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# Innovations in Renewable Energy Sources (RES): Adaptation to the climate change

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## About me

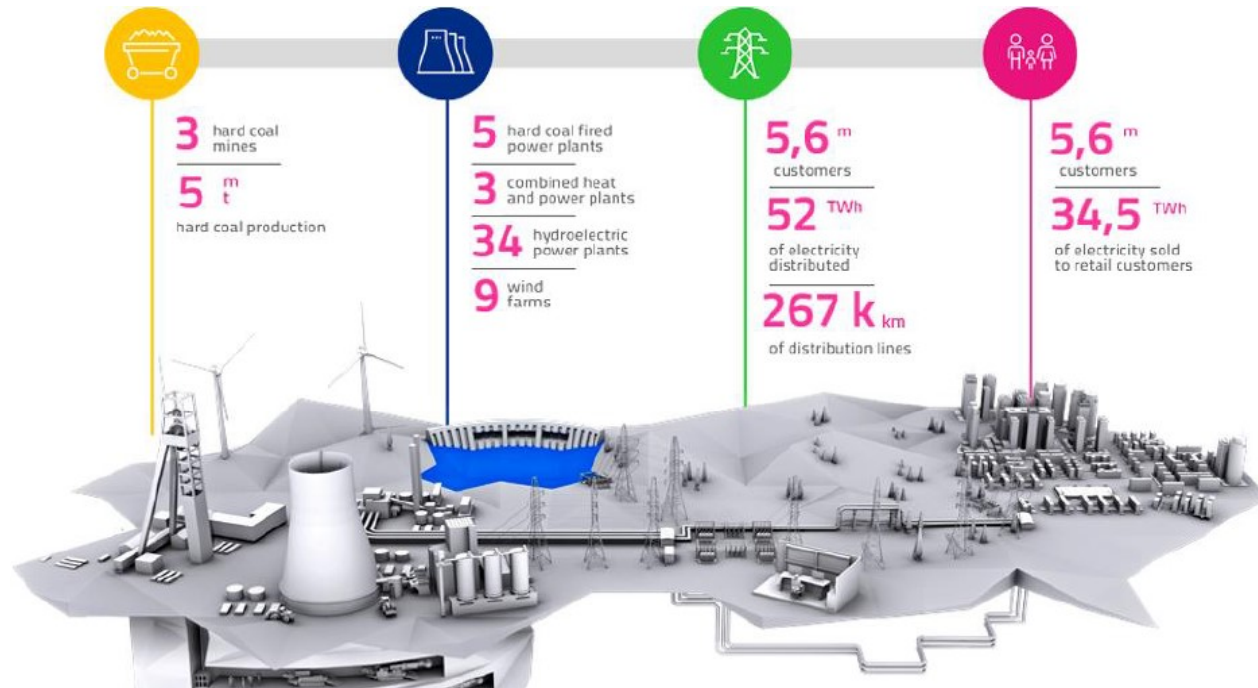


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# TAURON GROUP



One of the largest business entities in Poland, with over 18 billion equity and approximately 25 thousand employees.

Core business includes coal mining, generation, distribution and supply of electricity and heat.

TAURON supplies 50 TWh of electricity to over 5,5 million customers per year, which makes it the largest distributor of electricity in Poland.

The holding controls approximately 30% of Polish hard coal resources.





# Agenda

- Why is adaptation an important issue?
- What is an adaptation to climate change?
- Theoretical issues
- Effects of climate change
- Practical examples of adaptation and mitigation
  - Urban Space
  - Transport
  - Energy sector
- Case study





# THEORETICAL ISSUES





# Why this is an important topic?



The topic is increasingly appearing in strategic documents and in EU law.



Mandatory element of environmental impact assessment.



Knowledge of adaptation to climate change is needed in the work of a designer or government official





# Climate change

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) defines climate change as "Climate change referring to a change in the state of the climate that can be identified (e.g., by using statistical tests) by changes in the mean and/or the variability of its properties, and that persists for an extended period, typically decades or longer. Climate change may be due to natural internal processes or external forcings such as modulations of the solar cycles, volcanic eruptions and persistent anthropogenic changes in the composition of the atmosphere or in land use"





# Adaptation to climate change

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) defines adaptation as "any adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities".



Adaptation - adapting human systems to the effects of climate change





# EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE





# Some of the effects of climate change



## Temperature changes

- Heatwaves
- Frostwaves



## Changes in rainfall intensity and wind speed

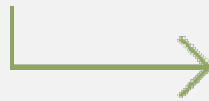
- Floods
- Droughts
- Windstorms



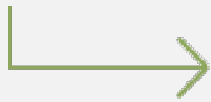
# Climate change and urban area



water retention problems



bad air quality (e.g. smog)



health problems of residents



damage of city infrastructure

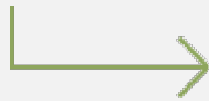




# Climate change and transport



icing of roads



Blocked roads



melting and cracking of road surfaces

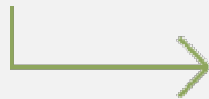




# Climate change and energy



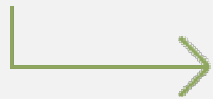
heating of water used  
for cooling power  
units



broken power lines



destruction of  
biomass crops



problems with the  
delivery of fuels and  
raw materials to the  
production site



device damage and  
decrease in  
productivity





# EXAMPLES OF ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION ACTIVITIES IN URBAN AREA





# Green roofs and green walls



**Internacional Congress Centre in Katowice**

Source: <http://www.portalsamorzadowy.pl>;



**Roof of the University of Warsaw Library**

Source: <http://www.panoramio.com>



**Green walls in the city centre in Katowice**

Source: Wojciech Wardecki

## Green roofs and walls

roofing or wall covering consisting of many layers of structure with a layer of soil on which planting is allowed.





# Green roofs and green walls

Some EU countries have enacted laws requiring new commercial buildings to have roofs at least partially covered with vegetation or solar panels.

- Basel in Switzerland has the largest green roof area in the world in relation to the number of inhabitants. By updating the construction law, it was decided that all new and renovated roofs should be green
- In Copenhagen it was decided that since 2010 all newly built and modernized buildings with a flat roof should be planted



Basel

Source: <https://www.google.pl/>







# Water retention

Rotterdam has become famous as a city managing waters. The city is highly resistant to natural disasters and unforeseen water shortages. A special officer for city adaptation is employed in Rotterdam.



**Water Square - Rotterdam**

Source: <https://www.google.pl/>





# Others



**Raising streets in Miami (USA)**  
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com>



**Drifting cafe (Netherlands)**  
Source: own date bank





# EXAMPLES OF ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION ACTIVITIES IN TRANSPORT



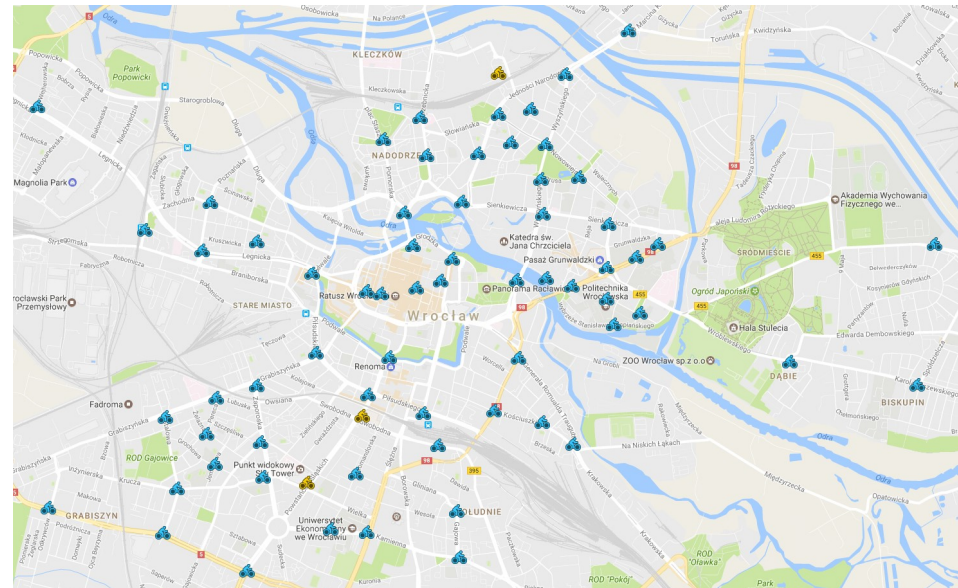


# Bicycle sharing system



**Bike rental**

Źródło: <https://nextbike.pl>



**Bike sharing system in Wrocław in 2017**

Source: <http://www.wroclaw.pl>





# E-mobility and car sharing

The car sharing system is an increasingly common solution in cities. Typically, electric vehicles are used in this system.

1. ul. Bażantów 2 (Centrum Handlowe Bazantowo)
2. ul. Pijarska 3 (Bazantowo Sport Hotel)
3. ul. Sokolska 24 (Hotel Vienna House-Angelo)
4. ul. Chorzowska 100 (Fly Spot)
5. ul. Św. Huberta 43/45 (RD Lasów Państwowych)
6. ul. Widok 19 (POK TAURON Widok)
7. ul. Widok 19 (POK TAURON Widok)
8. ul. Ligocka 103 (Euro-Centrum Park Naukowo-Technologiczny)
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19. ul. Barbary 21 (GZM/KZK GOPI)
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# EXAMPLES OF ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION ACTIVITIES IN ENERGY SECTOR





# Megatrends in energy sector



Reducing emissions and reducing the environmental impact of investments



Development of Renewable Energy Sources



Growing social awareness



Improving energy efficiency



Development of energy storage technology



# Development of RES sources

The development of renewable energy has been implemented for years using wind and photovoltaic technologies. Renewable energy sources work depending on weather conditions, therefore it is important to combine them into systems ensuring greater work efficiency.



Source: [https://grybow.pl/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/farma\\_fotowoltaika.jpg](https://grybow.pl/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/farma_fotowoltaika.jpg)







# Development of offshore wind farms

In recent years there has been a dynamic development of offshore technology (farms installed on the water). Like onshore farms, these are high power sources.

Installations of this type implement the assumptions of the megatrend of RES development and emission reduction.



Source:  
<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/ECtGvfUYAEvgso.png>





# Distributed energy - the effect of increasing public awareness

In addition to the development of large RES, the number of domestic RES installations is growing dynamically.

This trend creates new challenges and at the same time creates new opportunities - attempts to connect these installations into larger systems.



Source:  
<https://www.apricum-group.com/residential-energy-storage-business-models-growth-germany/>

Source:  
<http://polish.windturbinegeneratorsystem.com/sale-10086686-3kw-wind-solar-hybrid-off-grid-system-1500w-eolic-wind-generator-for-home.html>





# Innovation in RES

**Innovation is a sequence of activities leading to the creation of new or improved products, technological processes or organizational systems.**

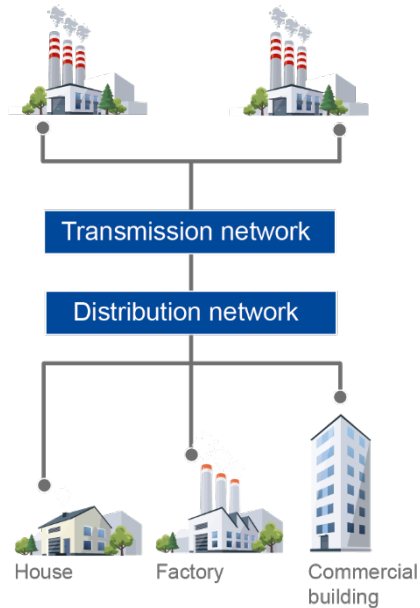
Innovations in RES:

- the use of new materials, e.g. graphene photovoltaics
- new types of generation sources, e.g. hydrogen energy
- new locations of generation sources, e.g. photovoltaics floating on water
- new methods of managing production sources, e.g. virtual power plants, microgrids





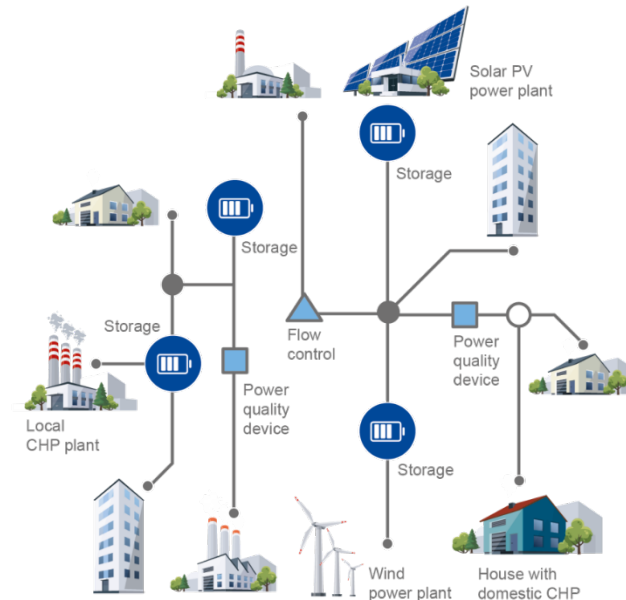
# Microgrids - combining small RES into larger systems



## MICROGRIDS TODAY

Individually managed distributed energy sources

Megatrends



## MICROGRIDS 2.0

Professional cooperation between distributed energy sources/energy islands and distribution grid





# Microgrids – combining small RES into larger systems

## Clean & Smart Community Microgrid



**Safe, reliable, clean, resilient, decentralized**

## Microgrid

Source: <https://theclimatecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/microgrid-1030x525.jpg>

An microgrid is a physically separated area covering local energy sources (mainly RES) and consumers of energy produced from these sources. Energy storage and gas or oil generators are also built into the microgrids, which provide energy in situations of insufficient production of energy from renewable energy sources. All elements of the microgrid are connected by a power network, and the work of the installation is controlled by an IT system.





# Microgrid in TAURON



## analytical tools

for determination of profitability of the microgrids for different locations



## operating pilot plant

combining elements of energy generation, transmission & storage



## know-how and proven experience

in the field of construction and operation of microgrids

## PILOT PLANT



**Energy consumers**



## Active players

(prosumers, local entities)



## Local energy sources

(PV, wind turbine, gas engine)



**Energy storage**

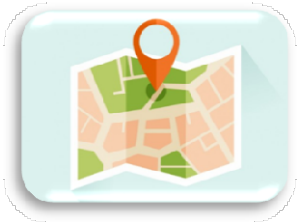
## Internal results:

Representative pilot plant together with a detailed documentation of operational and technical issues, ready to implement in other locations.





# Microgrid in TAURON



separation of a certain area of the energy network together with connected consumers, in order to make them independent of energy supplies from the external network



generation of electricity through locally available sources of electricity:

- Photovoltaic panels: 100 kW
- Wind turbines: 60 kW
- Gas engine: 40 kW
- Accumulation unit capacity: 250-300 kWh



application of advanced automation and control systems as well as an IT system managing plant operation



# CASE STUDY:

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## Case study – description

As part of a research and development project, the energy company wants to build the first microgrid in Poland. The microgrid is to be composed of photovoltaics, wind turbines, an energy storage, a gas engine and an installation management system. The microgrid can operate in the following operating modes:

- classic method (generation sources generate energy to the grid, consumers get energy from the grid)
- island mode (the microgrid operates independently of the grid. The generation sources of the microgrid generate energy consumed by the microgrid consumers or accumulated in the microgrid energy storage).

The project has an innovative aspect, which is to test the island operation in real conditions. The production sources are devices available on the market. Their cooperation within the microgrid is an innovation - the production sources operate together as one installation thanks to the IT management system.





# Task 1 – Identify possible climate and financial risks. Propose forms of mitigation

It is enough to indicate one form of mitigation for each risk. Descriptions of mitigation forms do not have to be detailed.

Hints:

- how could the effects of climate change affect the microgrid and individual production sources?
- whether the company has relevant experience in the field of RES?
- What are the consequences of not receiving a project funding?
- What if the effects of climate change lead to damage to the microgrid?





## Task 2 – Propose sources of co-financing for the project

There is no need to check the exact criteria for the selection of projects. It is enough to indicate the co-financing program in a general way and describe how the project fits into its assumptions. Try to identify at least two different funding programs.

Hints:

- keep in mind the aspect of innovation that appears in the project
- remember that the project is part of the development of renewable energy and adaptation to climate change





## Task 3 - Develop a schedule for the described project

The schedule should include the main design tasks. The schedule must cover tasks from the preparation of the tender to the completion of microgrid construction and commissioning of the microgrid.

Hints:

- Think about what is necessary to conduct the tender. What do you need to be able to talk about the project with a potential contractor?
- Remember that the Contractor does not have all the elements necessary for the construction in stock. Some elements must be produced by the manufacturer and then delivered to the Contractor.
- Remember that before commissioning, it is necessary to carry out tests to verify the correct operation of the microgrid.





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