

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORT



Lodzkie Region, 27.07.2021

On July 27, 2021, the 2nd Regional Project Stakeholder Meeting of the REPLACE project was held at Łódź House of Culture (Łódź, Poland). Due to thematic reasons and pandemic situation it was organised together with LCA4Regions ('Improved Environment and Resource Efficiency through use of Life Cycle Instruments for implementation of regional policies of the European Union' <https://www.interregeurope.eu/lca4regions/>) and DeCarb ('Supporting the clean energy transition of coal-intensive EU regions' <http://www.interregeurope.eu/decarb/>). The meeting was conducted in a mixed-format: online and in-presence.

Stakeholder event, semester 4 'the railway of green velocity'

Event organized by *Lodzkie Region*, as part of the European Year of Railway initiative

Number of participants: 50

Typologies of stakeholder involved: Education, Research, Public Sector, Industry, SMEs, Civil society organization

AGENDA

10.00 - 10.10 - Introduction.

10.10 - 10.40 RES, hydrogen energy and energy storage as fundamental factors of energy transformation of green rail transport - panel discussion.

10.40 - 10.55 - Counteracting transport exclusion thanks to long-term contracts between local governments and railway companies - presentation of an example of local government.

10.55 - 11.25 - Innovative technological solutions and social challenges on the example of good practices implemented in Poland and Europe in the field of railway - panel discussion

11.25 - 11.45 - Towards a low-carbon economy on a regional level.

11.45 - 12.00 - Question and answer session

12.30 - 15.00 - Study visit to the innovative Technical Base of the Łódź Agglomeration Railway





REPORT OF THE DISCUSSION

Venue: Łódź House of Culture (ŁDK), 18 Traugutta Street Łódź, room 221;

Rail is the most reliable, sustainable and low-emission means of transport. It is also a new area of innovation for SMEs, R&D units and start-ups. The scale and scope of railway activity gives a good chance to strengthen the pro-market and pro-environmental advantages of this sector, especially in combination with the development of transport accessibility in the region.

The seminar organized by the Lodzkie Region in cooperation with the Lodz Agglomeration Railway wants to tackle the potential of the railway in our region in the field of energy transition, reduction of harmful emissions, applications for the LCA methodology, or identification of new development directions for rail transport in relation to the development of the Circular Economy.

The presentation and panel discussion address the following topics:

- social accessibility and development scenarios of the Lodz region in the era of Green Deal,
- the role of railways in social activation of peripheral areas (accessibility to education, public services, regional labour market),
- railway innovation, investment, use of EU funds as tools for increasing the economic competitiveness of regions (export, mobility of workers, reduction of carbon footprint of economic activities),
- railway infrastructure supporting the process of energy transition and exploiting the benefits of circular economy;
- integrated and dynamic spatial planning with particular emphasis on pro-environmental issues, also taking into account the needs of passengers,
- breakthrough technologies of the future in the field of railways,

After the meeting a study visit take place: a ride and sightseeing tour of the innovative Technical Base of the Łódź Agglomeration Railway (ŁKA) in Widzew.





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