



Ministry of Economic
Development

Poland's Clean Air Programme



2017 – a starting point

Clean Air Programme

adopted by the Council of Ministers on 25 April 2017

**"Clean air is a challenge
on a civilisation scale,
the measure of Poland's
maturity as a country"**

Opening speech by Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki
12/12/2017

**"Polish citizens have the right
to demand that their children
breathe clean air. [...]
Therefore we will continue persistently
to develop the Clean Air Programme."**





2017 – a starting point

Clean Air National Programme is a collection of 15 recommendations accepted by the Council of Ministers on the 25th April 2017 meeting



Overall context

July 2000

The Supreme Audit Office (SAO)
points out poor air quality in Poland

December 2014

Another alarming report on air quality published by SAO

December 2015

The European Commission brings Poland
to the European Court of Justice
(case concerning the poor air quality in the country)

May 2016

WHO places 33 Polish cities
on the list of 50 most polluted European cities

22 February 2018

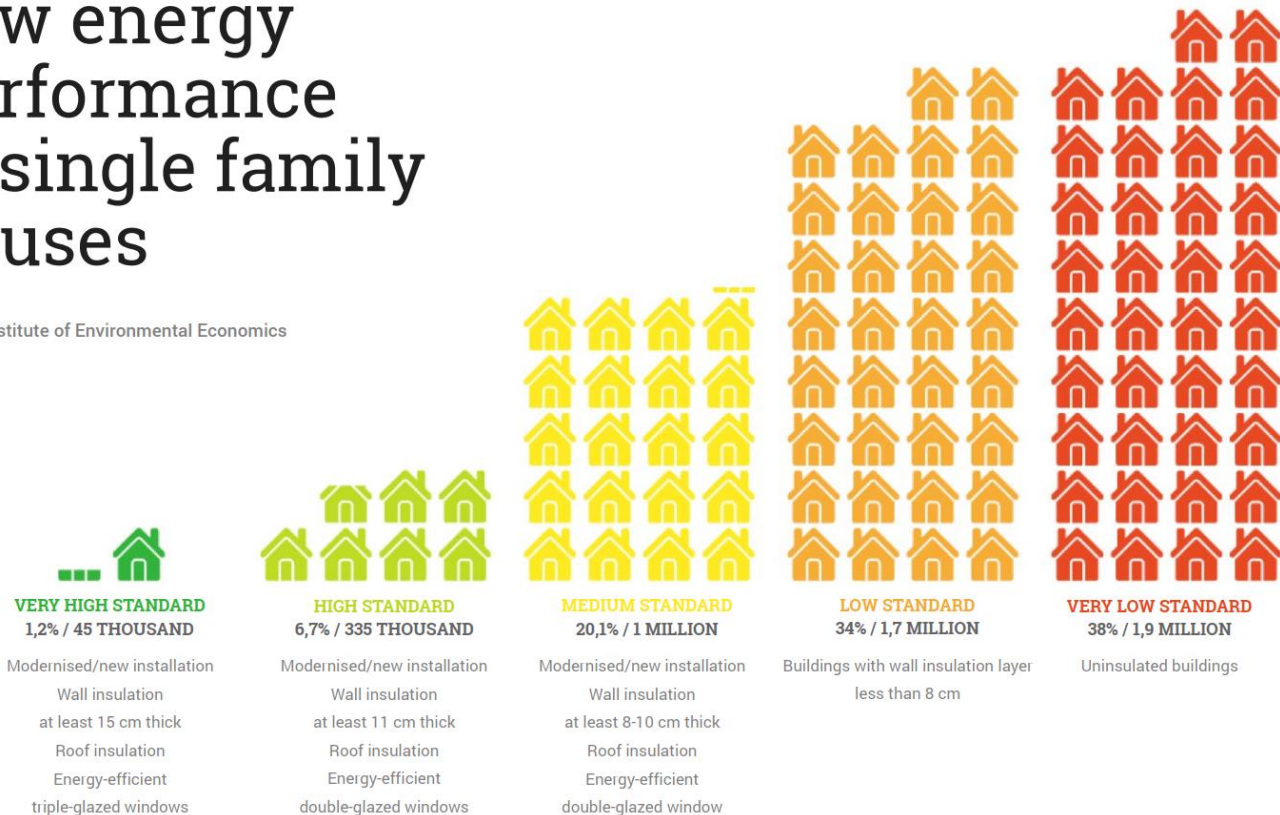
The European Court of Justice convicts Poland
for lack of implementing measures aiming at effective
protection of the population against air pollution
in the years 2007-2015



Overall context

Low energy performance of single family houses

source: Institute of Environmental Economics





CAP's pillars

The 3 most important pillars of the **Clean Air Programme**



REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLID FUELS BOILERS

Regulation of 01 August 2017
+ amendment

So called "obsolete coal stoves act"
(amendment to the Law on Environmental
Protection) of 16 October 2019



QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SOLID FUELS

Act on solid fuels standards of July 2018
and a package of executive regulations



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- The tax credit consists of deducting from the tax base the expenses for the implementation of energy retrofitting in a single-family residential building
- The amount of the deduction may not exceed PLN 53.000 (EUR 12.300)
- The exact number of beneficiaries of the tax credit in 2019 will be known at the end of April 2020, after the personal income tax returns are submitted



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- Clean Air Priority Program is being led and implemented by the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management and its regional branches
- CAPP will be implemented in 2018-2029
- The programme's budget will amount to PLN 103 billion (EUR 25 billion)
- The maximum possible cost, from which the subsidy is calculated, is PLN 53.000.
- Results (as of 24 January 2020):
22 690 payments for the amount of **264 552 307** PLN (grant), 30 475 105 PLN (loan)



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2020 changes:

- Inclusion of commercial banks as loan providers and channeling of subsidies approved by WFOS (“one-stop-shop”)
- Change of the income criteria and an increased co-financing (up to 60%) for SFB households of low-income inhabitants
- Simplified application form and procedures for grant and co-financing (loan). Shortening review time for making decision on approval time (2 weeks)
- Integration of the StopSmog and CAPP



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- So called StopSmog Programme (SSP)
- The SSP has been operational since February 2019
- It was designed as a pilot project for a broader support in further perspective
- A municipality as an investor and responsible for the whole process
- Three types of support:
 - 1) replacement of heating sources / heating systems from non-compliant low-carbon standards to devices that meet low-emission standards
 - 2) removal of the devices listed above and connection to the heating or gas network
 - 3) energy retrofitting and activities from 1 or 2



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Preparation and submission by the municipality
of an application for co-financing low-emissions
projects

Verification, acceptance, request to complete or
reject the application

Signing the agreement under the StopSmog
program

Implementation of investments by the
municipality and reporting on implementation

Confirmation by the municipality of the
achievement of the effects of project
implementation



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- The program has currently signed agreements with 3 municipalities and has 2 more agreements under finalisation
- The first three agreements cover support for 600 households, while the remaining two under negotiation would contribute a further 300 households
- The overall objective of the SSP was to reach nearly 24.000 households by 2024



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2020 changes:

- Lowering minimal number of SFB's threshold from 2% to 1% or 30 SFBs
- Covering municipal SFBs
- Lowering of energy reduction indicator from 50% to 30%
- Extension of eligible costs
- Others



thank you for your attention

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