

Marcin Bazylak

Resident of Dąbrowa Górnicza, on September 14th, 2018, he will be 40, graduated from High School No. 1 in Dąbrowa Górnicza, University of Silesia in Katowice and Jagiellonian University in Kraków. For 12 years he has been working in local government. He was the head of the working team that created the Dąbrowa Górnicza Development Strategy until 2020.

As the president's representative he was responsible for the support of associations and the development of civil society. Initiator of a number of Dąbrowa projects, including: Dąbrowa Participatory Budget, Dąbrowa May Festival, Zagłębiewood, Our Alleys. Our Decision. He is the chairman of the Inicjatywa Dąbrowska association (www.inicjatywadabrowska.pl), which continues the activities of the Zielone Zagłębie association, which was established in 2001. He actively works on the national forum.

He worked on the development of participatory budgeting standards in Poland, a permanent participant of the National Forum of Practitioners of Participation. Among the local governments, he promotes the idea of dialogue and cooperation. Involved in the activities of the Progressive Cities Network and the Congress of Urban Movements - in 2017 the 5th Congress of Urban Movements took place in Dąbrowa Górnicza. In 2016 he became the first deputy mayor of Dąbrowa Górnicza.

For his most important achievements in this position he considers:
- initiating the investments of Dąbrowa Górnicza and PKP, assuming the

creation of interchange centers in Ząbkowice District, Strzemieszyce District, city center and Gołonóg District, changes of the transport system in these places through the construction of pedestrian and bicycle tunnels, construction of park and ride car parks and revitalization of railway stations,

- Fabryka Pełna Życia (Full of Life Factory) project - revitalization of Dąbrowa Górnicza downtown (worked on creating project assumptions, on obtaining funds from the Ministry of Development and Infrastructure as well as establishing a team for the Full of Life Factory),

- making profound changes in the Zagłębie Linear Park project, thanks to which Zielona Park (with a significant share of EU funds) has been brought up in line with the postulate to protect the valuable natural areas of the park and change priorities (Zielona Park as a place for the citizens recreation surrounded by nature, instead of planned conference and commercial center),

- acquisition of external funds for a replacement of urban lighting (over 2 600 new LED luminaires) and renovation of Haller Park in the city center,

- investment of Dąbrowa Górnicza and Tramwaje Śląskie (Silesian Trams), which revolutionizes the main communication route in Dąbrowa Górnicza (Sobieskiego, Królowej Jadwigi, Piłsudskiego and Kasprzaka Streets),

- development through consultation and implementation of local centers integrating residents (including Hutnik Square in Gołonóg District, Residents' Activity Square in Mydlisce District, comprehensive renovation of public spaces in the Manhattan District),

- development and implementation of a new model of Dąbrowa Participatory Budget 2.0. - an innovative solution involving residents in the spatial planning process.

He often repeats: "I do not like the word " I ", I like the word " we " because I have confidence in the knowledge and experience of the people I work with, as well as thousands of Dąbrowa Górnicza residents who know best what our city should look like."