

# Green innovations and circular economy in Starachowice

### **Eco Budget in primary schools**

The Eco Budget initiative was designed to actively involve primary school students in transforming their local schools into more environmentally friendly spaces. Students were encouraged to submit environmentally focused project proposals to the municipal authorities. Following the submission phase, elections were held within each school to select the most promising projects. This initiative successfully raised greater social engagement and heightened awareness of ecological issues among the youth.

#### **Public Transport**

The municipality, through the implementation of free public transport for residents and the introduction of environmentally friendly buses, significantly reduced pollution levels and enhanced air quality within the city.

### Eco School

The Eco School is a dedicated section of a primary school constructed entirely using environmentally sustainable materials. Additionally, it offers lessons specifically designed to cultivate awareness of ecological issues from the earliest stages of education.

## "Co Green" Project

The project aimed to promote sustainable development, environmental stewardship, and the active involvement of the local community in environmental protection efforts. Its objectives extended beyond ecological education, seeking also to foster community integration through collaborative environmental initiatives, identify local leaders, and support educators conducting activities within their communities. As part of the project, several ecological actions were implemented, including the planting of vegetation in the Social Garden at the headquarters of the local seniors' organization, as well as the creation of an ecological garden adjacent to social housing blocks.



Starachowice is an exemplary progressive city that is actively adapting to environmental sustainability and integrating eco-friendly practices into its development strategies.