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The future of farming advice: Development of renewable energy sources in rural areas in Poland

In May 2021, a workshop explored the current state and prospects for the development of the renewable energy sector in rural areas, with participation from farmers, entrepreneurs, inhabitants of rural areas, agricultural advisors, government and local administration. The aim of the workshop was to answer a basic question, viz.: "What are the key factors that contribute to the development of advice on increasing the share of renewable energy use in rural areas?" Farmers can play a key role to increase the use of renewable energy sources, especially the leading farmers / pioneers in this area. Such farmers are an important element to trigger the wider adoption and further development of this type of activity. These farmers, whose ambitions to introduce innovations on their farms are high, can become an inspiring example for mainstream farmers. However, they often lack the resources and support (organisational and technological) allowing for the effective implementation of the planned innovations. In terms of improving the existing situation, a key starting point is to ensure a stable and practical training system for advisors working in this field, including technological and innovative issues related to the development of the sector. Moreover, increasing the involvement of other entities (research stations, private entrepreneurs, innovation brokers) in innovative advice provision would certainly have a beneficial added value for the entire process. It is also important to create a transparent training system for advisors, offering expertise on a variety of specialisations, to provide an adequate response to the current needs / technological problems of a modern farmer.

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