

compact Pleszew

A 15-minute town





What is our forte? We are not a big city! Ever since we realized this in 2018, we have been taking advantage of the natural location of the town, aiming to become a fully-fledged compact town. For us, it is neither a trendy theory nor a marketing slogan. Compact Pleszew means real actions and consistently executed development plan which includes three concepts: Green City, Smart City and 15-minute City.

Pleszew 15'city

Compact Pleszew is a resident-friendly space with a well-balanced ideas for public transportation, administrative offices, schools, nurseries and health care. All that you want is at your fingertips, and all we just did was to smartly design the city. Now you need just 15 minutes – on foot, by bike or bus – to reach modern sport and recreational facilities, or access the cultural offer of the town.

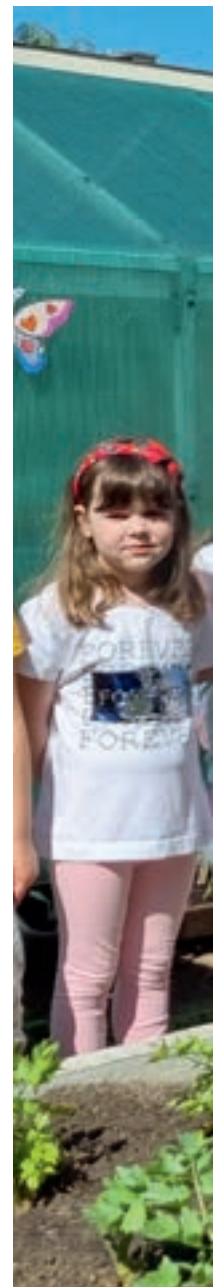


Arkadiusz Ptak,
Ph.D., Mayor of Pleszew,
professor of the Polish Academy of Sciences



Well-equipped and accessible educational facilities

In Pleszew we have both public and private schools. The former are state-run while the latter are run by private partners or associations. The nurseries and kindergartens, which all are well-equipped and accessible, are found in such places so that everybody could easily reach them. This enables parents to raise their children without interrupting their daily jobs. There is a large network of elementary schools in the town and the surrounding area, which is rounded out with vocational, technical and high schools. The schools have excellent learning facilities and infrastructure. Additionally, students can also attend the Special Needs School Complex and the Elementary National Music School.







Urban mobility

The basic assumption of a 15-minute town is getting rid of using a car in favor of taking a walk or riding a bicycle. In the town center there is a network of bike paths which is continually growing. The paths are designed and marked out so as to enable expedient transportation between main locations in town and to facilitate reaching them. Modern public transportation is another alternative to taking a car. Our small but convenient buses operate on two circle routes going as far as the sub-urban locations. Their size, operating frequency and symbolic ticket prices are the biggest advantages, which are appreciated especially by senior citizens and children commuting to schools.



Ecological solutions

We are an Eco and Smart Town. Nature conservation is found in each and every action we take. We take care about the quality of air with the help of over 30 sensors across the town and the commune. Many of the public buildings make use of sustainable sources of energy. We plant trees and design flower meadows and pocket parks. New green spaces with thousands of plants encourage the residents to take a rest. And the smart and eco-friendly services are at the heart of this. Last, but not least, is education. We teach how to sort waste for recycling and how to go green. It works!









Public housing

Every year, new apartments are built in Pleszew. The town government and a local government company (Social Housing Association) are a primary investor, but private investors are also very present. Hence, the wide selection of types of housing ownership to choose from: direct purchase, loan repayment in the rent, renting, or social housing. Effectively, the housing market is rich and competitive, and owning an apartment is no longer a dream but a possibility. Moreover, new buildings are constructed near the most important services so that the residents had an easy access to them.



City plan

Nurseries and kindergartens



Schools



Cultural facilities



Recreational facilities

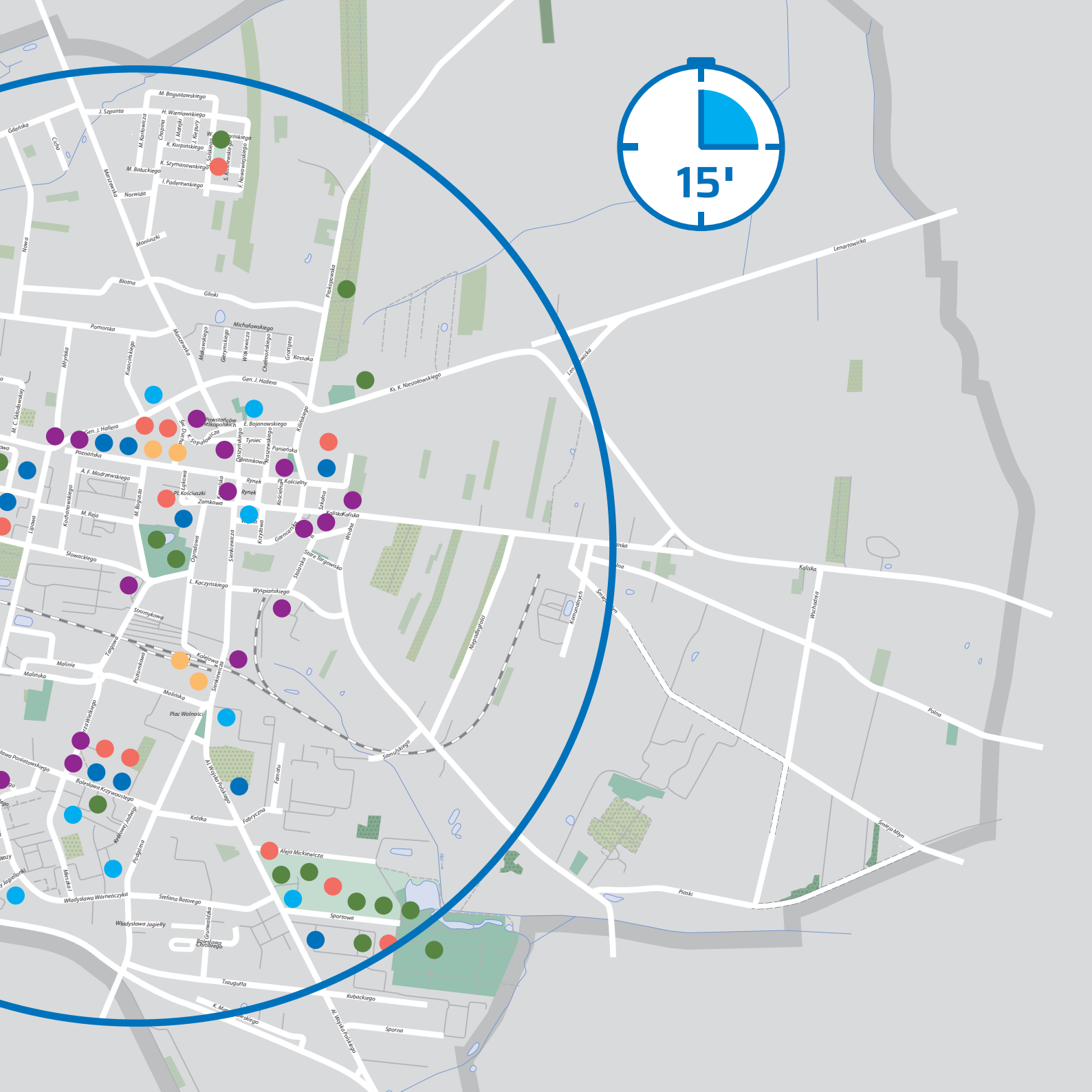


Sport facilities



Health care

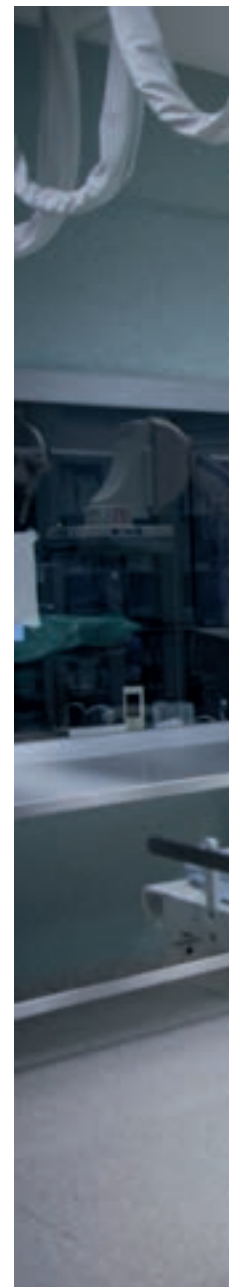






Advanced health care

Pleszew Medical Center, a public company run solely by Pleszew District, is the main health care provider in the region which also serves the patients from all over the country. The Hospital, as the Center is informally called, has been highly rated for many years. In fact, it is among the best ones in the "Safe hospital. Safe treatment" category. Beside the Center, there are multiple private and public health care facilities, as well as doctor's surgeries which offer high quality treatment and expert staff.





Wide cultural offer

Thanks to multi-million zloty investments, Pleszew is proud to have one of the most impressive cultural hubs, by the name of Cultural Depot (“Zajezdnia Kultury” in Polish), in the Greater Poland Province. The hub, consisting of a youth center and a library, is located in the old narrow-gauge railway buildings. It provides numerous activities for children, teenagers and for adults. The revitalization project of the post-railway area won the award in the category of “The best planned public space” by The Society of Polish Town Planners. It was also nominated for an urban space award in Barcelona, Spain. In addition, there is the only narrow-gauge line that is active in Poland, which provides scheduled year-round services and train rides in open cars for tourists in summer. What also sets us apart is a three-rail line, a unique in Europe, which accommodates both narrow-gauge and standard-gauge cars. The cultural offer is rounded out with a modern movie theater, the Regional Museum, the Craft Museum, the Bakery Museum and the Museum of the Servants of Mary congregation.









Sport and recreational amenities

In our 15-minute town, the residents have all kinds of sport and recreational amenities at their fingertips. They include a modern water park, sport halls, bowling alley, skate-park, a great number of playgrounds, outdoor gyms, outdoor fitness stations and a traffic park.

A pocket park is a novelty that has been recently introduced and which allows one to take a rest, as if while walking about, and be surrounded by thousands of plants. Moreover, there are many parks, monuments and historical buildings which attract tourists.





New challenges

Pleszew strives to achieve perfection of compactness. Pleszew Compact Lab, a new hub for entrepreneurship and social work located near other cultural facilities, will soon come into being. This multi-functional center will act as an urban laboratory helping Pleszew to develop. This new institution will consist of three components. The first one is a business incubator which will gather entrepreneurs, chiefly young ones, who are just starting up their own businesses. The second one will serve social workers and non-governmental organizations looking to work for residents. The third one will be made of hospitality and conference facilities. The main place will offer 39 3-star rated rooms and several well-equipped conference halls. Pleszew Compact Lab will first open its doors in 2024.



Although Compact Pleszew is not a huge city, its residents have all the conveniences required to live comfortably at hand. What is more, the idea of a 15-minute town, is expandable. We invite everyone to visit with us. Come to the place that merges private and professional spaces, duties and relaxation, as well as urban life and ecology.



**Publisher:**

Pleszew Town and Commune

Editors:

Anna Bogacz, Jagoda Zydorek

Concept and selections:

Editors

Translation:

Zbigniew Szczudlik

Cover design, layout and typesetting:

Anna Sobkowiak

Print:

Drukarnia Super Print

Photos:

Patrycja Małłoka, Anna Sobkowiak,
Roman Kazimierz Urbaniak,
Piotr Walczak, Biblioteka Publiczna
w Pleszewie, Dronography by Owczarz,
Dronujemy Pleszew, NLO Pleszew,
Publiczne Przedszkole nr 2 w Pleszewie,
Zajezdnia Kultury

Address:

Urząd Miasta i Gminy w Pleszewie
ul. Rynek 1, 63-300 Pleszew
www.pleszew.pl, www.miasto15.pl

compact
Pleszew

