

# In Metropolis GZM. Business

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## Record-high sources from European funding

More than 5 million euros are to be received by the Silesian Voivodeship, of which 2.2 billion euros are from the Just Transition Fund. The European Commission has approved the "European Funds for Silesia 2021-2027" regional programme.

The funds for Silesia allow for the completion of projects in areas of support such as:

- CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY,
- TERRITORIAL INSTRUMENTS,
- TRANSPORT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
- EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE
- CULTURE AND TOURISM.

Approved funds also allow for funding of projects related to the region's energy transformation and industry. Silesia received the largest share of the Just Transition Fund, totalling 2.2 billion euros to be used for the alleviation of energy transformation. It's the largest single allocation of resources from the fund provided to a coal region.



Source: own elaboration based on "European Funds for Silesia".



Source: Record European Funds for Silesia - totalling 5.1 million euro.

## Sosnowiec to house the Central Cybercrime Bureau

Sosnowiec will be the headquarters of the Central Cybercrime Bureau in Silesia. This unit will begin operating in mid-2023.

The Central Cybercrime Bureau (pl: CBZC) is a unit of the police force. It is responsible for completing nationwide duties regarding identifying and combating crimes committed with the use of information systems, ICT systems or ICT networks, the prevention of these crimes and the persecution of the perpetrators of these crimes.



Source: own elaboration based on: "Central Cybercrime Bureau in Sosnowiec".

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# “Kolej Plus” in GZM. Contracts for 100 km of tracks signed

Representatives from six councils signed contracts on the 5th of December with the PKP PLK company, for the completion of projects financed under the “Kolej Plus” programme. Górnośląsko-Zagłębiowska Metropolia is a partner in all of these projects and provided these councils with financing of their own contribution in implemented investments.

Financial commitments of planned investments by GZM total more than 317 million PLN. Their total value equals to almost 1.5 billion PLN. GZM has already commissioned pre-design documentation for these investments and fully financed the work. Due to the well prepared documentation and grants to cover the municipalities’ own contribution, these projects were better evaluated on a nationwide scale.

Thanks to the above, all six linear projects from Górnośląsko-Zagłębiowska Metropolia qualify to be completed under the “Kolej Plus” Programme

## 6 INVESTMENTS

The contracts for developments on train lines include:

- the construction of a second line to Rybnik at Katowice-Ligota-Orzesze- Jaśkowice,
- the reconstruction of the train connection from Pyskowice Centre,
- the reconstruction of an alternative passenger connection between Katowice and Tychy via the district of Kostuchna and Murcki in Katowice,
- the reconstruction of passenger traffic between Gliwice and Katowice Centre via south Zabrze and Ruda Śląska with a stop in Chorzów,
- the reconstruction of a direct connection between the centre of Dąbrowa Górnicza with Strzemieszyce and Sławków,
- the construction of a train line between Bytom and Ruda Śląska Chebzie via Orzegów.



Source: own elaboration.

# Activity Centre open in Mikołów

Renovated at a cost of 21 million PLN, an Activity Centre has been opened in three townhouses on the market square in Mikołów. The centre is prepared to be used by entrepreneurs and non-governmental organisations.

A co-working and start-up zone can be found there as well as rooms for online meetings and conferences.

Source: own elaboration based on:

“Social Activity Centre in Mikołów now open”.

[www.centrumaktywnosci.eu](http://www.centrumaktywnosci.eu)

# Tychy plans to set up a Green Economy HUB

Source: own elaboration based on the “Green Economy HUB coming to Tychy”.

# Better access to attractive investment sites in Bytom

A Green Economy HUB is to be built in Tychy. To achieve this, the city aims to receive 100 million PLN from the Just Transition Fund. The venue is to be used by businesses widely involved in the ecology and “green” technologies.

Work has finished on the reconstruction of ul. Węglowa in Bytom. The work allowed for access to attractive investment sites. To carry out the project worth 2.4 million PLN, the city received funding totalling 1.85 million PLN from the Local Investments Government Fund.

The land located at ul. Węglowa is one of the city’s most attractive areas for investments. Its convenient location, as well as easy access to the DK11, A1 motorway, Bytom Ring Road and close proximity to the Polish Coal Trunk-Line allows for excellent transportation links by car and train.



Source: own elaboration based on: “Reconstruction of ul. Węglowa simplifies access to attractive investment sites”.

# Katowice-Amsterdam connection takes off

Dutch Royal Airline - KLM has begun operating in Katowice Airport with its very first flight from Amsterdam to Pyrzowice.

In the 2022/2023 winter season, Amsterdam-Katowice flights will be served by KLM every day according to the schedule below:

<b>AMS → KTW</b>	[14:20 – 16:10 CET]
<b>KTW → AMS</b>	[16:50 – 18:50 CET]

Source: own elaboration based on: “Katowice-Amsterdam connection takes off”.

# City prepares its students for the requirements of the labour market

“Katowice, business, and my future” is a project designed to prepare Katowice’s secondary schools’ students for their later functioning on the labour market. During six meetings in six secondary schools, students will have the possibility to get to know, among other things, the recruitment process procedures related to working in companies in Katowice. Each planned meeting lasts 90 minutes and is targeted at students from 3rd and 4th secondary school classes and 3rd and 4th classes from technical colleges with business curricula to get to know the IT (information technology), ICT (information and communications technology) business offer and the recruitment processes (HR). About 600 students attended the meetings.



Source: own elaboration based on "The Katowice, business and my future project launched."

## EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

# A resident of Bytom succeeds in an international competition

Karolina Kruszewska from Bytom has received “The Bureau of European Design Associations Special Award” during the world’s greatest design competition “The Taiwan International Student Design Competition”.

Her design “Pose”, which came from the idea of sexual education for the blind, was placed among some of the best works which received awards during the competition. The project was also the subject of her master’s thesis at the Academy of Fine Arts in Katowice, touching on the experiences within sexuality of the blind, using sensory design methods.



Source: own elaboration based on: “Karolina Kruszewska from Bytom recognised at the world’s biggest design competition for students”.

# The “Silesian Innovator” award for Silesian University of Technology researchers

A specialised UAV for distribution of vaccinations for foxes designed by the researchers of the Silesian University of Technology has received an award by the chairman of the GZM’s management board during the Silesian Innovator awards ceremony.

The solution consists in an unmanned flying platform, i.e. a special drone, which precisely distributes vaccines for the process of oral administration to foxes. It was developed by a team of researchers and students from the faculty of automatics, electronics and computer science together with the faculty of electrical engineering in partnership with experts from the Provincial Veterinary Inspectorate.

The Silesian Innovator competition is organised by the Upper Silesian Accelerator for Commercial Enterprises Ltd. under the Enterprise Europe Network project. Its idea is to promote and reward the most innovative people in the Silesian Voivodeship.



Source: own elaboration based on: “Innowator Śląska prize for Silesian Polytechnic researchers”.

# GZM as co-host of the 6th Silesian Science Festival

The sixth edition of the Silesian Science Festival KATOWICE was one of the most important events held as part of the preparation phase before Katowice taking the title of the European City of Science in 2024.

## WATCH



Source: own elaboration.



# Initiating efforts to become the European Capital of Culture 2029



Source: own information.

## GZM’s municipalities success in local government ranking of the “Rzeczpospolita” daily magazine

The "Rzeczpospolita" Local Government Ranking is considered one of the most prestigious and reliable in Poland. For 18 years, the magazine editors have been assessing the achievements of local authorities in Poland, allowing them to identify and publish the local governments that best care for their sustainable development.

Cities in Silesia and Zagłębie are initiating their efforts to win the title of the European Capital of Culture 2029. GZM will take part in preparing the application for the European Commission.

The formal candidate for the title is Katowice, but the whole metropolis will join the celebrations. Preparation of the application has been put into the hands of Katowice and Sosnowiec.

The title of European Capital of Culture is granted to two or three cities within the European Union and candidate countries. The cities which win the title become entertainers of cultural life to the whole EU and present their heritage at an international arena, for 12 months.

In the “cities with county rights” category, three out of the top twenty municipalities are from GZM.

POSITION	MUNICIPALITY
3	Gliwice
10	Katowice
13	Tychy

65 municipalities qualified for this category.

Similarly, three GZM municipalities are in the top twenty under the category “urban and urban-rural municipalities”.

POSITION	MUNICIPALITY
4	Siewierz
9	Czeladź
18	Tarnowskie Góry

881 municipalities qualified for this category.

Two municipalities are found in the top twenty rural municipalities.

POSITION	MUNICIPALITY
10	Psary
13	Ożarówice

1523 municipalities qualified for this category.



Source: own elaboration based on “Rzeczpospolita” local government ranking.



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