



Description of the participant: The Municipality of Bytom



Bytom is one of the biggest towns situated in northern part of GOP (Upper Silesia Industrial Region) in Silesian Voivodship. It takes 69,32 square kilometers of area, where live about 200,000 inhabitants. Bytom is situated in southern – west part of Upper Silesia region on Bytomka river about 15 kilometers from Katowice. The highest point is situated near Sucha Gora (an altitude is near 330 meters above sea level) and the lowest – Bytomka Valley (249 m.a.s.). Average altitude of city is 280-290 m.a.s.

Nowadays a situation of productive area is a result of mining and steel industry concentration. Bytom has and translocal city centre with metropolian aspiration. In neighborhood of Bytom there are Piekary, Radzionków, Tarnowskie Gory, Chorzow, Zabrze, Swietochlowice, Ruda Slaska, Zbroslawice. Main advantage of city localisation is good road condition, close highway and airport Pyrzowice.

Number of economic entities in Bytom reach 13,000 from whom 12,600 there are people with own business and civil companies. Number of Bytom inhabitants in product age is equal 129.400 but the largest age group is (40-44) and (45-49) years old. Average age of Bytomer is 37 years old. Jobless rate is 17,5 %, so 13.353 people are without job (registered on 31.12.2000).

Bytom economy wants to industry restructurization, mainly connected with mining industry. On purpose to change of industry structure and new job-place creation, authority of city leads active invest policy, makes promotion of proecological undertaking. It is preferred possibilities of existing elements of producing area, modernization and renovation of brownfields on former mining areas. Aerial policy is based on heterogenical and synergic development. Bytom municipaly has made a long-term program called “Master Plan of Environmental Protection for Bytom 1995-2025” to make environmental condition better.

There were also prepared two basic documents indicating the way of the City development, namely: “Bytom Development Strategy 2000-2015” and “Operational Program of Bytom Development 2002-2006”.

In Bytom, city with mediaeval center (founded in 1254), arrangement of building condition give a lot to wish. In center there are about 2,200 of building whom more 1,200 were built before War World I st and next 850 in 1918-1945. Architecture of center is dominated by original and good projected building from 19th and 20th century. Study, concern long-term renovation of center program, started between 1995 and 1996. Thanks to professional contacts and experiences of area management it has been made study of revitalization connected with local plan of area development agree with “project – lead planing” idea. This solution is popularized in the other cities belonging to “Revitalization Forum” Society. To financing project, the city has emitted communal bonds an amount of 15 millions of PLN. City Bytom as a whole is located on mining areas so rehabilitation and redevelopment of brownfield sites seems to be still significant constrain for sustainable development of the city.