Renewable Energy Potential

in Transforming Brownfield Sites in the Baltic Sea Region

"Renewable energy could reduce emissions but also create jobs and improve public health."

- Sir Paul Polman, KBE

150 km

"Renewable energy means good paying jobs along with clean air and water."

- Roy Cooper, 75th governor of North Carolina

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Shifting from oil shale mining to wind + PV energy. Ida-Virumaa, Purtse, Estonia.



Shifting from coal mining to PV energy. Jaworzno, Silesia, Poland.

Source: Google Earth

ACTIONS +





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Comprehensive partnerships:

A Committee: different parties from regional authorities, employee organisations, employers, regional organizations, research institutions and universities, non-governmental organizations.

Soft networking structures: a regional scientific council, <u>energy clusters</u>, educational associations

4P possible Partnerships Actors: The concept of the Public–Private–People partnership (4P) is one emerging way of highlighting the need for developing the involvement of private actors and the general public in a joint process.

Owner: University Research Project funded from NGOs with some comprehensive partnership.

Who else benefits: The university, NGOs, Students, Public.

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BENEFITS + OUTCOMES

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Physical benefits:

- Re-using existing infrastructure;
- Re-using potentially contaminated land
- Preventing greenfield development:
- Providing renewable energy to local communities.

Non-physical benefits:

- Preventing job loss;
- Preventing energy poverty;
- Gaining community support through revitalization;
- Reducing regional energy costs.

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CONCLUSIONS

Green land-recycling has the potential to contribute to urban green infrastructure, while such potential is limited in other areas, like greenfields in rural areas.

Reuse of a brownfield site should be favoured over construction on a greenfield site.

Brownfield sites are increasingly becoming more popular as alternative locations for solar development. It presents unique opportunities for energy generation plants.

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Thank you!