



Learning by doing:

ongoing evolution of
the Polish Clean Air Programme
towards supporting deep renovations and
tackling energy poverty

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„Clean Air” Programme – key facts

National-level
programme

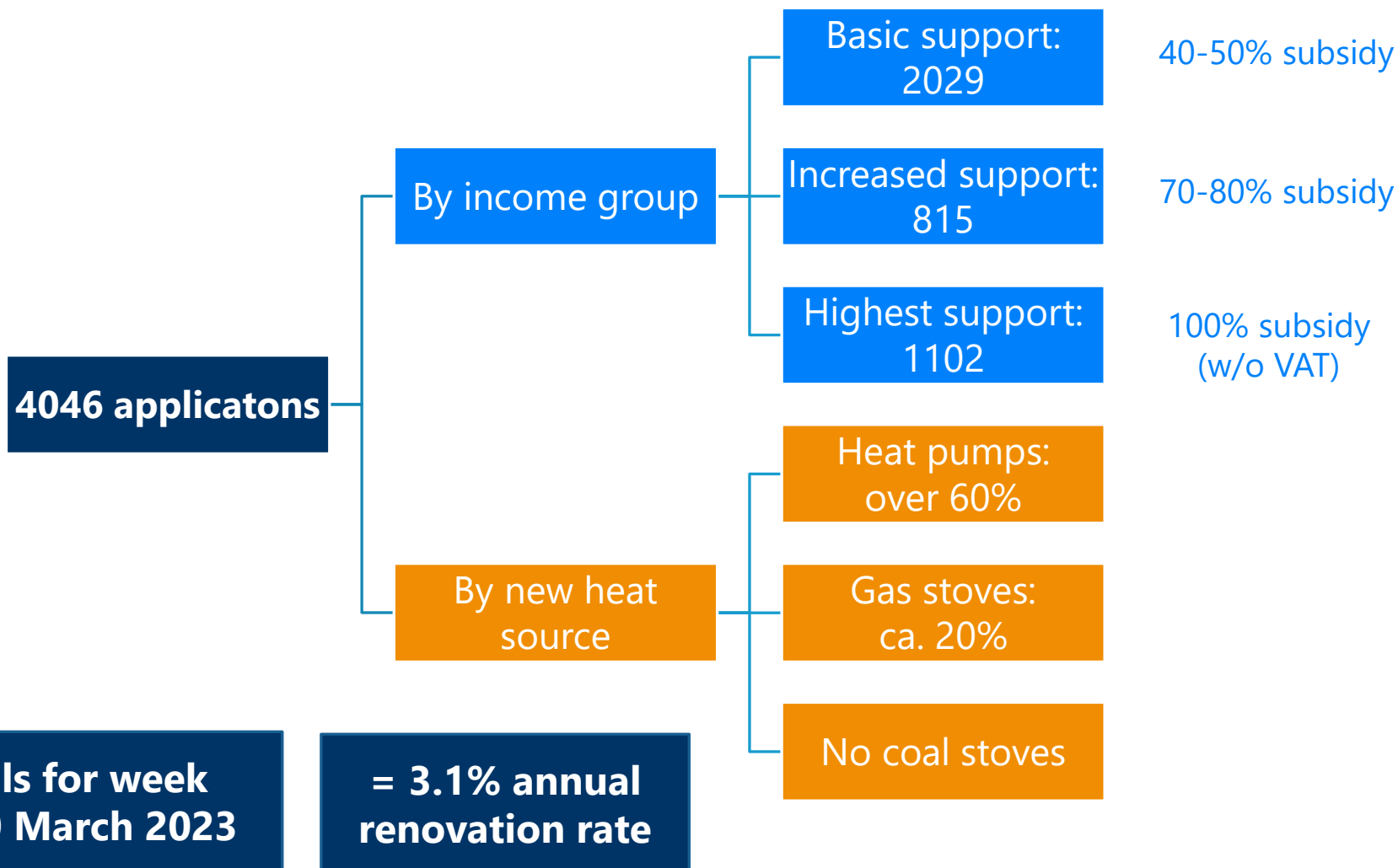
Focus on single-
family houses

Broad coverage,
with differentiated
support by income
group

Launched in 2018
as a tool to tackle
air pollution from
old coal stoves

Implemented by
National
Environmental
Fund (NFOŚiGW)

Current state of „Clean Air” Programme in numbers





How did we get here?

2018 – no programme in place, “Clean Air” starts in Autumn 2018



2020 – focus on increasing scale: digitisation, easier rules, cooperation with local authorities



2022 – phase-out of coal support, introduction of highest level of support, 50% pre-financing



2023 – nearly doubled max support, refocusing on complex renovation (heat + energy efficiency)

**Total applications up to date:
570k households, EUR 2.4 bn (EUR 1 bn already spent)**



Lessons learned

- Just do it – and improve along the way
 - Best case – pilot projects
 - Second-best – regular reviews of existing programmes
- High-level political ownership is important
 - Initiating the programme and keeping it alive
 - Tackling energy poverty as a part of broader set of priorities
 - Civil society role: keep up the pressure on the government to improve
- Various financing sources are and will be available
 - Domestic funds from environmental levies, EU ETS, ETS2, Recovery Fund...
 - Energy crisis shows the costs of inaction



Useful resources

- Programme website (in Polish): <https://czystepowietrze.gov.pl/czyste-powietrze/>
- Report on the *Clean Air* Programme covering 2018-2021 (summary in English): <https://ireform.eu/en/our-projects/investing-in-energy-efficiency-an-exception-or-a-rule-in-the-clean-air-programme/>
- Report on the broader landscape of renovation policies in Poland (summary in English): <https://ireform.eu/en/our-projects/effective-instruments-supporting-comprehensive-energy-modernisation-of-buildings-in-poland/>

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