For this event we have received 2 responses to the EU Survey, in which the overall assessment of the event was 4/5 and 5/5. Both respondents ranked highly (5/5) the increased awareness after the event as well as the chosen venue. In response to questions regarding gender equality, both respondents indicated that the content of the activity took into account differences in situations and needs of different genders. Some lower ranking was received for the increased skills and methodology chosen. Respondents stated that they will use what they learnt in their everyday life/work to some extent.

3-4) The third and fourth workshop were parallel activities to the webinars delivered under the Work Package 12.

On 1 December 2023, a workshop on "**Social climate policy and the development of municipalities**" was held at the Konin Town Hall (in the coal region of Eastern Wielkopolska). The event was jointly organised by the Polish Green Network and the Konin Agglomeration Association. The topic of the workshop was the new variant of the greenhouse gas emission trading scheme, the so-called ETS2, and the related Social Climate Fund. The first part of the workshop was led by a PGN expert, who introduced the participants to the topic, explaining its climate context and the envisaged process of national work on the Fund. The second part of the workshop was devoted to exemplary

topics that should become part of the above-mentioned strategy. Experts from the PGN and Habitat for Humanity Poland talked about pro-social building and housing solutions which, although innovative, can and should soon become available to a wide range of Polish consumers. Thus, participants heard, on the one hand, about the current and projected development of energy communities and various forms of collective prosumers, and, on the other hand, about the intermediary project between municipalities and people looking for housing, which is the Social Rental Agencies.

The workshop was attended by 22 people - 17 women and 5 men. They included representatives from the city of Konin, the city of Turek, neighbouring municipalities and cooperative movements. The event was aimed at providing the audience with knowledge about the Social Climate Fund and encouraging them to monitor and participate in the creation of the required Social Climate Plan. The intention was very deliberate, as the vast majority of participants admitted that they had never heard of the SCF before. For this event, we have not received responses to the EU Survey.

The second workshop – **“Silesia after coal: a workshop on social climate policy in the region”** - jointly organised by the Polish Green Network and the BoMiasto Association, took place in Katowice on 15 February 2024. The leading topic of the workshop was the Social Climate Fund - a fund that Poland will be able to use from the beginning of 2026, due to the entry of a new system of greenhouse gas emission charges, the ETS2. This is a topic that is still unknown to most of the public, including the local government representatives who gathered at the workshop. That is why, experts from the PGN focused on communicating the key assumptions and plans for the SCF. They discussed both the EU climate policy, i.e. the context in which the Fund will be introduced, as well as the process that will have to be followed in Poland to receive these funds. They signalled what the national work on the Plan could and should look like, and representatives of local self-governments reflected on their potential participation and scope of interest in planning the use of the funds envisaged for Poland. The second element included in the event was a presentation by the BoMiasto Association on the situation and potential of energy cooperatives in the context of the transformation of Silesia. This part also attracted interest of the audience, as energy democracy is still an emerging topic in Poland and is reaching the consciousness of local societies.

The workshop was attended by 30 people - 25 women and 5 men. For this event we have received 10 responses to the EU Survey. The workshop was rated very highly by those who completed it – in terms of its overall assessment 6 persons granted the highest score 5/5 and 4 persons the score of 4/5. Most of the respondents ranked highly the increased awareness. In response to questions regarding gender equality 7 respondents indicated that the content of the activity took into account differences in situations and needs of different genders, that the organiser made sure that the participant group is diverse, that for the training activity, the trainers team was diverse and gender-balanced and that the format and the time schedule of the activity was flexible enough to allow access for all. 8 respondents indicated the visual materials avoided reinforcing gender stereotypes and used a gender-neutral voice. More than half of the respondents stated that their perception of the topic changed and that they will use that they learnt in their everyday life/work.

5) On March 27, 2024, the PGN, in cooperation with the “Reform Institute” think-tank, organised a workshop on the **“Revision of the National Recovery Plan”**. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the changes to the National Recovery Plan recently proposed by the Polish Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy. The NRP in its new form will be subject to public consultation in the first half of April 2024. The revision of the document is intended to align the timing and indicators of reforms and investments with the challenges of delays (so as not to jeopardise the timely disbursement of further tranches due to failure to meet milestones). It also aims to increase investment in energy efficiency, RES (offshore) and Poland’s food security.

Experts and participants selected 4 key themes in the proposed changes and discussed them in detail - the deletion of the car ownership emissions levy reform; the “Industry for Transformation” Fund, new measures for building investments and new measures for agriculture. Of particular importance, participants developed a common strategy with regard to the further process of revising the NRP and, in particular, the public consultation planned for April this year. The participants agreed to further coordinate the substantive proposals they would like to make to the Ministry as part of the organised consultations.

The workshop was attended by 25 people (15 women and 10 men) specialising and working in various areas included in the NRP. For this event we have not received responses to the EU Survey.

Work Package 3.2 consisted of the following activities – a debate on the EU environmental policy and creation of an election compass:

On 21 March 2024, the Polish Green Network organised a **Debate on the EU environmental policy**

at Collegium Civitas university in Warsaw. Our debate was set against the backdrop of the current turbulent events surrounding nature conservation in the context of farming, but its overarching aim was to interest the gathered audience in what the implementation of this policy looks like at the EU level and how it translates into decisions felt by all European societies. In opening the debate, PGN's President drew attention to this fact, while also appealing to the audience to follow political action at EU level and to take an informed part in the upcoming European Parliament elections in June this year. To this end, we also invited the event's participants to use the [election compass](#) available on our website and the [manifesto](#) developed jointly with partners of the Citizens' Observatory for Green Deal Financing project. The election compass was also added to the [special section dedicated to EU elections](#) on the project landing page.

The Citizens' Observatory **election compass** is an article providing information on what challenges in the area of the European Green Deal face the next term of the European Parliament and the EU as a whole. The compass points out the political factors that may determine the Union's next steps and explains why it is so important to participate in the upcoming June elections. Following up to the compass, closer to the elections we will send out a survey to all political parties (committees) running in the European elections of 2024 with questions based on the manifesto. We will request from the parties that they take a stand on specific demands of the manifesto. In case a party/committee refuses to fill in the survey, we will analyse their election programme by ourselves checking for compliance with the manifesto. Then we will summarise replies in a short briefing, to be presented and discussed at the press breakfast and expert/political roundtable in late May 2024. It will also be published online and promoted via our social media.

The factual introduction to the **debate** itself was provided by the three experts invited – representatives of the EC's representation in Poland, the WWF Poland and a Biology Faculty of Warsaw University. The main part of the event, however, was the debate between the panellists and the assembled guests - students and staff from Collegium Civitas, activists, and experts. The discussion was very lively and, understandably, very much related to the confusion around the Nature Recovery Law. Participants pointed out that the measure has fallen victim to pressure from various interest groups (farmers, foresters, ranchers and even hunters) and, despite a very large softening of its provisions in the European Parliament, the adoption of the Act is still hugely uncertain. This situation was met with indignation and criticism by most of those participating in the discussion. However, discussants looked for broader reasons for this state of affairs, pointing to issues of lack of involvement and knowledge on the part of the majority of citizens, ineffective communication on the part of EU bodies, or the role of the media, which sometimes gets lost in the factual layer and sometimes serves as a tool for the influence of certain circles and social groups. Attention was also drawn to the political context, not only national, but above all EU, and the prospect of what the newly elected European Parliament and Commission will do in this area.

The debate was attended by 79 participants - 30 women, 27 men and 22 persons, who preferred not to indicate their gender. We received 2 responses to the EU Survey with a rather good overall assessment of the event – 5/5 and 3/5. What stands out in the respondents' favourable responses is the statement that they will use what they learnt in their everyday life/work ("Yes, definitively") and positive answers regarding actions on gender equality and equal opportunities.

Gender balance was maintained among the invited speakers and among participants. At every activity of this work package, meeting hosts and experts talked to participants and particularly encouraged them to speak up and ask any questions that bothered them. Energy and energy transition are often perceived as topics where men are experts, so the organisers were particularly keen to provide a discussion space for women.

In contrast, however, it is worth noting the clear predominance of women among the 2 workshops held in the regions (in Konin and Katowice). These workshops were aimed at representatives of local authorities, and among them, at the executive level, women predominate. This means that women will be largely responsible for implementing the energy transition in the regions, and it is important that they have adequate access to knowledge and to experts.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).