



Post-investment effects of LIFE14 CCA/PL/000101 project

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Abstract

The aim of the LIFERADOMKLIMA-PL project was to create an urban space with increased resilience to climate change based on an ecosystem approach. This broad objective consisted of various specific objectives implying the activities addressed. These are: to raise public awareness and knowledge among different stakeholders on the need for climate change adaptation in urban space, sustainable water management while protecting biodiversity; to exchange experience and expertise on the role of green and blue infrastructure in urban space and climate change adaptation; and to integrate climate change adaptation into local policies and decision-making processes as a green light for further such activities in the city.

The activities envisaged and implemented in the project concern various areas, of which the typically ecohydrological and technical ones are equally important, as are the "soft" promotional, informational, organisational and managerial activities addressed to the local community in general, but also to specific professional groups.

A measure to increase interest in climate change adaptation among local decision-making and opinion-forming bodies was the establishment of two working groups on: 1) integrating climate change adaptation into local strategies and decision-making processes; 2) blue-green infrastructure and biodiversity. Introductory activities for the next stages of the project were nature inventories in the project areas and the development of a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment of the urban space of Radom. As a result of this analysis, the RadomKlima GIS platform was created. Further activities gathering experience from other places in Europe focused on cooperation with other LIFE projects and study trips to Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands. Promotional and information activities included the organisation of a project launch and closing conference, workshops for various stakeholders, promotional events, art competitions for school pupils at various levels, sports activities, picnics, films about the project in general and in detail about its various elements - in short segments, promotion of the project at various meetings, conferences, open days at National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, etc.

The effectiveness of these activities in selected aspects was examined by questionnaires monitoring the effects of the project - improvement of the quality of life of Radom residents (surveys).

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