

THE BALTIC CLIMATE SCHOOL

SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
CONTEXT OF THE GREEN TRANSITION

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PUBLIC OPINION

Poles are pro-ecological, right?

Poles in polls

- 84% acknowledge climate change
- 63% believe we need to take urgent action to save the planet
- 43% support regulations and limitations imposed to enable climate and environmental action
- 52% are against the European Green Deal

Source: Kantar, IPSOS

IF IT'S SO GOOD WHY IT'S SO BAD?



CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

SOCIAL CONTEXT

- Green transition impacts society
- Education system lags behind
- Low media literacy = vulnerability to disinformation
- CSOs have limited capacity

POLITICAL CONTEXT

- Far-right populist wave
- Policies tied to the election cycle
- Complex and „boring“

ECONOMIC CONTEXT

- Green transition is extremely expensive
- Polish energy Transformation requires EUR 300 billion until 2040
- How much would it cost to neutralise 40 k tonnes of chemical weapon in the Baltic Sea?

CAN WE DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT? (YES, WE CAN)

- Just Transition of coal regions
- Nature Restoration Law implementation
- Transposition and application of the European green *acquis communautaire*
- Environmental education & CSO capacity
- Public oversight and ownership of the Transformation
- Social wellbeing a priority (eliminating energy poverty, providing for clean air, water, affordable energy)
- Policy and strategy approach (NNRPs, NECP)
- Financial dimension – green & social EU budget



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