



Photo: Sulmierzyce Wind Farm

During the operation of the WF Sulmierzyce (the Project) in the reporting period from January to December 2023, it was found that:

- compliance of the activities carried out during the reporting period as part of the Project implementation with the Environmental Decision was verified and confirmed, as the acoustic measurements were conducted within two months after operation phase, there were no exceedances of the permissible noise levels, noise monitoring and operational monitoring of birds and bats have commenced and are being carried out in accordance with Polish guidelines,
- the Project was operating in compliance with most of the actions required in Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP), as a Decommissioning Plan and a Biodiversity Management Plan were prepared and included in the Environmental and Social Management Plan for the operational phase (O-ESMP), which is under development, acoustic measurements, noise monitoring and operational monitoring of birds and bats were conducted, community grievance mechanism is in place, and awareness raising measures in the form of warning signs were implemented,
- no grievances were received during the reporting period,
- a lack of compliance was identified for the timeline for the preparation of the O-ESMP, which according to the ESAP should be prepared and implemented before operation commences, whereas it is still under development which began in November 2023,
- a gap was identified, as the shutdown on demand procedure has not yet been prepared, whereas, according to the ESAP, it should have been developed prior to commissioning phase

and the application of the procedure should be made following the results of operational monitoring,

- the gap will be addressed by the Project, as the shutdown on demand procedure will be developed in the 1H 2024, and it will be implemented if needed, after a full operational monitoring that will give a more complete picture of birds and bats activity and mortality in the area of WF Sulmierzyce,
- the Project decided to implement compensatory measures for bats in the form of artificial shelters, which will be built in 2024 in forests and forested areas located at the appropriate distance (minimum 4-5 km) from the wind farm.