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Poland: Kalisz and Ostrów Wielkopolski are investing in smart city lighting

Warsaw, Poland - Philips Lighting, a global leader in lighting has implemented a connected city lighting system in cities of Kalisz and Ostrów Wielkopolski. Thanks to LED technology and connected control system Philips CityTouch, the two cities have decreased their energy spending by about 70%. Oświetlenie Uliczne i Drogowe Sp. z o.o. was the company in charge of the project's execution.

Connected lighting is yet another smart city project implemented in the area of Kalisz and Ostrów agglomeration. This time, the investment aimed at increasing safety, savings and creating new possibilities for monitoring of lighting infrastructure.

'Most of the investment area in Ostrów Wielkopolski are residence districts, so places that citizens consider to be special and where they want to feel safe at all times. This is one of the reasons why we decided to invest in new LED lighting, we wanted to increase visibility and safety of all road users' - says Beata Klimek, the mayor of Ostrów Wielkopolski.

For the project in the area of Kalisz and Ostrów agglomeration, about 2000 conventional fixtures were replaced by energy efficient LED technology. Thanks to the Philips CityTouch system, each one of them can be remotely controlled via a mobile device.

'New technologies have changed the way we manage our urban resources. Things that use to take days now can be done in few hours. You'll see it even if you compare the diagnose and repair process. If a lamp stops working, if there's any problem, the system will be immediately informed' - explains Maciej Witczak the CEO at OUID, a company from Kalisz, in charge of management and maintenance of the lighting infrastructure.

The functionality of the systems allows a constant control of lighting parameters and their adjustment to changing surroundings and needs of citizens.

'We don't need to have the same light intensity everywhere at the same time. We can control it. And this helps us reduce our energy use and therefore limit out spending' - says Grzegorz Sapiński, the mayor of Kalisz.

Philips Lighting's analysis shows that simple transfer from conventional to LED lighting reduces energy spendings by 50% and the inteligent CityTouch systema allows a further cut by another 20%. Savings give local authorities a chance to implemented further urban innovations and therefore to increase the comfort and quality of citylife.

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