

Local communities

In order to unify the standards for information campaigns on the strategic investments conducted by GAZ-SYSTEM S.A., the company has implemented a **local community communication plan**.

Its fundamental purpose is intensifying communication actions, conveyance of important information about the gas pipelines and compensation payment procedures to the communes establishing good and regular contacts with each commune to enable the communes to relay necessary information to their inhabitants.

One of the communication tools used is the dispatch of official letters to local authorities informing them of the commencement or relevant stages of the works of given sections of gas pipeline located in the given commune.

A crucial element of the project is the organisation of **information meetings** both with local authorities as well as the inhabitants of the specific communes where the gas pipeline constructed by the company are located.

In some communes permanent **information points** or **regular information point** hours, are organised by the company, which constitute a valuable source of information for the inhabitants and all interested parties in the investment.

Another important instrument are **press publications** in the local media in given communes and information bulletins in self-government units.

Since the beginning of 2011, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. has conducted **313 meetings** with the local communities in connection with the performance of investments in given regions of Poland.

In order to establish a reliable model of cooperation at the stage of design and execution of projects, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. developed "The Principles of Communication with Local Communities at the Project Design Stage". The document specifies the requirements concerning: the obligatory communication activities at each project execution stage, development of a plan of communication with local communities in relation to the projects designed or under construction followed by implementation of the plan, holding of a series of information meetings with representatives of local authorities of each of the communes on the route of the gas pipeline and regular reporting on the execution of the communication plan.