The pillar of the system of financing environmental protection in Poland

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The National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management

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Effective and efficient support of environmental activities, with particular reference to activities absorbing foreign resources operated by the National Fund.

1. over 30 years of experience in financing projects for environmental protection, appointed during the period of political changes in 1989

2. worldwide unique pillar of the system of financing environmental protection in Poland

3. the current level of financing environmental protection is approx. over 6 bln PLN annually, 50% from the EU funds and 50% from national funds

4. leader in the implementation of European funds and foreign mechanisms of financing environmental protection in Poland since 1996
The activities of the National Fund in the past 30 years (environmental effects)

1. Water and sewage management – 4157 projects, including:
   - construction or modernization of more than 1600 sewage treatment plants
   - construction or modernization of over 83 thousand km of sewage system

2. Waste management – over 1304 projects, including:
   - construction of 7 waste incineration plants with capacity of 1.1 million tones/year
   - increase in the weight of waste recovered (including recycling) 7.1 million tones/year

3. Air and climate protection – 4189 projects, including:
   reduction of air pollutant emissions:
   - reduction of SO₂ emissions by 819 thousand tones/year
   - reduction of dust emission by 261 thousand tones/year
   - production of energy from renewable energy sources – 2.5 TWh/year
   - reduction in CO₂ emissions of 15.1 million tones/year

increasing energy efficiency:
   - energy savings – 3.7 TWh/year
   - 4440 public utility buildings were thermomodernized and over 11.5 thousand single family houses
Sources of the NFEP&WM’s income

- Fees and penalties for use of the environment and water services
- Maintenance and concession fees
- Revenues from the sale of assigned amount units of greenhouse gases and other substances
- Substitute fees and penalties resulting from the Energy Efficiency Act
- Substitute fees and penalties resulting from the Energy Law Act
- Other fees and contributions (e.g. product fees, waste law)
- Fees under the Act on Biocomponents and Biofuels
- Other fees and contributions (e.g. product fees, profit from the sale of shares)
- Interest on loans granted, interest on deposits and bank accounts, securities
Main areas of current activity of the NFEP&WM

- Finances and co-finances pro-ecological projects from its own resources.
- Collaborates with voivodeship funds and Bank Ochrony Środowiska SA.
- Implementing of the Clean Air program.
- Realization of the My Current program.
- Implementing the project National system of advisory support for the public sector, housing and enterprises in the field of energy efficiency and RES™.
- National Contact Point for the LIFE Programme in Poland.
- Managing Authority for the Low Emissions Transport Fund.
- Implementing Authority for the Norwegian Funds and the European Economic Area 2014-2021.
- Preparing and implementing international projects together with partners from Ukraine and Belarus.
Forms of financing

- Preferential loans
- Grants
- Redemptions
- Partial repayments of bank loans
- Additional payments to the interest on bank loans
- Capital investments
Main beneficiaries

- Local government units
- Enterprises
- State budgetary units
- Higher education institutions
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- State administration
- Individuals

Legal status which allows entering into a civil law contract.
Priorities for the National Fund’s actions according to waste management

- Incineration plants for hazardous and non-hazardous wastes
- Recypling plants
- Preventing food waste
- Agricultural waste management
- Remediation of contaminated sites
Directions of financing environmental protection and

Geology, mining, circular economy, including waste management:

- Modernization of infrastructure to prepare municipal waste for recycling.

- Construction of installations for the conversion of non-municipal waste, including waste generated from municipal waste and sewage sludge, connected to electricity and district heating networks used to produce heat.

- Reclamation of degraded land.

- Construction of technical and logistic infrastructure in the scope of creating possibilities of repair and exchange of used goods and selective collection of raw material waste.

- Promotion of circular economy solutions.

- Support for the proper management of hazardous waste and the development of innovative waste treatment technologies.
Incineration plants – possibilities of financing

Co-financing level:

**Grants**

- up to 50% of eligible costs, no more than 50 million PLN for construction of new incineration plant or expansion of existing one
- Only for management of waste generated from municipal waste and sewage sludge, connected to electricity and district heating networks used to produce heat.
- Subsidy can be provided under condition of taking out a loan from NFEP&WM for the same project

**Loans**

- up to 100% of eligible costs
- preferential or market loan
- loan cancelation up to 10%, no more than 1 million PLN
First call for proposals (September 2019 until December 2019)

- **1121** proposals
- **1014** grant agreements
- **854** realized projects according to signed agreement
- over **23,3 million PLN** grants paid until end of March 2021
- about **90,000 Mg** of agricultural waste is going to be managed according to signed agreements
- co-financing level: **500 PLN/ 1 Mg agricultural waste** (foils, nets, cords, Big Bag, fertilizer packaging)

Second call for proposals under construction.
Abandoned hazardous waste management

First call for proposals (July 2019 until December 2020)

- 27 proposals
- 10 grant agreements (signed until 26th April 2021) for over 81 million PLN
- 4 realized projects according to signed agreements
- over 3190 Mg of hazardous waste managed so far
- grants co-financing level depends on wealth of community (from 10% to 80% of eligible costs)
- loans up to 100% of eligible costs

Second call for proposals under construction.
Thank you

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