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Renewable energy share in Poland up to 11.3% in 2018

The share of energy from renewable sources (RES) in gross final energy consumption in Poland amounted to 11.3 percent in 2018 compared to 11 percent a year earlier and towards the 15 percent target in 2020, Eurostat said.

In the entire European Union, the share of energy from RES was 18 percent in 2018 compared to 17.5 percent in 2017.

The EU target is 20 percent in 2020 and at least 32 percent in 2030, as the statement states.

Sweden had the highest share of renewable energy in gross final consumption in 2018, amounting to 54.6 percent.

The Scandinavian country is followed by Finland (41.2 percent), Latvia (40.3 percent), Denmark (36.1 percent) and Austria (33.4 percent).

On the other hand, the lowest share of renewable energy was recorded in the Netherlands (7.4 percent).

“Giving up traditional energy is not easy, and above all it is expensive. Germany will have to pay around €2.6 billion for companies leaving coal by 2038. They also have a problem with blocking the commissioning of the Datteln 4 power plant in North Rhine-Westphalia due to high compensation.

“However, green energy is a direction one cannot ignore. These are high profits for the society and future generations, and at the same time much lower costs of operation and production,” Sebastian Biela, VP Energia Polska, said.

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