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Ladies and Gentlemen!

As many as 20 years ago, on 1 May 2004, Poland became a full member of the European Union. As new possibilities and challenges presented themselves, the promise of progress and freedom came with them. Opportunities abounded: the opening of borders, the common market, the abolition of trade barriers, the free movement of workers and services, and EU funds, thanks to which the standard of living in our city could improve.

The residents of Krakow benefit from European funds every day – as a matter of fact, each person living under the Wawel Castle is a beneficiary at all stages of their life. The modernisation of transport infrastructure, support for education, culture, science, health care and many other areas have one thing in common: EU funds. They are changing the environment around us, making it easier to take care of our heritage, improve our comfort of life and respond to the climate change. In the two decades since we joined the European Community, Krakow has benefited from more than PLN 5.1 billion in funding, with the total cost of more than 420 projects amounting to PLN= 9.7 billion. Looking at these figures and the metamorphosis of the city, we can have no doubt that we have fully realised our opportunity for development.

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a good time to sum up our progress so far. On this occasion, we have prepared a summary of a dozen-plus city investments, illustrating the implementation of projects without which we cannot imagine today's Krakow – and which would probably not have been built without EU support. I therefore would like to invite you to read on and celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary together!

Jacek Majchrowski  
Mayor of the City of Krakow

# Investments



total value:

**PLN 9.11 billion**

co-financing:

**PLN 4.6 billion**

# Culture and tourism

Museums, theatres and community centres are institutions that have benefited greatly from EU funds. Today, we can enjoy renovated or brand new facilities and an even more interesting cultural offer. Culture is also about promoting our city and region internationally – Krakow has been a long-time favourite with domestic and international tourists for many years.

total value:

**PLN 823.12 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 333.12 million**

## ICE Krakow Congress Centre – world class



The modern convention centre at the Grunwaldzkie roundabout features a complex of conference halls (accommodating nearly 3,000 people) and a multifunctional exhibition space. The venue meets the highest standards of acoustics and performance mechanics, as well as the requirements of international congress organisations. This professionally prepared, world-class space is straightforwardly designed to host major conferences, international industry congresses, symposiums and cultural events, including festivals, celebrity concerts and exhibitions of all kinds.

Krakow owes its business and cultural revival to the Congress Centre, which provides the opportunity to host a variety of city, national and international events.

total value:

**PLN 346.9 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 82.9 million**

implementation years:

**2007–2015**

## Łapianka, Borek, Kościuszko – new functions of the forts



Łapianka, Borek, Kościuszko Forts have undergone revitalisation. The facilities, adapted for cultural and tourist activities, have gained new functions with minimal interference in their original form. The Jugowice/Łapianka Fort is now home to the Scout Movement Museum and Centre, while the Borek Fort is home to a community centre. The bastions of Kosciuszko Fort, on the other hand, where the park area is located, will be used for concerts or a summer cinema.

The revitalisation of the forts has helped to preserve the city's military heritage while harnessing their potential to serve in new contemporary ways.

<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 86.49 million</b>	<b>PLN 25.77 million</b>	<b>2014-2023</b>

## Museum of Engineering and Technology – modernity in a historic depot

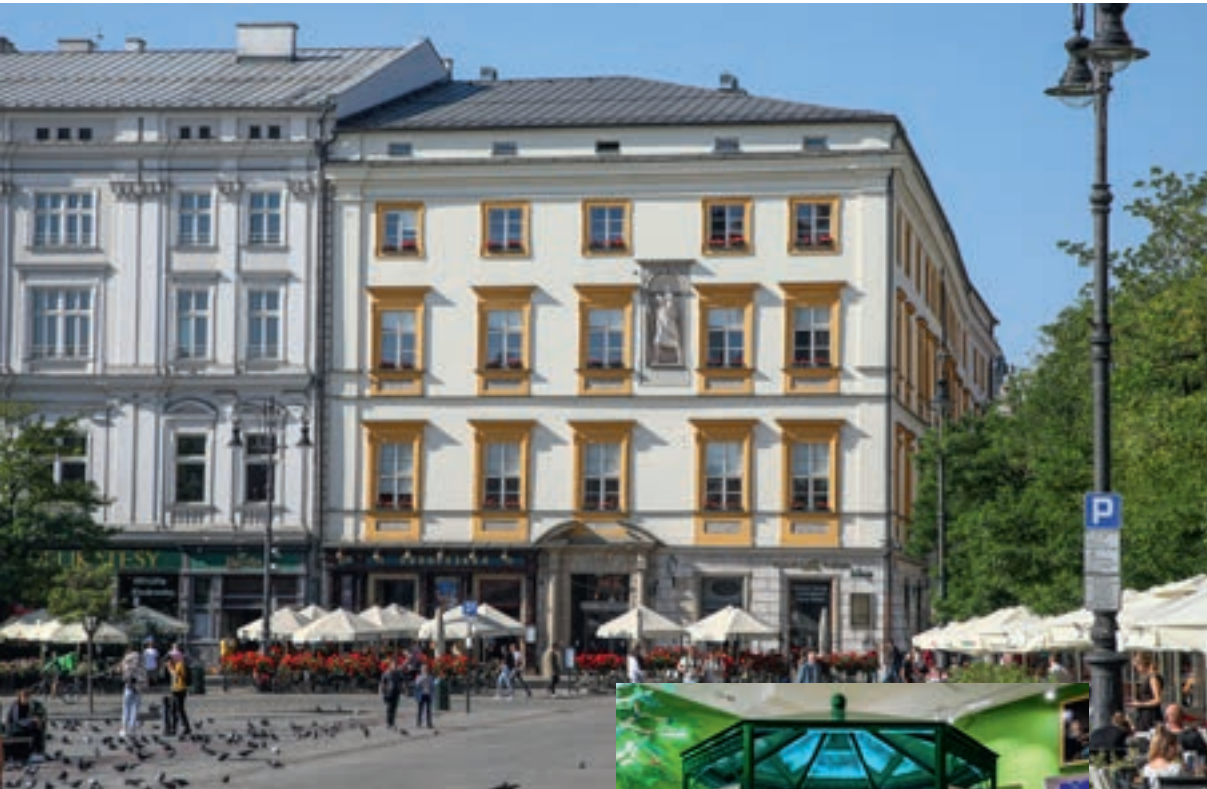


After several years of extensive modernisation, the Museum of Engineering and Technology has become a comfortable and modern institution, gaining a large exhibition space with technical facilities and a visitor centre. The museum's premises have been adapted for people with disabilities. An energy-efficient and environmentally friendly heating system (photovoltaics) was also installed. The projects have resulted in the new permanent exhibition "City. Techno-sensitivity", featuring nearly 600 restored technical monuments.

The Museum of Engineering and Technology has rescued the historic buildings of the former depot and opened them to the public. There is something of interest for everyone whatever the age, from the youngest to the oldest.

<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 83.15 million</b>	<b>PLN 39.96 million</b>	<b>2007-2023</b>

# Krzysztoforzy Palace – from scratch



The “Pod Krzysztoforzy” Palace, where the Historical Museum of the City of Krakow has its headquarters, has been modernised and the eastern wing renovated. The implementation of the project has restored an interior design worthy of a palace building, while preserving and accentuating the historical and artistic significance of the building.

The refurbishment of the Krzysztoforzy has provided it with the technical infrastructure to host modern exhibition activities, including the creation of a new permanent

exhibition and a rich educational and cultural programme in the innovative “Complete Museum” formula.

<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 59.92 million</b>	<b>PLN 36.20 million</b>	<b>2016–2021</b>



## Podgórze Museum – an important place for the district



The historic Pod św. Benedyktem inn at the junction of Powstańców Wielkopolskich and Wielicka streets has been extensively renovated and adapted for exhibition purposes, as the Podgórze Museum has been established there. The adaptation of the building included conservation and restoration works, as well as comprehensive landscaping and the installation of lighting. The project also included the purchase of equipment and the arrangement of the permanent exhibition and interiors of the Podgórze Museum.

An important district of Krakow, Podgórze, has obtained its own museum, which is not only a centre of historical and cultural activity, but also a place for meeting and integration.

<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 7.79 million</b>	<b>PLN 3.96 million</b>	<b>2015–2017</b>

## The Royal Road for the Disabled Tourist



Twelve tactile models depicting the monuments of Krakow are a tourist attraction designed for visually and mobility-challenged visitors. Mock-ups were created of the Barbican, the Old Town area, St Mary's Basilica and the Town Hall. The sculptures, made of bronze and placed on pedestals with wheelchair access, are accompanied by descriptions of the monuments in two alphabets: Latin and Braille, in Polish and English.

Thanks to the mock-ups, people with disabilities can get to know Krakow's most beautiful cultural and historical heritage sites. It is also an excellent history lesson for children and young people.

<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 1.19 million</b>	<b>PLN 0.89 million</b>	<b>2008–2010</b>

# Low-carbon transport



Transport is the area for which the largest amount of EU funds has been obtained. As a result, new tram lines, a network of cycle paths and collision-free intersections have been created, to name a few. These investments allow us to travel on modern trams and ecological buses.

total value:

**PLN 5.02 billion**

co-financing:

**PLN 2.58 billion**

## KST tram line – fast, comfortable, environmentally friendly



The extension of the Krakow Fast Tram (by nearly 2.2 km) from Lipska Street to Wielicka Street is yet another step towards improving the quality of public transport services in Krakow. The flyover connection improved communication between the south-eastern districts of Krakow and the city centre, Mistrzejowice and Krowdrza Górka. The location of the flyover over the Krakow Płaszów station and direct access from the tram stops to the platforms allowed public transport to be integrated with the railway.

The constructed route relieves congestion on one of the city's main tram routes, reduces journey times on public transport and, at the same time, contributes to reducing traffic emissions.

total value:

**PLN 174.2 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 87.1 million**

implementation years:

**2013–2015**

## Łagiewnicka route – a new tram line



The new 1.7-kilometre-long route provided an efficient connection between the Kurdwanów tram terminus and the tram network along Zakopiańska Street, reducing journey times in the southern districts of the city. Together with the 600-metre tram line along Zakopiańska Street, which has been extended (also as part of the project), the route provides a connection between public transport and the P+R car park system, encouraging drivers to choose the tram for their daily journeys in the area.



<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 177.9 million</b>	<b>PLN 122.9 million</b>	<b>2017–2022</b>

## Tram line to Górka Narodowa



This extremely important investment in the development of public transport in the northern part of Krakow connected the Krowodrza Górka tram terminus with a modern tram and bus station and P+R car park in Górka Narodowa. The new tram line, which is more than 5 km long, crosses the junction with Opolska Street without collisions, providing efficient transport services for Krakow's northern housing estates. It also guarantees the safety of travellers who want to use the P+R car park.



<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 592.2 million</b>	<b>PLN 184.2 million</b>	<b>2017–2023</b>



## Green fleet – for clean air



Low-emission public transport is one of Krakow's main objectives. To achieve it is becoming possible through the continued expansion of the fleet of modern buses, including hydrogen, electric and hybrid buses, and trams equipped with systems that return electricity to the grid during braking. EU projects have made it possible to purchase around 300 buses and more than 140 trams to ensure comfortable travel, as well as reducing noise and vibrations.

The more low-emission vehicles on public transport, the better the chances of clean air and, at the same time, safe and comfortable transport.

total value:

**PLN 1.8 billion**

co-financing:

**PLN 1.0 billion**

implementation years:

**2004–2023**

## Cycle paths – for the health of residents



An increase in the share of cycling in daily travel around the city is another important objective for Krakow. Funds from EU projects have supported the construction of more than 30 km of cycle routes, meeting high safety standards. The network of routes contributes to less congestion and reduced traffic emissions, provides convenience for cyclists and enriches the city's offer of active tourism.

Thanks to the extensive infrastructure of cycle paths people are more willing to choose a bike as a daily means of transport, which undoubtedly has a positive impact on their health and fitness.

total value:

**PLN 96.75 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 67.65 million**

implementation years:

**2014–2023**

## Park & Ride car parks – for traffic-free streets



Krakow is implementing a parking service programme aimed at integrating individual and public transport. With the support of EU funds, parking spaces were created at the main entrances to the city, at tram and bus terminals: Mały Płaszów, Kurdwanów, Bieżanów, Czerwone Maki. This allows travellers to move around the city by less carbon-intensive means of transport using a parking ticket.



P+R car parks make Krakow's streets less congested and the air cleaner. It is also a convenience and a saving for drivers, who can use public transport to get to their destination faster and more cheaply.

<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 12.55 million</b>	<b>PLN 7.05 million</b>	<b>2017-2021</b>

## Father Bernatek's Footbridge – a Vistula River attraction in Krakow



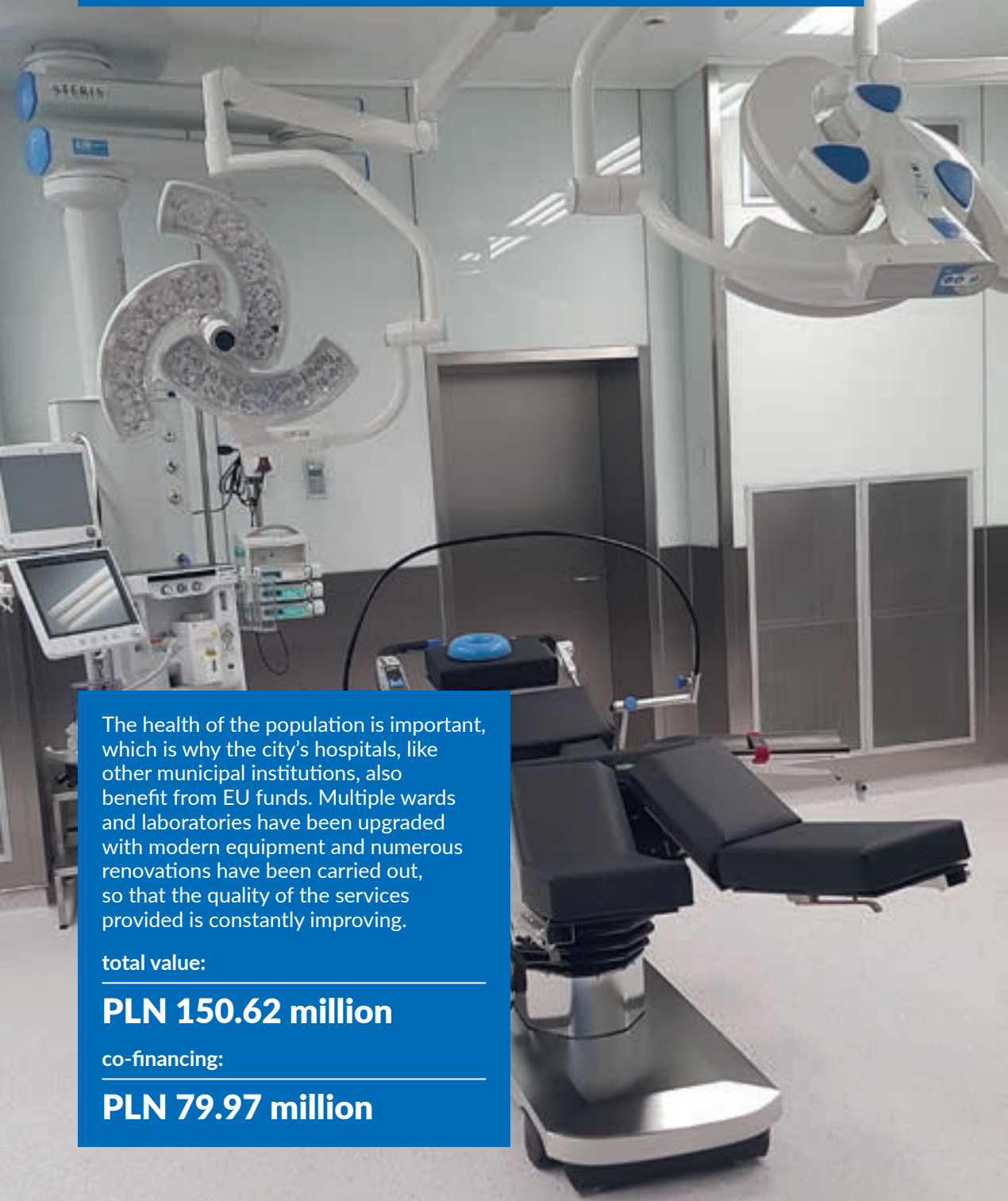
A pedestrian and bicycle bridge connecting Kazimierz with Podgórze was built where the Francis Joseph Bridge, known as the Podgórze Bridge, once existed. The footbridge not only fulfils a practical function – its interesting architectural form attracts many walkers. The spectacular lighting possibilities mean that the bridge is used on major holidays and to highlight current events.

With the construction of the Father Bernatek footbridge, the city gained an attractive recreational space that is popular for walks and meetings, giving the area a social, tourist and economic boost.



<u>total value:</u>	<u>co-financing:</u>	<u>implementation years:</u>
<b>PLN 38.8 million</b>	<b>PLN 14.9 million</b>	<b>2008-2011</b>

# Health



The health of the population is important, which is why the city's hospitals, like other municipal institutions, also benefit from EU funds. Multiple wards and laboratories have been upgraded with modern equipment and numerous renovations have been carried out, so that the quality of the services provided is constantly improving.

total value:

**PLN 150.62 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 79.97 million**

## Diagnostic centre at Narutowicza Hospital



At the Narutowicz City Specialist Hospital, a centre for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases of the gastrointestinal tract and endocrine glands has been established. The project included the construction of a new operating theatre and the purchase of the necessary equipment, as well as modern medical and diagnostic equipment.

With the establishment of the Centre, male and female patients have gained access to the latest diagnostic methods and modern medical equipment, resulting in greater safety and better quality of treatment.



total value:

**PLN 35.8 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 8.1 million**

implementation years:

**2016-2019**

# Medical equipment for Żeromski Hospital



The Żeromski Specialist Hospital has acquired numerous medical and diagnostic equipment and apparatus. Equipment for selected wards, departments and laboratories was also purchased and the hospital building was upgraded thermally.

The purchase of medical equipment is an important investment in health security, serving to improve the quality of services provided and the comfort of those requiring treatment.



total value:

**PLN 69.1 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 38.7 million**

implementation years:

**2015-2021**

# Environmental protection



The environment is the second area in terms of the amount of EU funds obtained. Thanks to them, Krakow has efficiently organised waste management and waste segregation. Investment in the environment translates into excellent quality water that we can drink straight from the tap, and numerous measures to improve air quality in Krakow.

total value:

**PLN 2.82 billion**

co-financing:

**PLN 1.46 billion**

## Thermomodernisation of health centre buildings



Thirty-four health centre buildings have received new façades and an economical heating system. The project involved comprehensive energy modernisation, which included the insulation of buildings and work to adjust or replace the central heating system.

Thermomodernisation of health clinics is not only an investment in energy savings and improved air quality, but also a better-looking building.



total value:

**PLN 29.1 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 12.6 million**

implementation years:

**2015–2021**

## Thermomodernisation of educational buildings



Thirty-eight educational buildings underwent thermomodernisation. The project included, depending on the needs identified in the energy audits, measures such as insulation of the external partition walls, replacement of windows and doors and replacement or modernisation of the internal central heating system.

The result of the works is reduction in energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The aesthetics of the buildings have also improved and using them has become more comfortable.

total value:

**PLN 47.2 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 20.8 million**

implementation years:

**2015–2023**

## Eco-combustion plant – less waste, more green energy



The Krakow Thermal Waste Conversion Plant is a modern, environmentally friendly incineration plant where non-recyclable waste is converted into energy. The thermal waste conversion process is carried out in compliance with the highest environmental protection standards under Polish and EU legislation.

Thanks to the eco-combustion plant, less waste is sent to landfill and the city can benefit from an additional source of energy.



total value:

**PLN 824 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 372 million**

implementation years:

**2013–2015**

# Quality of life and leisure culture



The quality of life and leisure culture are broadly defined activities which make us feel good in Krakow and encourage us to live here. Effects of some of these are visible to the naked eye, such as the revitalisation of the immediate surroundings. Some activities will bear fruit in the future, such as ones related to education, while others are experienced indirectly, such as digitisation, which saves us time while dealing with official matters.

total value:

**PLN 908.72 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 683.11 million**

## Revitalising Nowa Huta – let's meet in the courtyard



As many as eight courtyards in Nowa Huta have been given a new lease of life. They were designed in collaboration with male and female residents through community consultations and workshops. The revitalisation of the quarters' interiors has made them more comfortable and prettier. These venues particularly encourage seniors to spend their free time together and engage in various activities.

The residents of Nowa Huta can simply meet in their courtyards, in a friendly space conducive to neighbourhood integration.

total value:

**PLN 14.32 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 9.18 million**

implementation years:

**2017–2021**

## Zabłocie Park and Reduta Park – more green in the city



New parks provide friendly recreational spaces and more greenery to improve the microclimate, prevent flooding and cool the air on hot days. Reduta Park, created on Prądnik Czerwony, comprises almost 8 hectares of green space, including a pavilion with a roof terrace, two playgrounds, a dog park, a community garden and a sports field. Park Zabłocie – Vistula Station was created in the Podgórze district on the site of the former Podgórze Vistula railway station. There are 12 zones for different activities such as recreation, picnicking, playing and even growing vegetables and flowers.

Both parks were co-created by the neighbourhood residents. In total, there are now more than nine hectares of green space accessible to everyone.

total value:

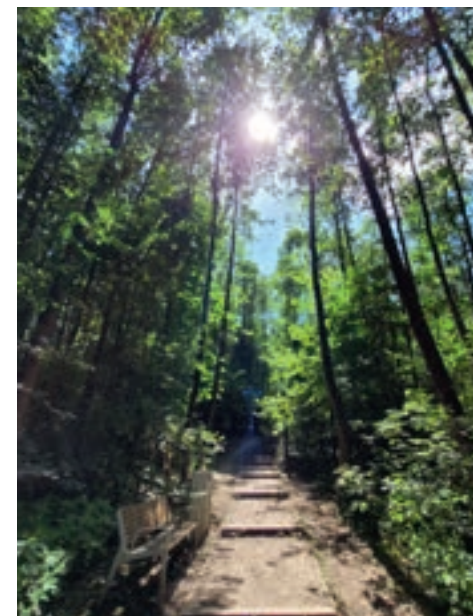
**PLN 16.96 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 4.31 million**

implementation years:

**2016–2019**





## Urban Green Belts in the Witkowice Forest



The Green Living Laboratory is a new attraction at the Witkowice Forest. Educational paths, information boards and field devices made of local wood and stone, which are attractive in their form, have been created here, among other things. A bridge over the Bibiczanka river was also built and parking spaces for bicycles and cars were allocated.

Thanks to this project, the Witkowicki Forest has become a convenient space for relaxation and recreation, and has also gained educational value, as walkers have the opportunity to learn more about the local flora and fauna.

<b>total value:</b>	<b>co-financing:</b>	<b>implementation years:</b>
<b>PLN 441 thousand</b>	<b>PLN 375 thousand</b>	<b>2016–2019</b>

## Digitisation of the geodetic resource



Krakow's digital geodetic and cartographic database is one of the best developed and elaborated in the country. The data is constantly updated and made available, as anyone can use it via the Observatory's MSIP portal. There are special services and mobile apps for the industries: surveyors, planners, appraisers, bailiffs.

The digitisation of the geodetic resource facilitates the collection of data accessible not only to selected professional groups, but also to anyone interested.

<b>total value:</b>	<b>co-financing:</b>	<b>implementation years:</b>
<b>PLN 32.7 million</b>	<b>PLN 26.1 million</b>	<b>2008–2023</b>

# Education



Krakow is committed to the development of modern general and vocational education, closely linked to the expectations of the labour market. Investment in education is therefore a priority for us. Projects in the field of education range from investment in infrastructure, the purchase of necessary equipment and facilities, to funding for additional classes, courses, scholarships and international exchanges. All this is aimed at improving competences of students and teachers providing general or vocational education.

total value:

**PLN 246.39 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 220.08 million**

## Crèches and nursery schools – with the little ones in mind



Krakow takes care of its young residents by creating new kindergarten departments and adapting buildings to the needs of children with disabilities. The projects created a total of 400 new places in 16 pre-school units. Even younger ones gained nursery places, allowing parents to return to work.

Friendly and convenient conditions in kindergartens and crèches are an investment in the future of children and an opportunity for their parents to become active in the labour market.

total value:

**PLN 12.2 million**

co-financing:

**PLN 10.3 million**

implementation years:

**2017–2020**

# Vocational Competence Centres – future for young people



The Vocational Competence Centres projects were carried out in six sectors: administration and services, construction, electricity and electronics, mechanics, agriculture and forestry with environmental protection, and tourism and catering. These included vocational skills development courses for male and female students, internships with employers, scholarships and career counselling. Appropriate equipment was also funded.

Thanks to the measures taken, the offer of vocational education is more in line with the needs of the labour market,

young people have a better relations with entrepreneurs and, consistently, better chances of finding employment.

**total value:** PLN 57.3 million      **co-financing:** PLN 51.5 million      **implementation years:** 2017–2023



# Did you know that...

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Since EU funds have been available to us, we have implemented **420+ projects** and obtained funding for more than **PLN 5.1 billion!**



The city has purchased **300 buses**, almost half of which are electric and hybrid vehicles.



The tram fleet has been expanded by **144 new trams**.



As many as **7 interchange point** have been established to enable efficient transfer to other means of transport.



**Over 30 km** - this is the length of tram lines built and modernised with the support of European Funds.



The P+R car parks offer a total of more than **1,300 parking spaces** and 120 bicycle parking spaces (Bike and Ride).



The length of cycle paths in Krakow has increased by even as much **as 70 km!**



With EU funds, the city has built and extended **30+ km of roads**.



More than **100 public facilities** have been thermally upgraded.



Thanks to thermomodernisation projects, final energy consumption has been reduced by more than **130,000 GJ/year**, and the annual decrease in greenhouse gas emissions amounts to 10,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.



As part of the programme to remove products containing asbestos, waste from **700+ sites** was disposed of.



The Vocational Competence Centres provided training for as many as **16,500 students** and work placements for nearly **5,500 students**. The most talented ones received scholarships worth nearly **PLN 10.3 million**.



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