

Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area

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Purpose

The Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area (formerly the Gdansk Metropolitan Area or GOM) was established on September 15, 2011 to strengthen cooperation and to achieve the harmonious development of the entire metropolitan area around Gdansk, by making the best use of the potential of the member cities and municipalities, while at the same time respecting their differences and particular characters.

Functions

The work of the Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area is handled by committee meetings which focus on different themes. They discuss and implement specific projects such as the joint purchase of goods and services or the preparation of development plans and investment funds which cover several local authorities.

A key element of cooperation is the exchange of experiences and good practice in the projects carried out by local governments, public procurement rules, financial discipline, etc.

Since February 2014, the office of the Association has acted as the headquarters of the Association of Integrated Territorial Investments, which is a new instrument for metropolitan cooperation.



Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area - Counties

54 local governments, 6,700 square km and a population of 1.55m

Planning for 2030

On July 16 2015 a meeting regarding the Strategy Project for the Gdańsk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area up to 2030 took place in the Oliwa Business Centre. It was attended by representatives of local governments from e Gdańsk-Gdynia-Sopot Metropolitan Area (OM GGS), as well as key metropolitan partners from the science and business sectors.

Planning for 2030

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the provisions contained in the Strategy and a discussion on the priorities of metropolitan cooperation.

Participants of the meeting highlighted the possibility, and even necessity, for joint action in areas such as education such as joint planning of the school network and coordination of vocational education at the metropolitan level; a common education policy and economic, social activation and culture in schools, migration policy and promotion of OM GGS (at home and abroad as well as within the metropolitan area).

Comments on the strategy and the demands of joint activities in various spheres of public life are very important in the context of the implementation of the document and accurately describe the activities, methods of implementation and levels of cooperation between partners, who will be responsible for the strategy's implementation in 2030.

Metropolitan Area prepares Development Strategy to 2030

INTIS - Integration and Synergy

The president of Gdansk Pawel Adamowicz has signed an agreement with research institutes that will prepare the Strategy for the Development of the Gdańsk Metropolitan Area (GOM) to 2030 under the name "INTIS - Integration and Synergy " The GOM strategy will cover as many as 69 local governments - including Gdańsk, Sopot and Gdynia.

Metropolitan dimension

"The European experience suggests that balanced but dynamic development takes place where there exists a strong, integrated, attractive economic and cultural metropolitan area. The metropolitan dimension of the strategy is therefore extremely important " said President Pawel Adamowicz. This is evidenced by the fact that up to approximately 75 percent of the gross product of the European Union and almost all the innovation are created in metropolitan areas. "We already stand out in the central part of the continent and we want to catch the leaders" the president added.

The changing face of the Tri-City: what to look forward to in 2015.

Following on from the successes of last year, 2015 promises to be another big one for the Tri-City in terms of investment projects reaching completion. A whole raft of infrastructural developments, particularly in the public transport and communication sector, is set to be unveiled as the year progresses, allowing residents and visitors alike to finally feel the benefit of all the blood, sweat and delays! Here are a few highlights to whet your appetite:

- Pomeranian Metropolitan Railway (PKM) line and trains - 19.5km of track
- Tunnels under the Martwa Wisła - 1.4km of road tunnels
- Sopot train station
- New SKM trains
- Trams to Piecki-Migowo
- Expansion of T2 terminal - Gdansk Airport

SWOT analysis

“To do this, the metropolitan area has to precisely define what are its strengths and weaknesses. And thus, in which areas should investment be made, and where cooperation should be strengthened to achieve the desired goal which is to improve the quality of life of residents” explained Professor, Doctor Krystyna Gawlikowska-Hueckel, project manager and representative of the Institute for the Development from Sopot, which is leading the consortium of experts preparing the strategy. The second member of the group is the Institute of Geography and Spatial Organisation (PAN) in Warsaw.

“The involvement of eminent scientists in writing the Metropolitan Area Development Strategy is the element which distinguishes our project and is keeping with European trends” said Vice President Michal Guć, representing Gdynia and the NORDA Forum.

Stakeholders

Equally important is a broad partnership. As for the extent of the territory comprising 69 local governments, including the entire Tri-City - Gdańsk, Sopot and Gdynia. In addition to local governments, universities, several large companies from Pomerania and non-governmental organizations are involved as partners in the project.

“As local governments we want to make decisions rationally, based on facts and reliable diagnosis” said Jacek Karnowski, President of Sopot. “The strategy will provide us all with the information to make optimal investment choices”.

Consultation

Consultative meetings of experts who will write the strategy with INTIS project partners will begin by June 25. In the autumn there will be a public consultation regarding the research and the strategy is due to be ready next year. It will also be part of a handbook for local governments to facilitate the implementation of the draft and the concept of spatial development of the metropolitan area.

Metropolitan Ring Road a step closer after environmental decision

