



Polish Pilot Site A: The Dolomites – Sports Valley, Bytom

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The Dolomites – Sports Valley

Previous land use: heavy industry

The chosen site (37.64 hectares) was formerly occupied by the Bytom Dolomite Mining Works.

Soil contamination

The soil contains heavy metal contamination, but it is in low concentrations and is not considered to represent a significant constraint to redevelopment of the site.

Buildings and infrastructure

Original industrial buildings and infrastructure no longer exist.

Urban context

The Dolomites - Sports Valley project will transform the currently derelict dolomite mine into an all year round leisure and recreation centre, situated between the adjacent Segiet Nature Reserve, and neighbouring housing estates.

Integration of social and engineering sciences

A range of disciplines is participating in the project – site owner, planners, engineers and local authorities. This integrated approach is aimed at satisfying:

- social needs: improvement of the quality of life.
- companies interests: profits for the owner/developer and for small and medium cooperating enterprises.
- local authority's interests: income for the local budget and improvement of the urban environment.

Sustainability

During the planning and decision making process, a participatory approach has been used, consistent with Polish law. Different stakeholders' interests have been accommodated in the development of this site to ensure that the project is a response to local and regional community needs. The project will, in addition, improve the ecological state of the area through the adoption of protection measures to preserve the neighbouring natural environment. The project is economically viable.

Participation

Different stakeholders have participated during the realisation of the project including:

- citizens;
- Bytom Municipality Office;
- businesses.



The new ski slope