



## The role of local strategic heat planning to accelerate Poland's heating transition

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The building's sector accounts for 38 % of the total energy consumed in Poland and 33 % of energy-related emissions and makes up a large share of fossil fuels imports. Russia's war in Ukraine and the energy crisis have been a stark reminder of the high costs of fossil fuel dependencies for several reasons, as they make us less secure, contribute to climate change and environmental damage, and lead to high costs for taxpayers and end consumers to maintain thermal comfort. **Decarbonising heat** and the buildings sector through the uptake of clean, local and renewable sources and energy efficiency gains **is hence of paramount importance to enhance energy security and resilience, cut emissions, alleviate energy poverty, and improve public health.**

**Local strategic heat planning**, as defined in Article 25 (6) of the recently finalised Recast Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), **offers a great opportunity to accelerate this transition.** It is a key tool to understand in detail the local challenges, specificities, and potentials for the heat transition. This greatly facilitates efforts to identify and deploy appropriate and tailored solutions for modernized and more efficient (district) heating systems, infrastructures, and buildings, to boost the uptake of renewable energy sources, and to reduce the demand for fossil and solid heating sources. Local strategic heat planning can therefore emerge as a key tool for reaching national climate, environment, and energy goals more effectively, and make our living environments more climate-proof and resilient. Unlocking the potential of local heat planning will require that local authorities have the appropriate resources, capacities, and tools at hand. For this, new regulation, strengthened multi-level coordination and support frameworks will be needed.

**This online event, organized by KAPE, Forum Energii and Energy Cities on December 13 at 09.00** brings together key stakeholders working with the heat transition at the local and national level in Poland and at the EU level **to discuss the role and potential for local strategic heat planning to accelerate Poland's heating transition.** In light of the new version of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and the update of the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), it will highlight current challenges and shed light on good practices to take inspiration and build further upon. Presentations on the opportunities and benefits of local heating and cooling planning for the heating transition will be followed by two panel debates:

- What needs to be changed in law and practice to make local strategic heat planning a reality for all local authorities?
- How to support local authorities in overcoming barriers and developing local heating and cooling supply plans?

## Agenda

<b>09:00</b>	<b>How can local strategic heat planning become a driving force in the heat transition?</b> Welcome by Energy Cities followed by presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Karolina Loth-Babut</b>, Managing Director, The Polish National Energy Conservation Agency (KAPE)</li><li>• <b>Claudia Canevari</b>, Head of Unit, DG ENER B.2, European Commission</li><li>• <b>Grzegorz Tobolczyk</b>, Director, Department of District Heating, Ministry of Climate and Environment</li></ul> Q&A with the audience
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Panel 1: What needs to be changed in law to make local strategic heat planning a reality for all local authorities?</b> <i>Moderation: Julien Joubert, Project management and overall coordination, Energy Cities</i> Panel participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Krzysztof Skowroński</b>, Director, Department of District Heating Transformation, The Polish National Energy Conservation Agency</li><li>• <b>Grzegorz Tobolczyk</b>, Director, Department of District Heating, Ministry of Climate and Environment</li><li>• <b>Andrzej Łazęcki</b>, Director, Department of Municipal Economy and Climate, Krakow City Hall</li><li>• <b>Kamil Kwiatkowski</b>, Research Projects Director, Euros Energy</li><li>• <b>Mélanie Bourgeois</b>, EU Policy, Media &amp; Campaigns, Energy Cities</li></ul> Q&A with the audience
<b>11.10</b>	<b>Screen break</b>
<b>11:20</b>	<b>Panel 2: How to support local authorities in overcoming barriers and developing local heating decarbonisation plans?</b> <i>Moderation: Anita Cieślicka, Cities Programme Director, Forum Energii</i> Panel participants:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aneta Więcka</b>, Project Manager, Department for the Development of Innovative Programme Management Methods, National Centre for Research and Development</li> <li>• <b>Piotr Kępa</b>, Energy Planning Manager, The Polish National Energy Conservation Agency (KAPE)</li> <li>• <b>Justyna Glussman</b>, Managing Director, Fala renowacji</li> <li>• <b>Mariusz Sadłowski</b>, Energy Director, City of Gdańsk</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A with the audience</p>
<b>12.10</b>	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julien Joubert, Project management and overall coordination, Energy Cities</li> </ul>