

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF GDAŃSK

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Our Gdańsk

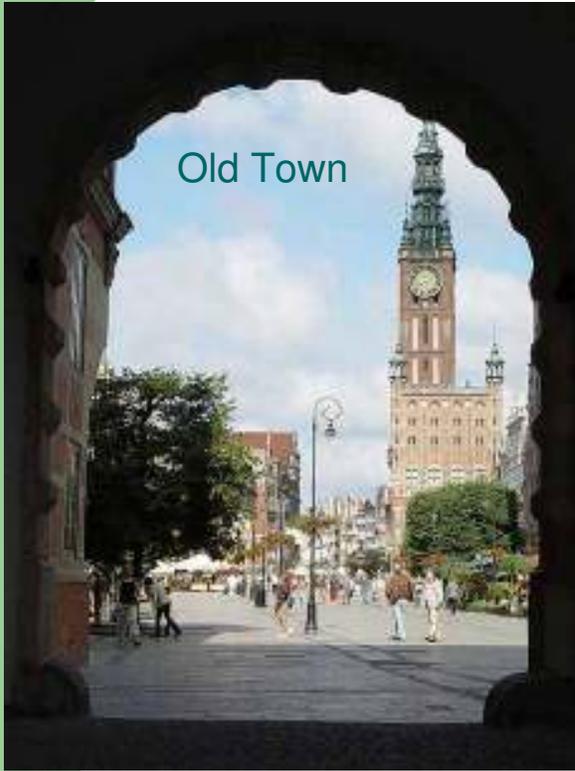
- Population: over 460,000 inhabitants
- Area: 262km²;





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Old Town



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The Crane over the Motława River



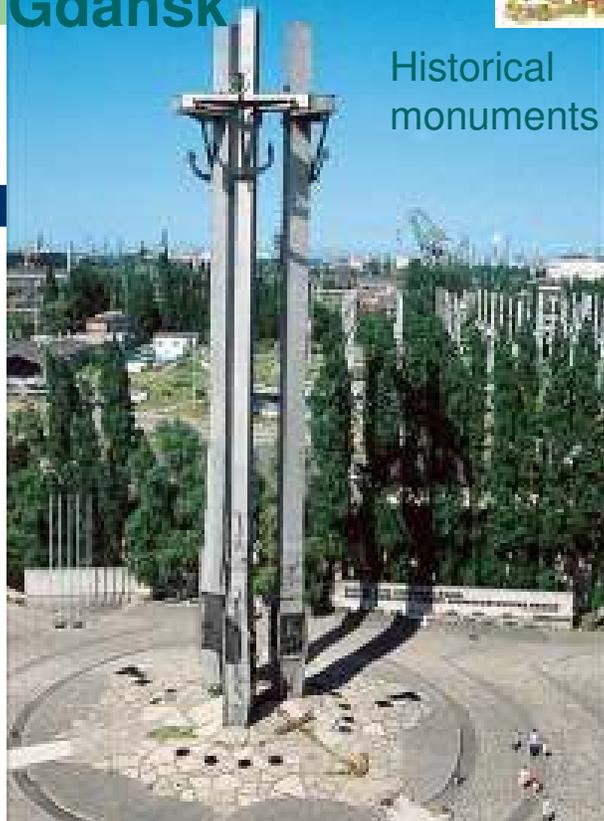
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Green areas

Our Gdańsk

Historical
monuments





Sustainable development in Polish documents

- Constitution of Poland;
- National Development Strategy;
- National Environmental Education Strategy;
- Different deeds – such as:
 - Environmental Law;
 - Building and Planning Act;
 - Nature Protection Act;
- The Aalborg Charter;
- City Council Resolutions;



Sustainable Development and Local Agenda 21 – SHORT STORY (documents)

- **1990** – The City Council Resolution concerning sustainable development: „Eco-Development of the City of Gdańsk” (social and environmental aspects were stressed in the document).
- **20 July 1993** – The City Council Resolution on ecological priorities – principles of the ecological policy; identification of the problems;
- **1994** – Aalborg Charter signed by the City of Gdańsk representative;
- **1997** – The City Council Resolution on the air pollution reduction programme;

Sustainable Development and Local Agenda 21 – SHORT STORY (documents)

- **1998** – adoption of the City Development Strategy by The City Council;
- **1999** – defining of sustainable development issues and necessary steps to be taken – elaboration of „Sustainable development programme considering environmental protection issues in the City of Gdańsk and Gdańsk Commune;
- **2002** – The City Council Resolution on the Environmental Protection Programme;
- **2002** – The City Council Resolution on the Waste Management Programme;

Sustainable Development and Local Agenda 21 – SHORT STORY (documents)

- **2005** – The City Council adopts new City Development Strategy by 2015, which includes 22 operational programmes to implement the strategy in the period between 2005-2009;
- **2005** – The City Council Resolution approving „The report on the two years implementation of Environmental Protection Programme” – realisation level related to the tasks that were identified in the program;

Implementation of the process - SCHEME

1. Meetings and discussion:
 - with citizens in different city districts;
 - „round table” sessions – LA 21 Forum;
 - in the groups of professionals
2. Respecting the opinions and suggestions given by LA 21 partners;
3. Adoption of different resolutions concerning sustainable development and Local Agenda 21 principles;
4. Implementation process;

Implementation of the process - SCHEME

5. Information brochures related to different aspects of SD and to the activities undertaken within Local Agenda 21;
6. Ecological education activities – awareness rising;
7. Collection of data related to environment for the annual report compilation (environmental assessment);
8. Verification and evaluation of defined policy;
9. Monitoring and verification of the process;



Local Agenda 21 in the City of Gdańsk **First STAGE – 1990-1996**

- Identification of problems and needs (1991-1993) – in co-operation with different partner groups:
 - ⇒ **Scientists and researchers;**
 - ⇒ **Trade Unions;**
 - ⇒ **Representatives of industry and business (important industrial plants, former significant polluters);**
 - ⇒ **Ecological and social organisations;**
 - ⇒ **NGOs;**
 - ⇒ **Youth;**
 - ⇒ **Politicians – local authority representatives, city councillors;**
 - ⇒ **Mass Media;**
 - ⇒ **Representatives of the District Councils;**



Local Agenda 21 in the City of Gdańsk **First STAGE – 1990-1996**

- Defining the policy - directions of sustainable development;
- Implementation of short- and medium- term priorities according to those specified in the 1993 resolution;
- Meetings with inhabitants from different city districts (organised and participated by local authorities representatives);
- First activities in the field of ecological education;



Local Agenda 21 in the City of Gdańsk **First STAGE – 1990-1996**

- Information brochures on process progress, including realisation of priorities;
 - **since 1991** – elaboration of „Environmental quality assessment in Gdańsk Municipality” and its presentation to the groups of interest;
- **1995** – propagation of sustainable development idea – printing and distribution of „Local Agenda 21” brochure;



Local Agenda 21 in the City of Gdańsk **Second STAGE – 1996-2005**

- Implementation of long-term priorities according to those specified in the 1993 resolution;
- Identification of new problems and tasks;
- Increased public participation in the process:
 - regular meetings in the districts;
 - **since 1998** – „round-table” sessions – Forum LA 21;



Topics discussed within the Local Agenda 21 Forum

- Implementation of priorities – fulfilment of the 1993 resolution assumptions;
- City Development Strategy;
- Spatial planning policy;
- Transportation;
- Tourism and recreation;
- Waste and sewage sludge management;
- Housing;
- Education;
- Social and medical care;
- Culture and art;
- Sustainable development indicators;
- New ecological priorities;



Local Agenda 21 in the City of Gdansk **Second STAGE – 1996-2005**

- Development of activities in the field of ecological education:
 - co-financing of ecological projects and the projects related to environmental issues (Commune and County Environmental Protection and Water Management Funds);
 - meetings with pupils;
 - „composting” project at kindergartens;
 - workshops on waste segregation – co-operation with Waste Utilisation Company;
 - study visits to municipal sewage treatment plant;
 - competitions for schools and kindergartens;
 - participation in international actions: „Clean-up the World”; „Earth Day”, „Car Free Day”;

Tools used for monitoring, verification and evaluation

MONITORING

- Regional automatic air pollution monitoring system – constant control over the air quality (including: 5 stations – ARMAAG Fund, 7 stations – sanitary institution); data available on www.armaag.gda.pl web site;
- Water quality monitoring system – every month control (44 measure points);
- Questionnaires and surveys (analysis and taking into account of the results);
- Sustainable development indicators;

Tool used for monitoring, verification and evaluation

EVALUATION due to:

- Discussions within Local Agenda 21 Forum;
- Elaboration and presentation of the reports (annually: Environmental quality assessment);
- Information brochures and bulletins;

International partners and projects

- European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign;
 - Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR);
 - Regional European Centre (REC);
 - *ECOFYS Energy and Environment;
 - *ROTEB;
 - *TEBODIN Consultants and Engineers (The Netherlands);
- * *within the project related to waste management:*
„Strategy for the development of effective solid waste management” – 2000-2002;

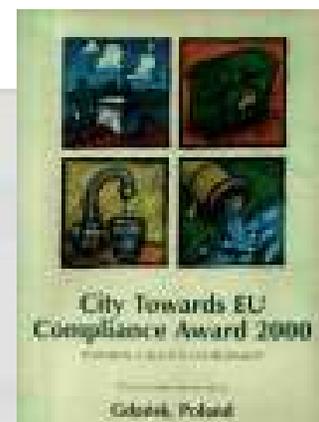
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- ICLEI – International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives:
 - LASALA (Local Authorities Self Assessment of Local Agenda 21);
 - Local Agenda 21 Guidelines and Training Program;
 - Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (**1996**);
 - Global Cities 21;
 - EcoBudget;
 - DISCUSS;
- UBC – Union of the Baltic Cities:
 - SUFA – „Success Factors in Local Environmental Policy for LA 21 and EU Enlargement in the Baltic Sea Region” project;

International partners and projects

- UBC – Union of the Baltic Cities:
 - Baltic Agenda 21;
 - SAIL project (Spreading Awareness and Fostering the Implementation of Local Agenda 21 Around the Baltic Sea);
 - EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme) – „EMAS – Peer Review for Cities” project – **2003-2004**;
 - SUSTAINMENT – Integrated solutions for sustainable management in Baltic cities” project – the vision of sustainable management centre – **2006-2007**;

Our successes



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„The Leader of Polish Ecology” Award – granted by Polish Ministry of Environment



RESULTS ACHIEVED

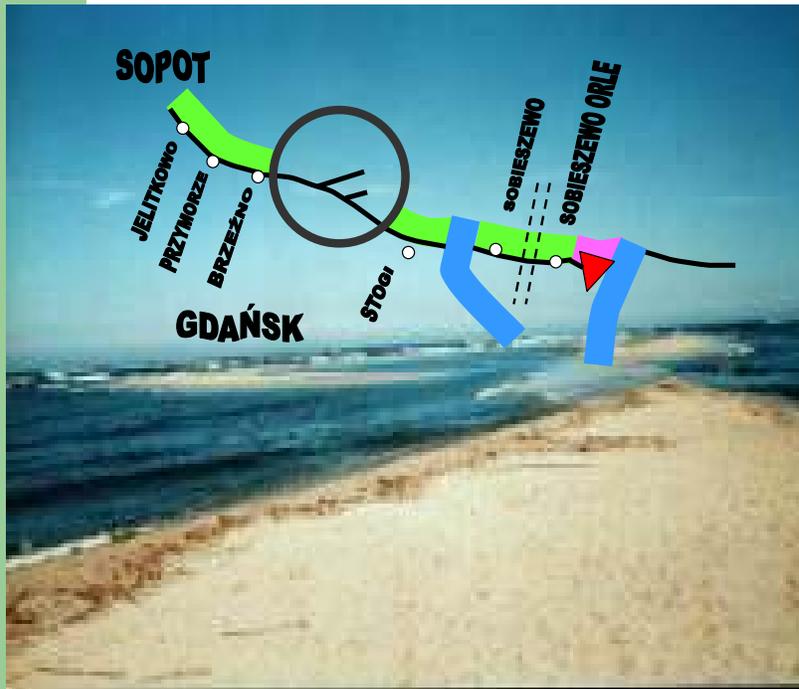
- Strategic documents in course with sustainable development rules and principles;
- Identification of priorities and problems;
- Ecological education;
- Involvement of citizens and different sectors in the decision making process;
- Awards – well defined and consequently implemented policy was noticed abroad;

RESULTS ACHIEVED

Integrated water management

- Success in short- and of medium-term priorities implementation process:
 - potable water meets the quality standards – due to the protection of drinking water intakes, creation of green isolation zones around those intakes;
 - **from** Helcom „black list” **through** modernisation of sewage treatment plant and removal of illegal sewage outlets **to** clean beaches, good quality of coastal water (opening of bathing resorts) and possibility to use inland water for recreation;
 - increased flood control – modernisation of pumping stations (decrease in groundwater level), reconstruction of flood banks, construction of modern retention tanks;

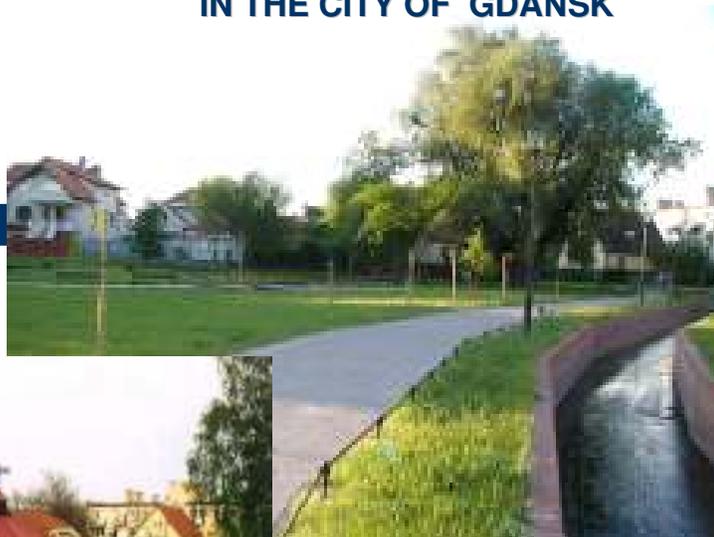
CLEAN BEACHES



-  Sea coastline
-  Harbour area
-  The discharge of treated sewage into Vistula
Cross-cut
-  Pipeline for treated sewage discharged by WWTP
„Wschód” – under construction
-  Water quality measurements stations
-  Bathing not allowed – possible influence of the collector
-  Inland water
-  Water allowed for bathing

RECREATION SITES AT WATER COURSES

Quality of the surface water enables their leisure use.



The park at
Strzyża River

**RECREATION SITES
AT WATER COURSES**

**Bastions at
Motława River**



**Pedestrian area
at the sea shore**

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The Oruński Park

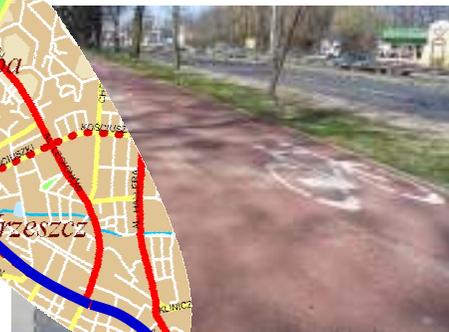
RESULTS ACHIEVED

Air protection

- Introduction of environmentally friendly technologies by industrial plants – modernisation of production processes;
- Modernization of heating systems – reduction of the number of individual coal burning stoves;
- Reduction of the transportation and noise nuisances – constantly undertaken actions including the development of cycle paths, modernisation of public means of transport and the tram infrastructure (tramways);
- Creation of small green areas in the City districts;
- Constant CO₂ emission reduction;
- Level of pollution agents SO₂ and NO_x – as required;

CYCLE PATH IN GRUNWALDZKA STREET

- length 8,6 km
- built in 2003–2005



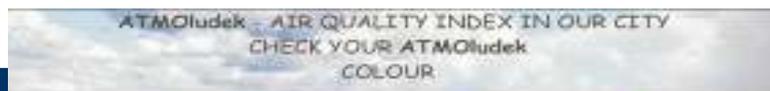
**CYCLE PATH
IN SŁOWACKIEGO STREET**



- length 3,4 km
- built in 2003/2004



**AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT – ON THE BASE OF
THE RESULTS FROM 10 MONITORING STATIONS**



Meaning of the colours:

Blue and Dark Blue: the quality of the air is very good, you can enjoy the fresh air.

Green: sensitive people (children, older people) should be careful while planning their activities near communication routes.

Yellow: advises: for your walk choose areas away from communication routes with high traffic and away from residential quarters with coal heating systems.

Orange: warns: the open air activities are advisable only for the people with good health, you should leave your cars at home.

Red: alarms: if you have problems with health stay at home, in case you feel worse consult your doctor, you should rather have your windows closed. If you can, try not to use your car.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

Waste management

- Development of waste segregation system;
- Pilot project on complex domestic waste collection – **2001-2002**;
- Industrial waste management: recycling (conversion of ashes into gravel), reuse (construction waste for hardening of the roads);
- Removal of illegal dumping places;
- So far modernisation of the municipal landfill:
 - gas extraction system;
 - atypical waste collection platform;
 - WEEE collection station;
 - composting line (KNEER system, composting in piles);
 - secondary sorting of waste collected in containers;

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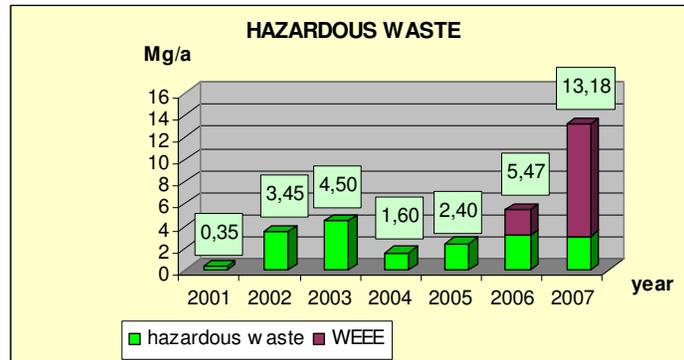
Waste management



- Distribution of 500 sets of containers for waste segregation;
- 10% of recovery in average (20-30% of paper; 10-15% of glass; 5-10% of plastics);
- Separate collection of used clothes and shoes, overdue medicines hazardous waste;

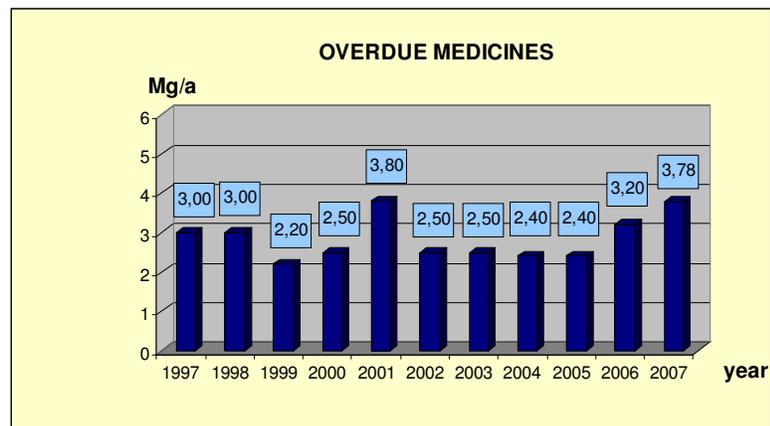
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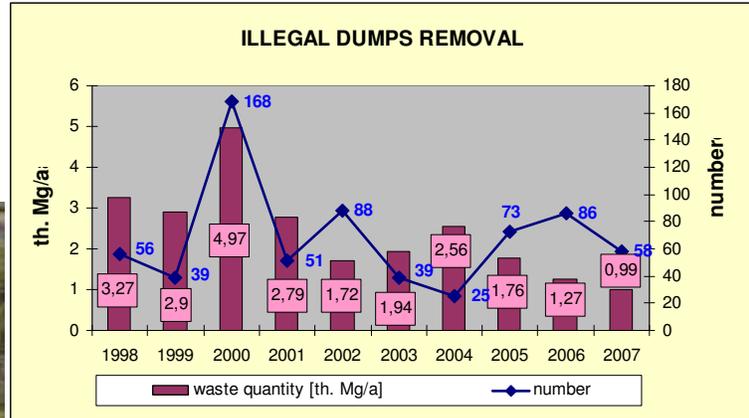
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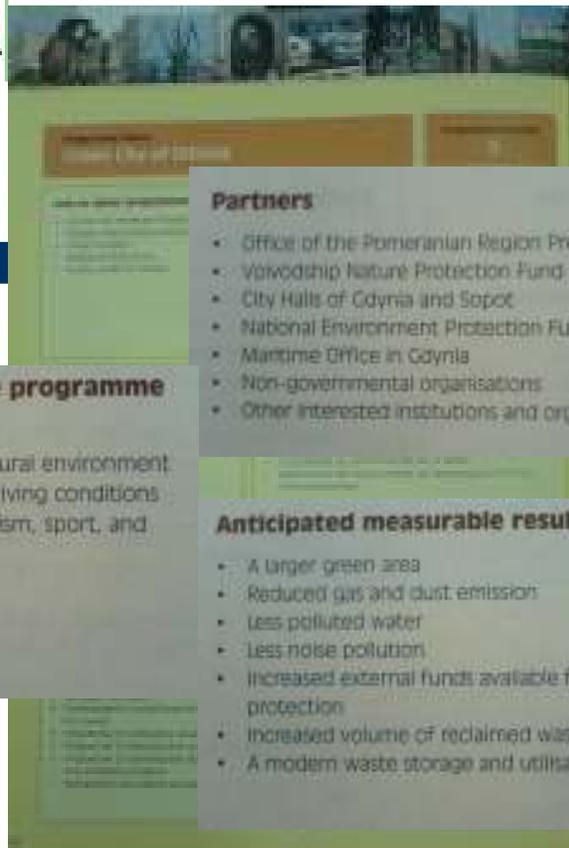
Gdańsk Development Strategy by 2015

- **VISION:** Gdańsk being an attractive place to live and having a competitive and modern economy;
- Outlines the directions of the City transformation over the next 10 years, which could result in an optimal use of the City's values and resources;
- Elaborated hand in hand with the inhabitants and in line with the principle of sustainable development;
- Presents 22 operational programmes including environmental one: „GREEN CITY OF GDAŃSK”;

RESULTS ACHIEVED

Gdańsk Development Strategy by 2015

„GREEN CITY
OF GDAŃSK
9th operational
programme



Strategic goals the programme pursues

- Protection of the natural environment
- Improvement of the living conditions
- Development of tourism, sport, and recreation

Partners

- Office of the Pomeranian Region President
- voivodship Nature Protection Fund
- City Halls of Gdynia and Sopot
- National Environment Protection Fund
- Maritime Office in Gdynia
- Non-governmental organisations
- Other interested institutions and organisational entities

Anticipated measurable results

- A larger green area
- Reduced gas and dust emission
- Less polluted water
- Less noise pollution
- Increased external funds available for environment protection
- Increased volume of reclaimed wastes
- A modern waste storage and utilisation system

Thank you for your attention!!!

