



Minister of Climate and Environment Republic of Poland

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On April 22, we celebrate Earth Day. This day, which gains significance with each passing year, is a stark reminder of the escalating climate crisis, the rapid loss of biodiversity, and the myriad of other environmental issues we face. It's a day that should be celebrated not just once a year but every day.

Education stands as the cornerstone of all efforts to combat the pressing climate crisis and protect our environment.

Through a collaborative effort with our esteemed partners from the Ministry of Education, we are working towards a common goal to enhance the presence of environmental and climate education in Polish schools.

Our commitment to this cause is unwavering. We constantly refine our strategies, develop new scenarios and educational materials, conduct teacher training sessions, and provide steadfast support to the Ministry of Education in its efforts to update the core curriculum.

However, school is not only about lessons. It also provides infrastructure, the potential to develop renewable energy sources on school roofs, the creation of biodiverse school gardens, and access to plant-based meals in school canteens.

It is our responsibility to explain to children that climate change is already underway, that we are already experiencing its effects, and that we will continue to do so in the years to come. We must help them adapt to the new, changing environment so that it is safe and enables the next generation to live a happy, prosperous life.

I want to emphasise, however, that when it comes to climate education at school, we absolutely must not shift the responsibility for fighting climate change to children and young people. We, as adults, must deal with this problem as soon as possible. If we fail to do so, the consequences of our tardiness will be unpredictable but undoubtedly lamentable.

Therefore, it is crucial to educate the whole society, emphasising key groups such as officials, local government officials, and journalists.

So, let's act together to make each successive Earth Day an increasingly joyful and peaceful holiday!

Your sincerely

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