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SHALLOW GEOTHERMAL ENERGY FOR FUTURE-PROOF CITIES

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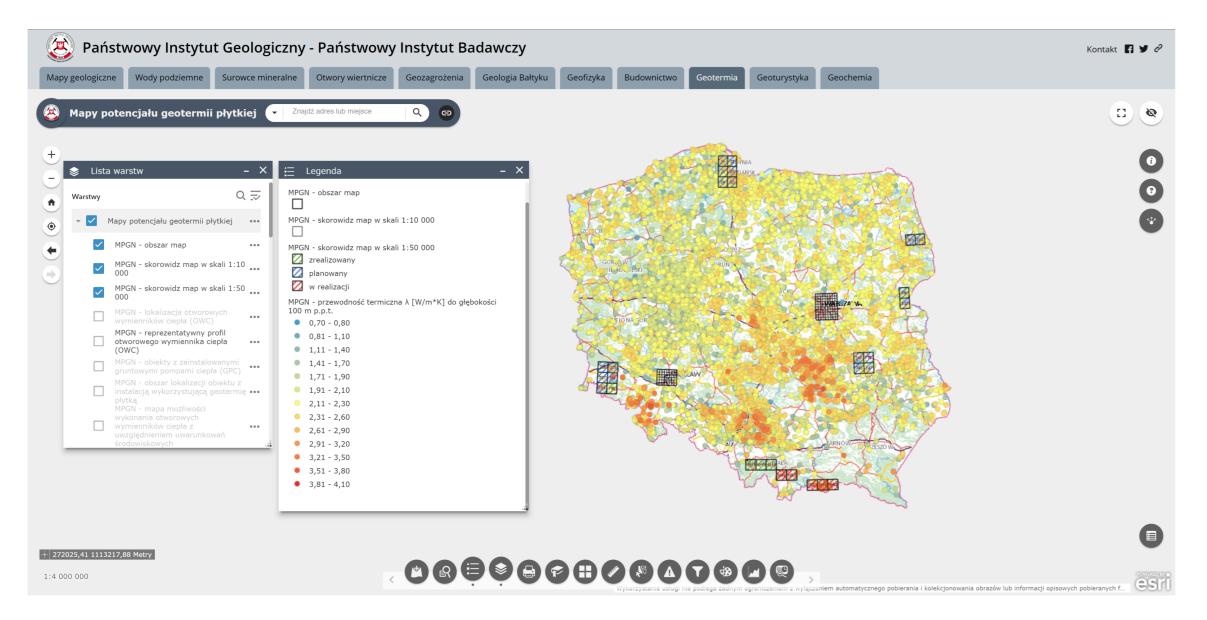
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Green Cities need clean energy. Shallow geothermal energy potential maps are developed by Polish Geological Survey and Geological Survey Organisations (GSO) associated in EuroGeoSurves community. Such maps can be used to implement ground source heat pumps (GSHP) technology in city areas. Shallow geothermal energy, especially combined with PV systems and borehole thermal energy storage (BTES) technology is a clean and reliable source of renewable heating and cooling for buildings and infrastructure.

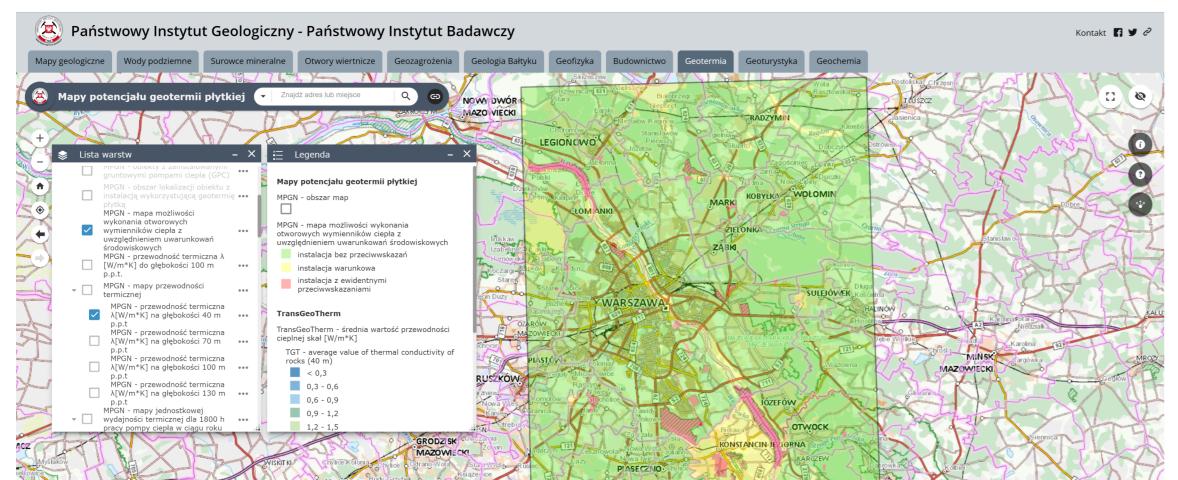
In reaching the EU goals in RES use in the energy mix and to significantly improve the city areas air quality, GSHP technology can play a significant role, however it needs a tools and

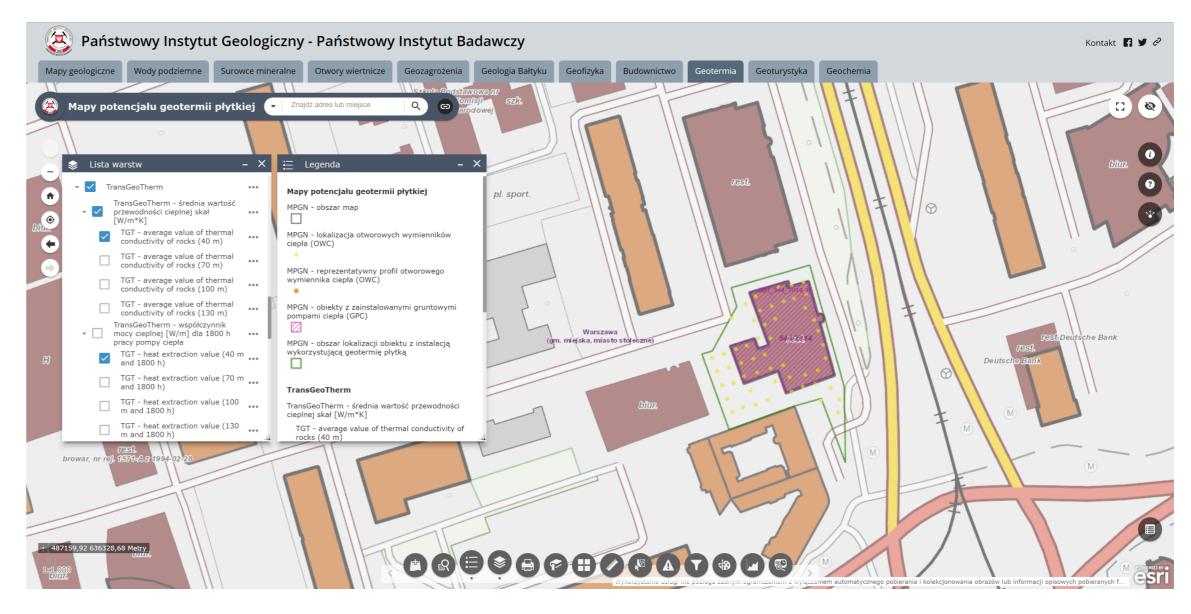
guidelines to be successfully implemented. Tools provided by Polish Geological Survey in form of on-line GIS spatial data browsers available for the general public, contain valuable and easy accessible information about shallow geothermal energy potential. Presented tools are available at <u>geologia.pgi.gov.pl</u> and <u>geolog.pgi.gov.pl</u>, in "Geotermia" theme.

Ground Source Heat Pumps will play an important role in energy tranformation of our cities, providing renevable heating and cooling, therefore evaluation of shallow geothermal energy potential of urban areas is essential.

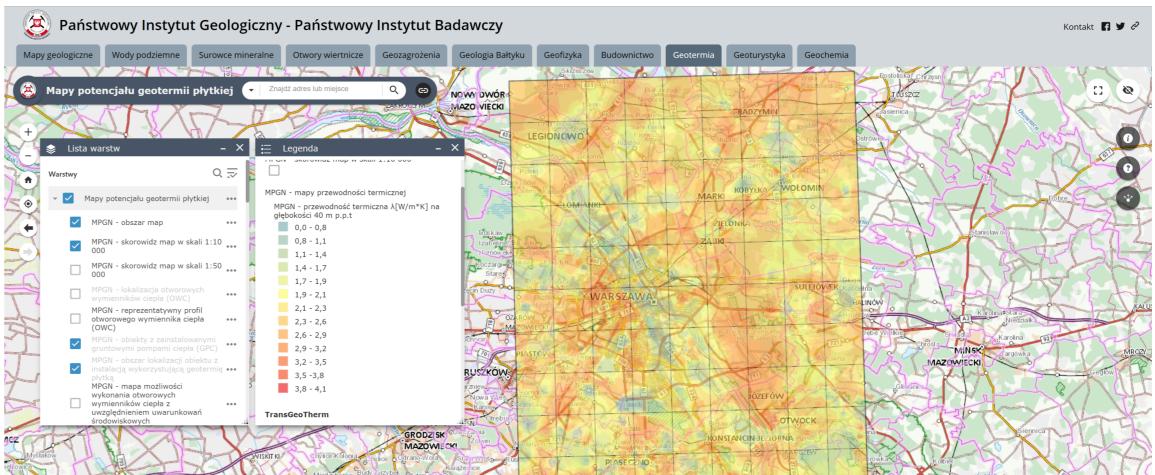


Shallow geothermal energy potential of Poland is evaluated on the basis of over 14000 hydrogeological boreholes and set of 25x25 m resolution maps in selected urban areas (Wrocław, Warszawa, Jelenia Góra, etc.).





All documentations of GSHPs available at National Geological Archive are digitized and available as a borehole profiles, its location and system details (the database structure is compatible with ReGeoCities database).

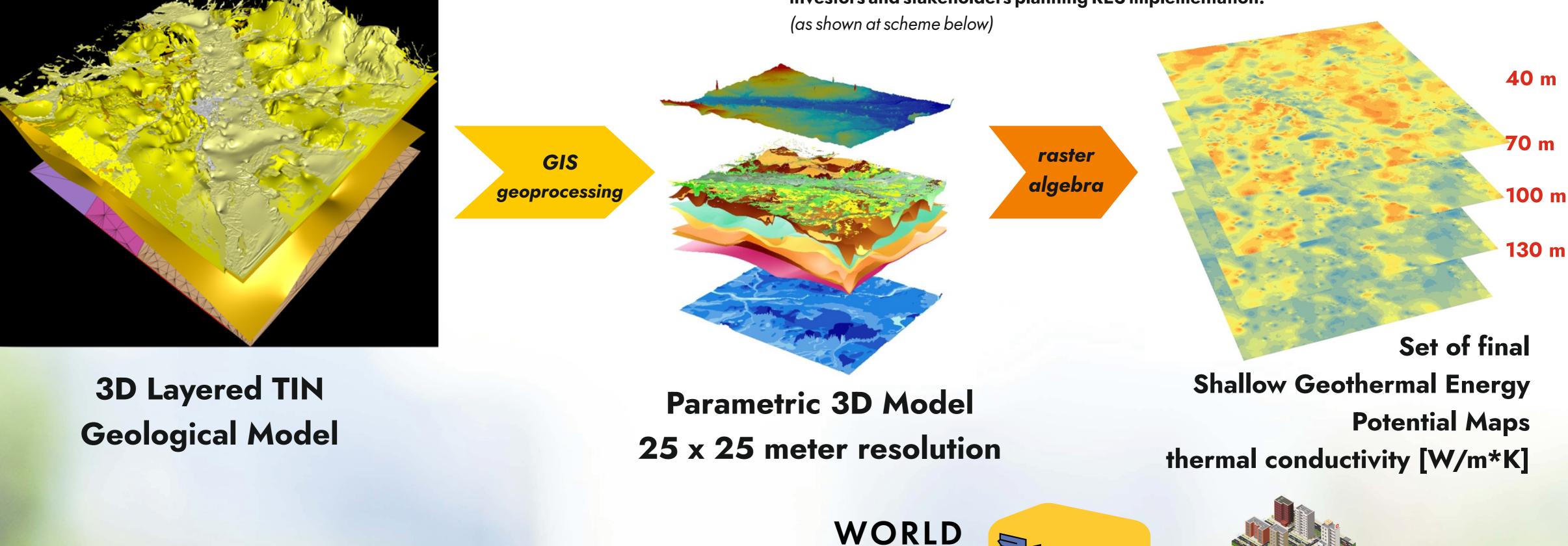


Traffic light maps indicate areas where borehole drilling for GSHPs is limited (yellow areas) or prohibited (red areas) due to environmental conflicts and hazards.



Maps of shallow geothemal potential are presented in form of effective thermal conductivity maps [W/m*K] in depth ranges of 0-40 m, 0-70 m, 0-100 m and 0-130 m. Maps are derived from detailed geological 3D models and are used by GSHP designers, investors and stakeholders planning RES implementation.

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