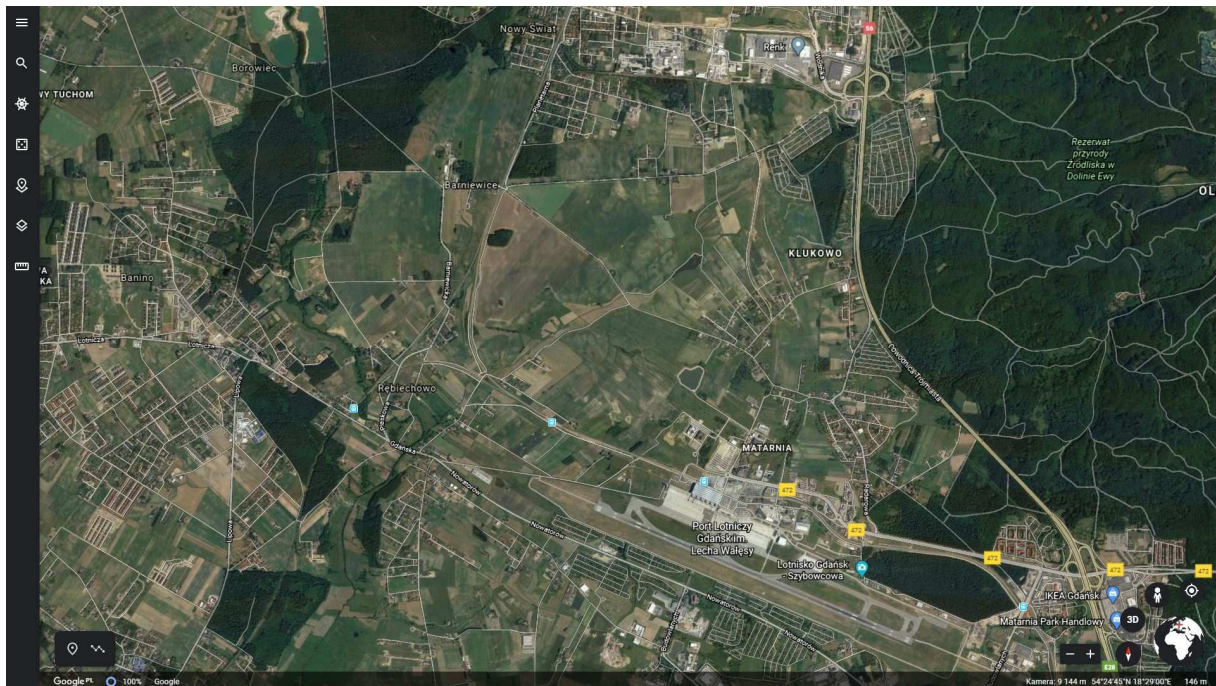


## Group 1: Urban growth and peri-urban sprawl



Located on the Kashubian upland at the edge of the Tricity Landscape Park, 10 km west of Gdańsk and 23 km south of Gdynia, Gdańsk Airport is a link that connects one of the strongest metropolitan regions in both Poland and Europe itself to the rest of the world. It is the primary airport in Northern Poland and the third largest airport in the country. In the last few years, the villages and towns surrounding the airport have developed rapidly as their residents have easy access to the Tricity ring road, Pomeranian Metropolitan Railway (PKM) as well as the nearby A1 motorway. Gdansk Lech Walesa Airport has itself begun the construction of Airport City Gdansk (ACG), a modern commercial investment located at the airport. This new building compound is designed to be both environmentally and user friendly. It indicates the intended direction of further development of the area.



Our working group 1 will focus on the qualities and potentials of both the airport and its diverse surrounding. We will try to formulate a general vision for a sustainable landscape development that would improve the lives of both urban and rural dwellers, while strengthening the links between urban, rural and natural zones, building on their existing economic, social and environmental ties. Furthermore, we will reconsider the process by which an airport landscape is designed and built. We will closely cooperate on this issue with Gdansk Lech Walesa Airport, Airport City Gdansk and FRAG.

Our guiding questions will be: (1) what should the airport's landscape design strategy main layers be? (2) how to integrate the green and 'grey' infrastructure of the suburban area? (3) what kind of landscape infrastructure should define the suburbs?

