



Embracing the energy transition in an unprecedented context: a way to re-think and re-boo(s)t our local economies

Venue: **Serock, Poland – in the framework of PNEC annual conference**

Date & Time: **30th June 2020, 11:00-13:00 followed by a networking lunch**

Outline:

The current pandemic is changing the way we live and is subsequently having a profound social, economic and environmental impact. An immediate effect is a reduction in global CO2 emissions and improvement of air quality due to the drop in pollution from transport; (which might have some lasting effect, but a rebound is more probable).

This is also our unprecedented opportunity to address climate emergency in recovery plans and re-think our actual 'business as usual operation' to make our economies more sustainable and climate resilient. Governments propose more or less attractive economic packages to minimise economic and social losses, but several question – esp. from municipalities' perspectives - remain unanswered. This panel discussion will focus on the following questions (each panellist to address them in their initial 3-5 min. speech and discussed further in details in panel discussion and Q&A):

- What are the most important topics/priorities of the energy transition to be addressed in Polish municipalities and how are they addressed in times of the COVID19 crisis?
- Which processes/tools should be maintained and which former practices should be changed/discontinued?
- What are the potential benefits from the current situation?
- How to effectively shape the energy transition and climate neutrality narratives and policies in Poland / CEE?

11.00 – 11.20 Local authorities in their energy transition: perspectives and narratives; lessons from the Energy Efficiency Watch Project
Kristina DELY, Energy Cites

11.20 - 11.40 European Green Deal and its local dimension
Patrycja PŁONKA, Association of Municipalities Polish Network "Energie Cités"

11.40 – 12.00 Supporting low-carbon transformation in cities – Climate City
Piotr CZARNOCKI, Representative of Ministry of Climate

12.00 – 13.00 Urban energy transformation – cities towards climate neutrality
Piotr CZARNOCKI – Representative of Ministry of Climate, **Aleksander SUSZYŃSKI** – NFOŚiGW, **Tomasz BOŃDOS** – City of Bydgoszcz, **Przemysław MAJOR** – Deputy Mayor of Cieszyna, **Tomasz ANDRUKIEWICZ** – Mayor of Ełk, **Wojciech SZYMALSKI** – The Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD)
Moderation: **Leszek DROGOSZ**, Head of Infrastructure Dept. City of Warsaw

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch