



PKP PLK climate change adaptation strategy

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PKP Polish Railway Lines (PKP PLK) general information

PKP Polish Railway Lines – the national railway infrastructure manager a company with majority stock held by the State Treasury

Creating the best conditions for providing transportation services for the country by:

- ensuring proper level of safety,
- respecting the natural environment,
- providing access to railway lines to passenger and freight railway undertakings,
- ensuring a high standard of information on passenger trains traffic,
- acting to increase accessibility, attractiveness and reliability of railway transport.

PKP PLK in figures

Zarządca narodowej sieci linii kolejowych

18 536 km of railway lines

38 815 turnouts

14 173 level crossings

25 152 engineering structures

5 764 buildings of technical posts

14 487 structures (umbrella roofs, platforms, acoustic screens)



Strategic documents regarding climate change

Polish National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change with the perspective by 2030

Strategy for the Responsible Development to 2020 with the perspective by 2030

Plan for Railway Infrastructure Adaptation to Climate Change – document of PKP PLK



Plan for Railway Infrastructure Adaptation to Climate Change

- > Indicates which PKP PLK operational areas are vulnerable to climate change;
- > Develops methods for assessment of climate change impact on PKP PLK performance;
- > Indicates the set of actions which should be undertaken.





Climate factors

- Storms, lightnings, hailstorms,
- Rainfall extreme flows, floods (from the river/sea, sudden, urban floods), landslides,
- High temperature (fire),
- Strong and very strong wind,
- Low temperature (incl. black ice), snowfall,
- Fog.





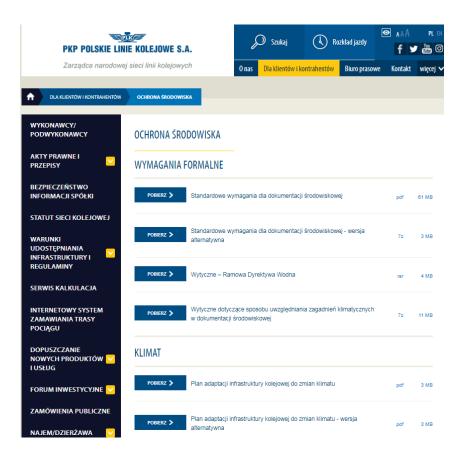
Elements of the rail system vulnerable to climate factors

Fields of operation	Elements of the rail system
Railway lines	Tracks
	Drainage system
	Engineering structures
Engineering and telecommunications	Railway traffic control devices
	Telecommunications engineering
Power supply	Electric power enginnering
	Catenary
Buildings and structures	Installations
	Building structures
	Roads
	Environmental protection devices
Traffic management	Rolling stock
	Railway station buildings



Guidelines on how the climate issues should be addressed in the environmental documentation

- reports on environmental impact
- project information sheets





Development of the SEPE system

SEPE - Operating Performance Registration System

Features to be added to SEPE:

- the cause of an incident;
- the reaction time of the teams minimising the consequences of the incident;
- the time needed to restore train traffic;
- the number of teams involved;
- the equipment necessary to repair any damage.



Tree inventory

recognition of trees within a distance of 25 metres of the railway tracks

results presented in GIS



source: imgw.pl



Systematic removal of trees that directly threaten railway infrastructure

based on the inventory

avoid possible effects of fallen trees



source: radio90.pl



Replacement of the heating systems of buildings

low-emission heating devices



source: plk-sa.pl



Research project - increasing energy efficiency of devices for electric heating of the turnouts

reduced consumption of electricity

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reduced CO₂ emission



Updating the Plan for Railway Infrastructure Adaptation to Climate Change every 5 years

assessment of vulnerability

implementation of changes

proposal for new actions



Installation of photovoltaic cells in acoustic screens

Advantages:

- providing acoustic comfort
- generating solar energy

Cooperation with the National Centre for Research and Development



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