



# Streetlight-EPC

## **EVENT DESCRIPTION**

**Project Partner: City of Gdańsk & BAPE**

**Title of the working group event: Modernisation of street lighting based on EPC**

**Date & location: 16 November 2015, Gdańsk, Poland**

**Organiser(s):** City of Gdansk and BAPE

**Number of Participants:** 7

### **Summary**

So far, the city had not cooperated with ESCOs. However, in the context of the Streetlight-EPC project and also due to changing funding conditions (after 2020) and taking into account lack of experience in this type of cooperation, it was considered useful to hold a meeting dedicated to the implementation of projects based on contracting in cooperation with ESCOs.

### **Objectives & main programme points**

The city has not implemented a street lighting refurbishment project in cooperation with an ESCO yet. Modernisation of street lighting was carried out either from city's own resources or with the assistance of the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management in the framework of SOWA programme. This programme however does not support street lighting projects anymore. Thus it is important to raise awareness on ESCOs. The meeting was combined with BAPE's presentation on EPC, ESCO and PPP projects. The discussion pointed to legal problems associated with the involvement of ESCOs in public matters.

### **Conclusions & lessons learnt**

The meeting was the first event of this kind. In theory, projects involving private partners are listed and supported by the Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020. Therefore, it is planned to organise another working group meeting to discuss different aspects of the strategy aiming at implementation of a systematic approach to EPC for all relevant future investments in the city.

