

Ms Grażyna Sztandera, Ministry of Climate

Actions to accelerate the process of air quality improvement in Poland

Ms Grażyna Sztandera discussed the main factors influencing air pollution in Poland as well as the national and European legislation in force in this regard. Ms Sztandera also mentioned strategic documents constituting the basis for the analysis of inadequate air quality e.g. the National Air Protection Programme of 9 September 2015, recommendations of the Ministers Council of 2018 or National Programme for Reducing Air Pollution, adopted by Resolution No. 34 of the Council of Ministers on 27 April 2019. Besides Ms Sztandera explained the role of the regional self governments in the process of air quality improvements adopting anti-smog resolutions. Among the most important actions aimed at reducing emissions in the main sector responsible for inadequate air quality in Poland, especially in municipal and residential sector, Ms Sztandera listed first of all activities related to the legal and financial changes aiming at accelerate proper legal-financial environment to improve air quality in Poland. Beetwen others Ms. Sztandera mentioned the following activities: replacement of low-efficient, old boilers with, oil and gas boilers, as well as low-emission coal boilers; electrical heating; using various emission-free heat sources, e.g.: heat pumps or solar panels, deep termal insulation of the individual buildings and informed also about important activities in second sector responsilble for inadequate air quality in Poland - transport sector: replacement of conventional vehicles in the city transport by cleaner buses powered by electicity, RES including hydrogen or gas. Ms. Sztandera also mentioned new legislation related to the promotion of the electromobility idea in Poland. In the next part of her speech, Mrs. Sztandera mentioned the Clean Air Programme and Stop Smog Program along with legislative measures taken to increase its effectiveness and various ways of financing remedial measures related to ther residential sector to improve air quality, mentioned above, informed about inclusion of the bank and gminas in the Air Quality Program, and further works leading to further improvement of AQP. Finally Ms. Sztandera said about State Monitoring System and Air Quality Assesement, reported to the EEA done by Chief Inspectorate for Enviromental Protection as well as about pollution outlooks done by CIEP.