



Third workshop of NEEST participants

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How to overcome barriers in the energy transition of Polish cities? What tools can support this process? What should the transformation manual to be developed under the project contain? The participants of a recent NEEST project workshop looked for answers to these questions, among others.

One of the work packages of the NEEST – NetZero Emission and Environmentally Sustainable Territories project, led by the City of Krakow, is nearing completion. Work to date included three workshop sessions, of which two lasted 2 days and were held face-to-face, and one online on 27 November.

At the event, representatives of the NEEST project consortium, i.e. Krakow, Łódź, Rzeszów, Warsaw, Wrocław and the National Research and Development Centre, analysed urban systems in terms of carrying out climate transformation and the links between the various work packages. A considerable amount of time was devoted to analysing the content of the Climate Transformation Handbook for Cities, which is to be one of the outcomes of the project. The results of research on climate transformation in cities were also analysed – including the resources cities have at their disposal to carry it out, how to finance it, stakeholder involvement and citizen participation.

Work Package 2, which is the responsibility of the project leader, Krakow, i.e. System Mapping and Sensemaking, consisted of:

- mapping urban systems that directly or indirectly affect greenhouse gas emissions
- identifying linkages and dependencies between them, as well as barriers and levers for change
- preparation of substantive content for a manual for cities in the area of climate transformation
- recommendations for further work packages under the NEEST project.

NEEST project activities focus on buildings, which are the main source of greenhouse gas emissions in Polish cities. The goal of the project is to create ready-to-replicate methods for thermal modernisation of different types of urban quarters, along with revitalisation of the areas around them.

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