



THE MILL ISLAND

Bydgoszcz began this framework programme for the regeneration of an old industrial area, the Mill Island, in 2004. The regeneration plan not only wanted to make the city centre a focal point of city life whilst maintaining its historic character but also aimed to implement EU policies on social cohesion and environmental sustainability. Collaboration with the different stakeholders was fundamental.

REGENERATION

refurbishment of old industrial premises

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job and enterprise centre, revitalisation
of sport facilities, museum and cultural
centres, leisure infrastructures
&
reconstruction of historic streets, wharfs
and footbridges

COOPERATION

many stakeholders

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each coordinating and managing a
sub-project, but also
sharing expertise

smooth decision making process



I used the services of the employment and entrepreneurship centre on The Mill Island. I was able to start my business thanks to funding and support from the employment office: I now offer sightseeing tours of the city, trips and special activities for children.

Daria Kieraszewicz Bydgoszcz resident

AWARDS

2008 'modernisation of the year' (Polish ministries of infrastructure education and science)

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2010 'seven miracles of EU funds'
(Polish ministry of regional
development)

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EUROCITIES 2011 cooperation award



NUMBERS AND FIGURES

63 events in 2013

€16.5 million budget

11+ partners

6.5
hectares
refurbished

where: Bydgoszcz, Poland what: economic development

when: 2004+