

Poland Obstacles for Sustainable Development

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- After decades of socialism Poles would prefer to have the problems of welfare capitalism



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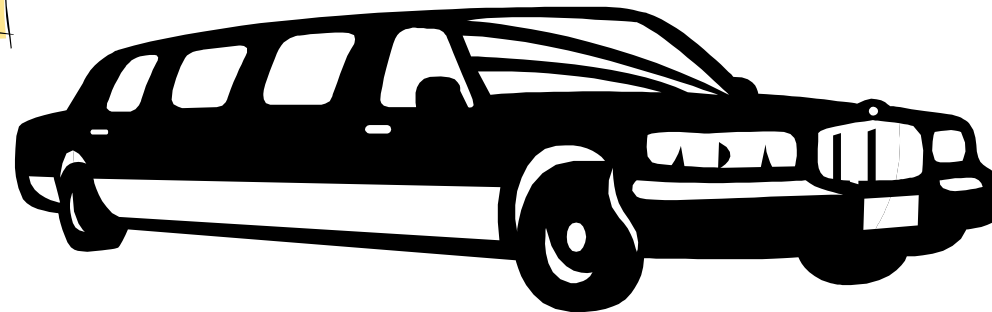
- Plastic bags are considered to be more modern than paper bags, plastic bottles better than glass bottles and...

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- ...a big car is better than a small one.



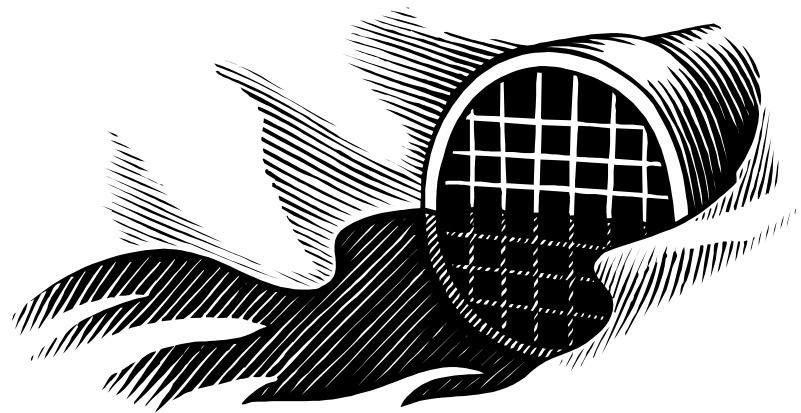
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- So we wont tell local authorities how to save environment, but to how to save money, making intelligent use of environment.

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- For example:
- A village has a problem with sewage ?
- We advice them to use this for heat and energy production

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- EU helps local authorities in financing such projects but...

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- ... procedures are complex, longlasting and biurocratic. National offices for EU support are not always prepared for their tasks.

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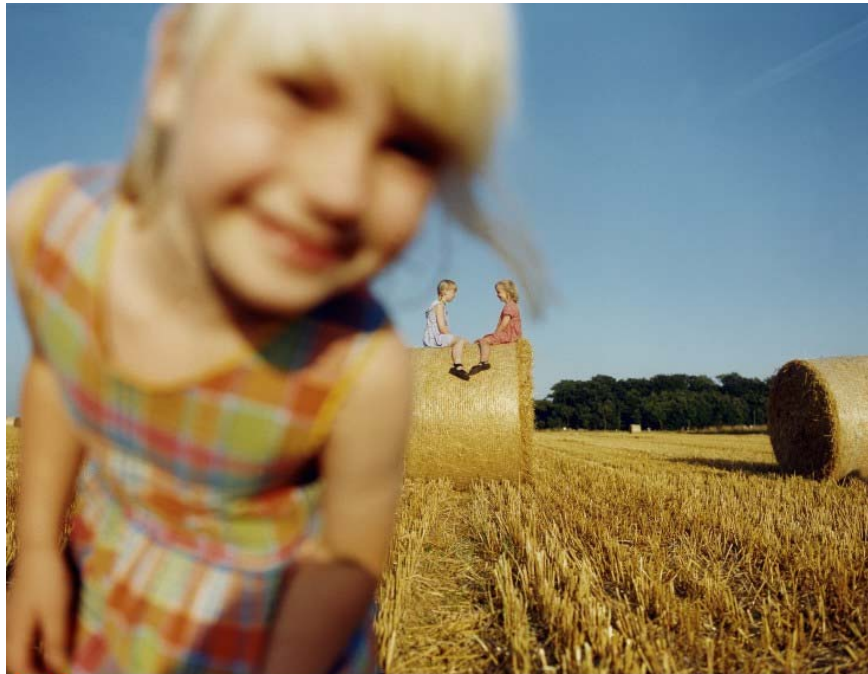
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- Smaller funds, managed by smaller units, could bring on quicker results also for small villages.

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Caption: Kinder auf Stoppelfeld, Strohballe, Spiel, Spielen Deutschland, Niedersach...

- The rural region is suffering under unemployment and emigration. We think, renewable energy from straw wood or energy plants can ease this problem.