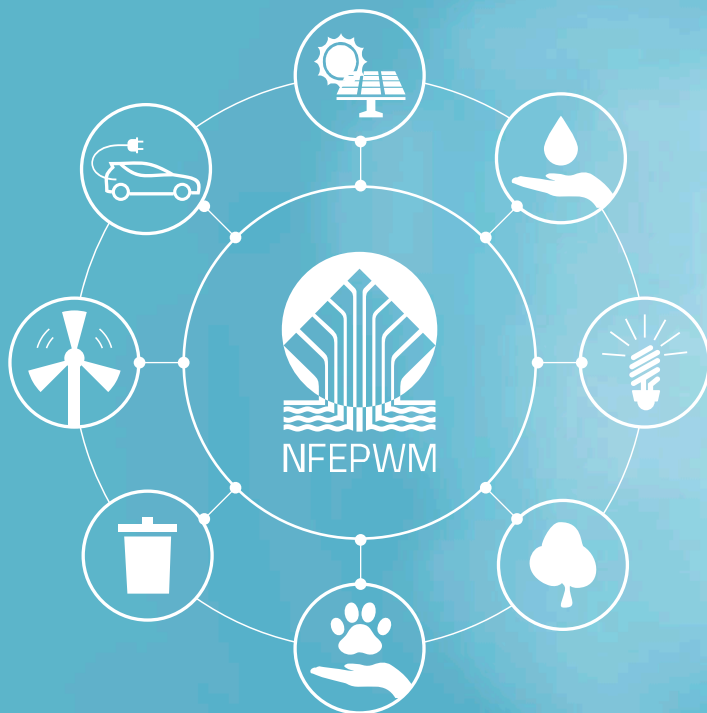




National Fund  
for Environmental Protection  
and Water Management

**Let's invest in the environment together**  
**Let's take care of our and our children's future**



Warsaw, 2020

## The unique Fund of this kind in the world

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The National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (NFEP&WM) was established in 1989 as the first public institution of its kind in the world. It has retained its unique character on an international scale, as it continues to play an important role in the implementation of the state's environmental policy, financing the largest strategic and innovative green projects in Poland. At the same time, it is also the largest partner for international financial institutions in Poland, handling international financing, in particular EU funds allocated for ecology in the public finance sector. Together with regional funds for environmental protection and water management (WFOŚiGW) and Bank Ochrony Środowiska SA, it constitutes a system for financing environmental protection in Poland.

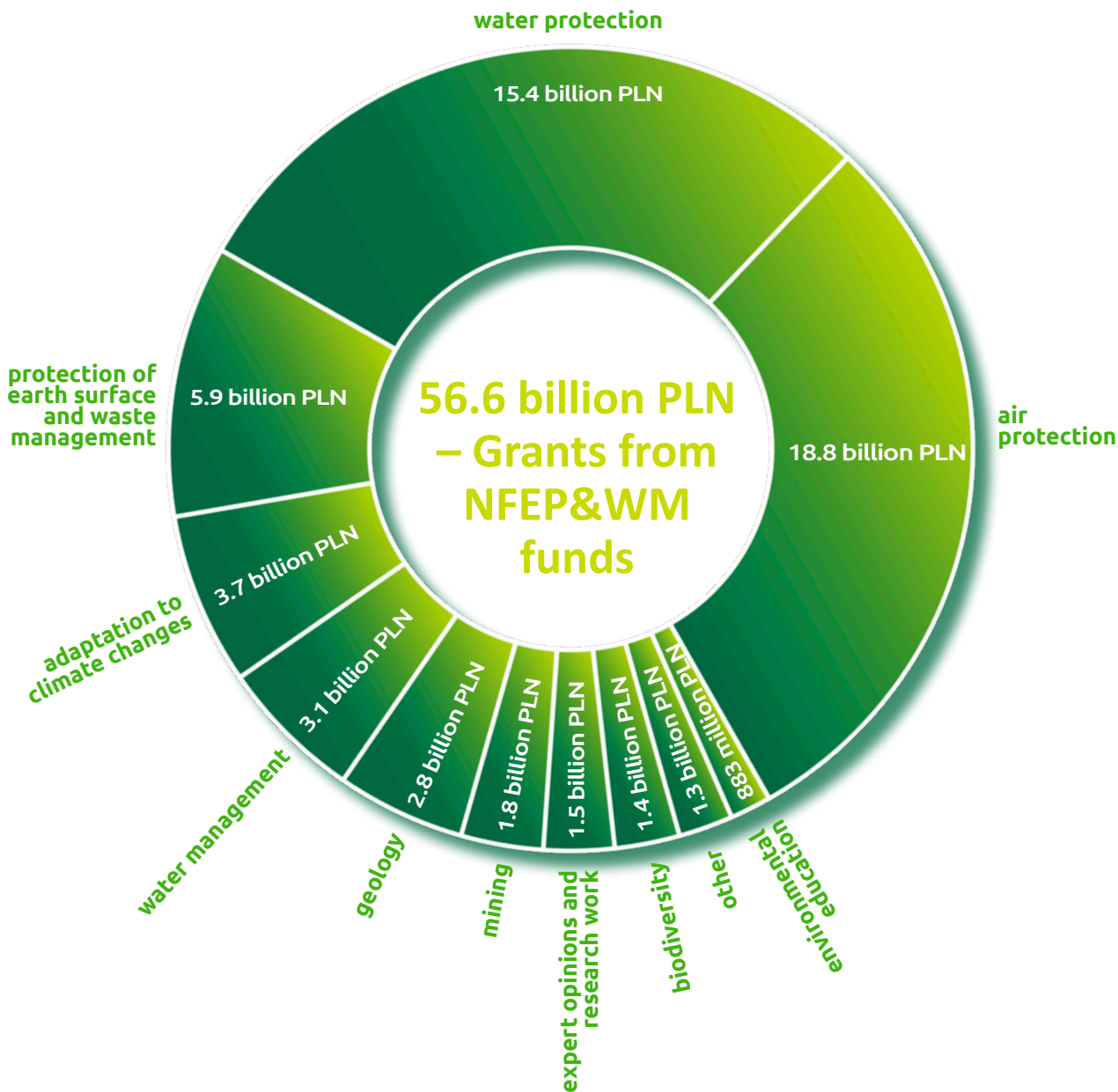
**For more than 31 years now, the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management has been supporting beneficiaries**, whose list includes local governments, enterprises, public entities, educational and research institutions, civil society organisations as well as individuals, financing projects within the scope of environmental protection and water management.

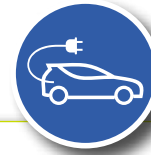
### The most valuable projects carried out with the support of the NFEP&WM include:

- water supply and sewage treatment in Warsaw – phases III, IV, V and VI **7.9 billion PLN**
- construction of the Racibórz Dolny flood control reservoir on the Oder River **2 billion PLN**
- municipal waste management programme in Krakow **824 million PLN**
- “Clean Air” government programme **103 billion PLN**

The National Fund acts as the Implementing Authority in a number of European funding programmes. Currently, the National Fund implements measures of priority axes I and II of the EU **Operational Programme Infrastructure and Environment 2014–2020**, it also acts as the **LIFE Programme National Contact Point**, offering co-financing for LIFE projects, and the operator of the **European Economic Area Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism**.

To date, the National Fund allocated more than **103.9 billion PLN** to environmental protection and water management activities, including **56.6 billion PLN** from the budget of the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, while **47.3 billion PLN** came from international funds, including the OP Infrastructure and Environment, EEA FM and NFM, as well as other sources.





## What projects does the NFEP&WM finance?

- climate and atmosphere protection, including projects concerning energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and innovation
- adaptation to climate changes, prevention of environmental threats and environmental monitoring
- water protection and water management
- protection of the earth's surface
- waste management, including recycling and circular economy projects
- biodiversity nature and landscape conservation
- environmental education
- mining and geology
- expert opinions and research work



## Forms of financing offered by the NFEP&WM

- grants
- loans with preferential interest rates and partial write-offs
- loans granted by banks, partially funded by the National Fund
- interest subsidies for bank loans
- equity investments
- transfers of funds to government bodies

# Areas supported by the NFEP&WM

The National Fund offers support for a vast variety of projects – its offer is adapted to the ongoing needs of environmental protection and water management in Poland. Both domestic and international funding is now available to beneficiaries, including on the basis of combined financing and financial engineering.



## WATER AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGES

Projects	Beneficiaries	Funding form	Funding source
<b>water and waste water management in agglomerations and beyond</b>	local government bodies, associations of local government bodies, companies of local government bodies, including via WFOŚiGW	loans	NFEP&WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Measure 2.3), possible financial engineering by NFEP&WM
<b>investments in waste water management beyond Polish borders</b>	entities from Belarus and Ukraine	loans	NFEP&WM
<b>adaptation to climate change and mitigation of environmental threats, including green and blue infrastructure, as well as water retention</b>	National Water Management, Regional Water Management, local government bodies, associations and companies of local government bodies, State Forests, emergency services and non-governmental organisations, academic institutions, individuals	grants, loans, transfers of funds	NFEP&WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Measure 2.1), supporting emergency services and water retention for natural persons, carried out by WFOŚiGW, EEA FM
<b>climate change mitigation and adaptation, education</b>	NGOs, local government bodies, entrepreneurs, academic institutions, State Forests, Polish Waters	grants	EEA FM
<b>pilot projects / demonstrators concerning reducing human impact on the climate and climate change adaptation</b>	public and private, commercial and non-commercial entities	grants, loans, transfers of funds	LIFE Programme / NFEP&WM co-financing
<b>pilot projects / demonstrators concerning water protection and water management, as well as marine environment</b>	public and private, commercial and non-commercial entities	grants, loans, transfers of funds	LIFE Programme / NFEP&WM co-financing



## PROTECTION OF EARTH SURFACE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Projects	Beneficiaries	Funding form	Funding source
<b>construction and retrofitting of selective municipal waste collection systems</b>	local government bodies, associations of government bodies, entrepreneurs: natural persons running businesses, state enterprises, commercial companies, cooperatives	grants, loans	NFEP&WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Measure 2.2), possible financial engineering by NFEP&WM
<b>prevention of waste</b>	non-profit organisations with the status of a public benefit organisation and legal personality, serving the role of “food banks”, Polish Hunting Association, State Forests	grants, loans	NFEP&WM
<b>waste management facilities</b>	local government bodies, associations of government bodies, entrepreneurs: natural persons running businesses, state enterprises, commercial companies, cooperatives. independent public health care facilities	grants, loans	NFEP&WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Measure 2.2), possible financial engineering by NFEP&WM
<b>reclamation and remediation of contaminated land, establishing green areas in cities, inventory of degraded and contaminated land, mitigation of threat of improperly stored waste and remediation of land contaminated by such waste</b>	local government bodies, associations and companies of local government bodies, National Water Management, Regional Water Management	grants	OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Measure 2.5), possible financial engineering by NFEP&WM
<b>reclamation and remediation of degraded land, removal of abandoned waste, asbestos abatement</b>	local government bodies, associations of local government bodies, public entities acting on behalf of the State Treasury, entrepreneurs, state enterprises, commercial companies, Regional Directorate for Environmental Protection	grants, loans	NFEP&WM – programme carried out by WFOŚiGW



## PROTECTION OF EARTH SURFACE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

<b>soil regeneration (liming)</b>	agricultural land owners	grants	NFEP&WM – programme carried out by WFOŚiGW
<b>circular economy</b>	local government bodies	grants, loans	NFEP&WM
<b>understanding geological structure for the country</b>	Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute, state budget entities	grants, loans, transfers of funds	NFEP&WM
<b>reduction of nuisance resulting from mineral extraction</b>	entities for which the financing of tasks from the state budget is indicated in the relevant acts concerning mining and whose operations are regulated by the provisions of the Act on Geological and Mining Law, local government bodies, associations of local government bodies, entities entrusted with carrying out mining rescue operations, entities indicated in restructuring acts relevant to mining, entrepreneurs – natural persons running their own businesses, commercial companies, state budget entities	grants, transfers of funds	NFEP&WM
<b>ensuring accessibility to thermal springs in Poland</b>	local government bodies, associations of local government bodies	grants	NFEP&WM
<b>pilot projects / demonstrators concerning waste, soil and resource management, including circular economy projects</b>	public and private, commercial and non-commercial entities	grants, loans, transfers of funds	LIFE Programme / NFEP&WM co-financing



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RES

Projects	Beneficiaries	Funding form	Funding source
generating and distributing energy using geothermal resources	entrepreneurs	grants, loans	NFEP&WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Sub-measure 1.1.1), EEA FM
new electricity and heat sources, including RES, along with upgrades and expansion of existing district heating networks within district heating systems	companies with a majority stake held by local government bodies	grants, loans	NFEP&WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Sub-measures 1.1.1, 1.6.1), EEA FM
new electricity and heat sources, including RES, along with upgrades and expansion of existing district heating networks	entrepreneurs	grant, loan, loan write-off, repayable aid with an investment bonus	NFEP&WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Measure / Sub-measure 1.1.1, 1.5, 1.6.1), EEA FM
generation and distribution of energy using RES, including geothermal resources, small hydroelectric plants and prosumer photovoltaics	local government bodies, entrepreneurs, individual farmers, individuals	grants, loans	NFEP&WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Sub-measure 1.1.1), EEA FM





## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RES

<p><b>energy efficiency and thermal upgrading of single-family houses (including replacement of obsolete heat sources), public buildings, as well as other buildings, including school buildings, and multi-family residential buildings</b></p>	<p>natural persons, state budget entities, higher education institutions, government administration, health care entities, museums, student dormitories, historical building owners, churches, legal persons associated with churches or religious associations, housing associations and cooperatives</p>	<p>grants, loans</p>	<p>NFEP&amp;WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Sub-measures 1.3.1, 1.3.2), EEA MF, possible financial engineering by NFEP&amp;WM</p>
<p><b>comprehensive upgrading of outdoor lighting</b></p>	<p>local government bodies, associations and companies of local government bodies</p>	<p>loans, partial loan write-offs</p>	<p>NFEP&amp;WM</p>
<p><b>efficient heating and cooling distribution</b></p>	<p>entrepreneurs, local government bodies, companies of local government bodies, housing cooperatives</p>	<p>grants, loans, partial loan write-offs</p>	<p>NFEP&amp;WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Measure 1.5), possible financial engineering by NFEP&amp;WM</p>
<p><b>sources of high-efficiency cogeneration</b></p>	<p>entrepreneurs, local government bodies, companies of local government bodies, housing cooperatives</p>	<p>grants, loans, partial loan write-offs</p>	<p>NFEP&amp;WM, OP Infrastructure and Environment 2014-2020 (Sub-measure 1.6.1), possible financial engineering by NFEP&amp;WM</p>
<p><b>pilot projects / demonstrators concerning Clean Energy Transition</b></p>	<p>public and private, commercial and non-commercial entities</p>	<p>grants, loans, transfers of funds</p>	<p>LIFE Programme / NFEP&amp;WM co-financing</p>



## BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Projects	Beneficiaries	Funding form	Funding source
protection of areas and species of high conservation value and combating invasive species	local government bodies, national parks, State Forests, state budget entities, academic institutions, private commercial and non-commercial entities	grants, loans, transfers of funds	NFEP&WM, LIFE Programme, EEA FM
restoration of historic parks and gardens	owners, perpetual lessees or managers of historic parks and gardens	grants, loans	NFEP&WM
modernisation of specialty gardens	owners, perpetual lessees or managers of specialist gardens	grants, loans	NFEP&WM
environmental education	entities / bodies with the capability to conclude a civil law contract	grants, transfers of funds	NFEP&WM, LIFE Programme, EEA FM



## INNOVATION AND ECO-MOBILITY

Projects	Beneficiaries	Funding form	Funding source
implementation of innovative environmental technologies, environmental protection start-ups, development of artificial intelligence technology for environmental protection	state budget entities, entities registered in the territory of the Republic of Poland, who are beneficiaries of the LIFE Programme, local government bodies, consortia, entrepreneurs, natural persons	grants, loans, transfers of funds, partial loan write-offs	NFEP&WM, LIFE Programme
low-carbon transport and infrastructure (including EVs)	individuals, entrepreneurs, local government bodies	grants, loans	NFEP&WM

# How to apply for NFEP&WM funding?

1

- Analysis of your needs and capabilities
- Concept, followed by selection of a national or international programme implemented by NFEP&WM

2

- Understanding the rules and deadlines of the financing programme
- Participating in training for potential beneficiaries
- Preparing documents
- Submitting the request via the electronic Funding Application Generator (GWD)

3

- Examination of the request: formal and substantive evaluation
- Negotiating the terms and conditions of the financing

4

- Signing the contract
- Implementation of the project
- Project checks and audits
- Project settlement

5

- Maintaining the project unchanged for the contractually agreed period

## Where to find information about calls for applications?

[www.nfosigw.gov.pl](http://www.nfosigw.gov.pl)

[poiis.nfosigw.gov.pl](http://poiis.nfosigw.gov.pl)

[nfosigw.gov.pl/oferta-finansowania/srodki-norweskie/](http://nfosigw.gov.pl/oferta-finansowania/srodki-norweskie/)

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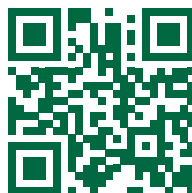
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