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TC: 0:05 (*the survey*)

Dirty waters, dirty air. That's what we do.

TC: 0:09 (*the survey*)

As for now, nothing has change after joining the European Union.

TC: 0:11 (*the survey Q*)

What can the Union do for us?

TC: 0:20 (An) *Mr. Andrzej Mickiewicz – a member of the City Council in Szczecin*

Thanks to the European Funds, the City of Szczecin can carry on the so-called master plan for the water-supply-and-sewage-disposal system. The system comprises sewerage network exchange, its regeneration and, last but not least, sewage treatment plant construction. The City of Szczecin would not be able to cope with such a financial burden without those funds. If the investment had not been made, the citizens would have to pay more for water and sewage, because the charges for untreated sewage would have been a lot higher than nowadays.

TC: 0:57 *Mr. Jakub Szumin – “Gaja” The Greens’ Federation*

Everybody will have to protect the environment under the influence of the regulations. The farmers will have to be very conscious about what they do and how they influence the environment.

TC: 1:33 (*the survey*)

If we take a look at the “old” European Union countries, such activities are supported by the Union's budget. If we were able to get access to such kind of funds, we would do something.

TC: 1:48 (*the survey Q.*)

Maybe we'll have a chance to do something good about the environment protection, but can we good use of those good funds?

TC: 2:03 (An) *Mr. Andrzej Grabałowski – The President of the Council of Dobra*

From 1996 till 2002 we made a sewage treatment plant and a sewerage network 160 km long for about 3,5 million euros. I mean, there are two plants. One of them collects sewage from the whole area. Its throughput is of 2200 cubic meters/day, but now we use only half of it. So, we have a huge unused capacity and that's why we can go on developing our area.

TC: 2:46 (*the survey Q*)

Greater subsidies would help our country. They would be used in a good way. But everything depends on us. How are we going to use them? I think they will be distributed well. There will be a plan. We will do something really good. As you see, there are new sewage treatment plants. Sounds good, doesn't it? But what will happen in the future?

TC: 3:22 (An.) *Mrs. Elżbieta Kruszyńska – a member of the Local Council of Police*

The district of Police has made good use of the pre-accession funds. I mean the PHARE funds for the cross-border protection of underground waters. It's a huge investment which comprises a sewerage system. It's under way and it's being supported by the PHARE fund.

TC: 3:56 *Mr. Robert Michalski – from the West Pomeranian Province Chairman Office*

These investments are not so media-wise as roads and bridges, which seem to be very conspicuous. The investments connected with environment protection are located underground, I mean some pipes that cannot be seen, some suburban structures and so on. Anyway, the infrastructure is very expensive. Consequently, the European funds are very important when solving the problems of our province.

TC: 4:40 (*the survey*)

It's hard to say if the situation is really so bad. I think it's not so bad. Our educational system should make us aware of it.

TC: 4:52 (*the survey*)

I think money is important, but the awareness is the most important factor. We should teach our children about it, because as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.

TC: 5:05 *(the survey Q)*

I would like to know if anything will change in our country because of the European money.

TC: 5:15 (An) *Mr. Jakub Szumin – “Gaja” The Greens’ Federation*

Thanks to special funds and programmes we’ll have an opportunity to change and improve the quality of ecological education. These funds are accessible for a wide range of beneficiaries. Some institutions will be able to use them to raise the standards of ecological awareness.

TC: 5:56 *(the survey)*

We must take care of the environment, use alternative and renewable energy sources. We must develop solar and wind energies.

TC: 6:10 *(the survey Q)*

We will have to adapt ourselves. Something should be changed, shouldn’t it?

TC: 6:19(An) *Mr. Andrzej Mickiewicz – a member of the City Council in Szczecin*

We will drink healthier water, we will have cleaner environment, cleaner lakes and rivers. Everybody will win. I hope in no time we’ll swim in clean lakes. Maybe some day we’ll stop buying bottled water, because it will be possible to drink tap water, just like in Greece. In Greece nobody has to buy bottled water.