

## Aspect in the Polish verbal noun on *-nie/-cie*

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The Polish construction *być w trakcie* +*noun* often selects a VN and functions as a periphrastic progressive construction. Polish verbal nouns have a functioning aspect opposition (cf. Dickey 2000 or Pčelinceva 2016). Contrary to my expectations that only imperfective VNs should be possible in a progressive context like after *być w trakcie*, corpus examples like *jest w trakcie **przejęcia**.pfv projektu* ‘he is currently taking over the project’ are easily found. This talk explores the puzzle of perfective verbal nouns in this and other, typically imperfective contexts like after prepositions and phrasal verbs.