



**Recommendations of the BEiK Council
on the Draft update
of the Polish National Energy and Climate Plan**
dated October 10, 2024

1. General assessment

We appreciate the proposed WAM scenario for its alignment with the real challenges facing the Polish economy in the energy and climate transition. For the first time, this scenario outlines the direction and pace of development for the Polish energy sector in harmony with EU policies and legislation, enabling a real response to Poland's energy and climate challenges.

2. Urgent need to adopt the NECP

We believe it is imperative to urgently adopt the NECP, recognizing the WAM scenario as a genuine reflection of the entire government's political commitment. Simultaneously, it is essential to foster a sense of shared responsibility among all stakeholders to achieve the outlined goals.

3. NECP as a strategic investment guidepost

We emphasize that the NECP should serve as a key "investment guidepost" for the entire economy, defining the pace of essential reforms. Discussing this document is, above all, a discussion about investment directions that should enhance economic value, boost competitiveness, and promote sustainable development. As such, the NECP must be treated as a foundational strategic tool articulating the government's long-term vision.

4. Transparency

We highlight concerns regarding the lack of transparency in drafting the NECP and the insufficient time allocated for public consultation. Such a significant document demands greater public engagement and transparent decision-making process in order to build trust and ensure broad public acceptance of the proposed measures.

5. Concrete actions

The draft NECP in its current form lacks detailed actions with measurable milestones that are easy to monitor. It fails to specify solutions for critical areas, including accelerating the permitting process for renewable energy investments, ensuring system capacity sufficiency, and enhancing energy efficiency. The NECP must outline concrete measures and funding sources, similar to the Recovery and Resilience Plan. Establishment of an energy transition fund utilizing entire revenues from CO₂ emissions allowances is an absolute priority here.

6. Make the NECP independent of the social contract with the mining industry

We emphasize that the NECP cannot be held hostage to the social contract with the coal mining industry. The goal of a broad social contract covering all coal regions, including lignite, should be to ensure dignified living conditions for coal sector workers, including retraining opportunities, rather than perpetuating mining operations beyond the necessary level driven by the needs of the energy sector. The WAM scenario should underpin the social contract, with its costs significantly reduced.

We stress that the NECP must not be constrained by the social contract with the coal mining industry. The objective of a broad social contract, encompassing all coal regions (including lignite), should be to ensure dignified living conditions for coal workers, such as retraining opportunities, rather than perpetuating mining operations beyond the essential level required by the energy sector. The WAM scenario should underpin the social contract, with its costs significantly reduced.

The recommendations were crafted drawing on the expertise and experience of the BEiK Council members, who act independently and do not represent any specific entity or organization in their work with the Council.

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