

# ANNUAL REPORT

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Green REV Institute is created by people who believe that the quality of life depends on the quality of and observance of human rights, animal rights and absolute respect for the natural environment.

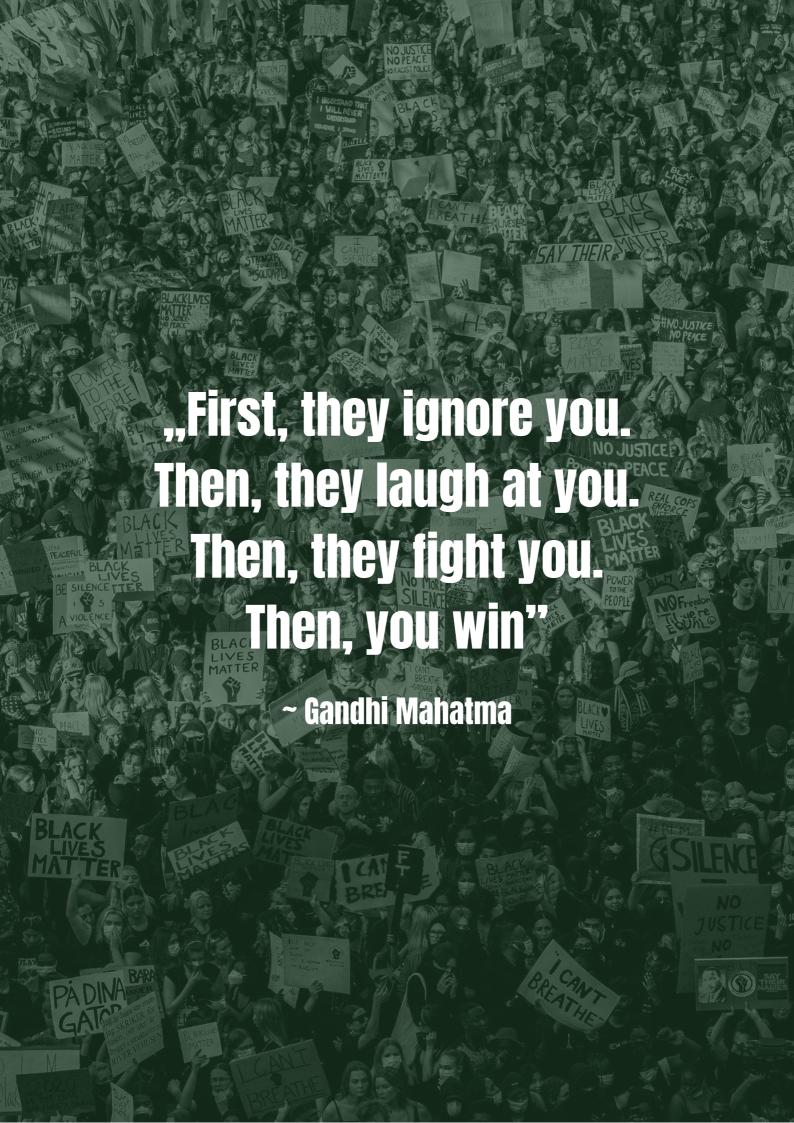
## **INTRODUCTION**

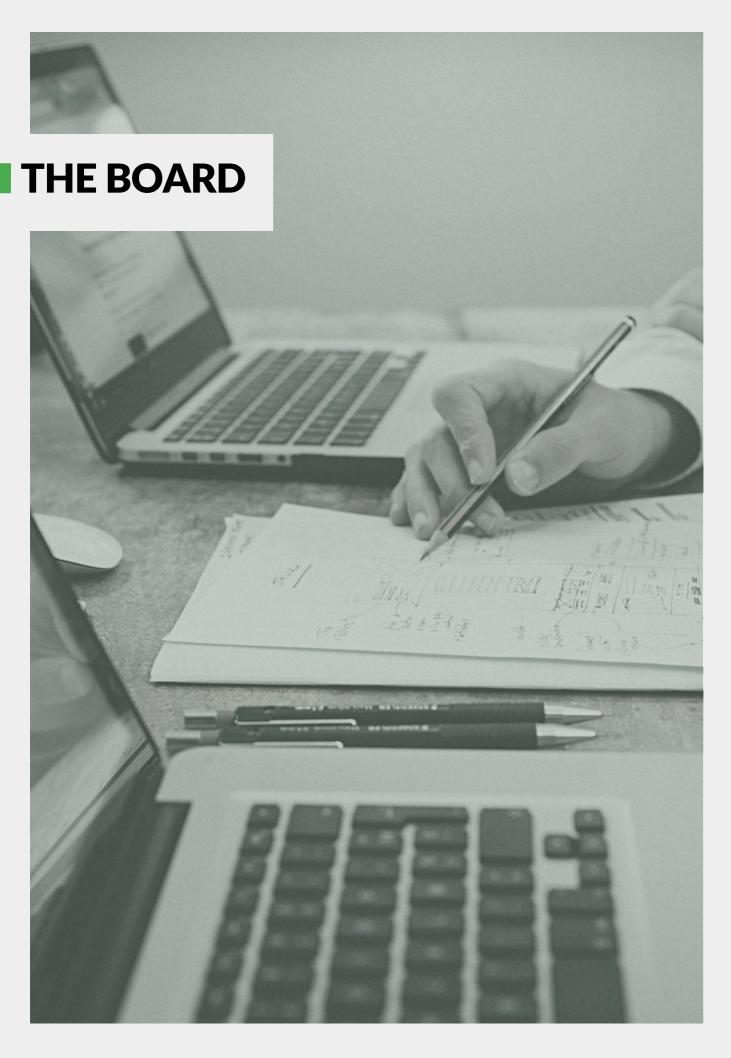
Green REV Institute is a green think tank, a climate watchdog working for food system transition.

Green REV Institute connects the dots on the map of human rights, animal rights and climate. Founded in 2014 and reactivated in 2020, it engages individuals activists, academia



civil society organizations in the systemic change, and builds collaborations and partnerships for food system transition.











#### DR. MARCIN ANASZEWICZ

**CEO** 

Lawyer, politologist, doctor of social sciences, President of the Management Board of REV Institute. In the years 2014-2019 Strategic Director in the Municipal Office in Słupsk, 2017-2019 President of the Institute of Democratic Thought. Founder and first vice-president of the Wiosna (Spring) political party (2019). Since 1995, has been investigating public and political communication. In the years 2003-2014 involved in the state and private enterprises sector, where participated in many restructuring projects as a member of management staff. In the period 2003-2006 spokesman of Poczta Polska as well as deputy director of the Department of Corporate Marketing at Poczta Polska. Political strategist.

#### ANNA SPUREK

COO

Graduate of the Cracow University of Economics with a degree in Value-Based Management. Board member of the Green REV Institute. Expert on plant-based substitutes for animal products and production technology certification systems. Experience in business management and international trade (Europe, USA, China). Member of Eurogroup for Animals and the #EUforAnimals Steering Committee. The representative for the European Vegetarian Union and the Aquatic Animal Alliance.

#### **MORGAN JANOWICZ**

**Board Member** 

Partnership Coordinator, and the Coordintor of Future Food 4 Climate coalition, of which the Green REV Institute is an initiator. Ambassador of the European Climate Pact. Student of Computer Science and International Business.

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PhD student (discipline of legal science) at the Doctoral School of Social Sciences of the University of Adama Mickiewicza in Poznań, lawyer. Passionate about economic law, travel and sport. Responsible for coordinating advocacy projects in the Foundation.



#### PROF. ANDRZEJ ELŻANOWSKI

Zoologist, bioethicist, author of over a hundred scientific works, Chair of the Polish Ethical Society, associated with the Faculty of "Artes Liberales" of Warsaw University. Member of the 1st Local Ethical Committee on Animal Experiments (term 2020-2023).

#### **PROF. MARCIN URBANIAK**

Ethician, cognitive scientist, zoopsychologist, social activist. Assistant professor at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, the Pedagogical University in Kraków. Investigates environmental and climatic ethics and animal rights. Secretary in the Polish Ethical Association. Since 2019 one of "Fair Trade Ambassadors". Member of the Ethical Commission for Experiments on Animals in Kraków.

#### DR N. MED. TOMASZ JEŻEWSKI

Invasive cardiologist, specialist cardiologist and in the field of internal medicine. An experienced consultant with many years of clinical, hospital and outpatient work experience. Interested in lifestyle medicine, preventive medicine and imaging techniques in cardiology. Educator, blogger, vlogger, podcaster and author of online courses within the www.tomaszjezewski.pl and the ZawałOFFcy project

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Vice-president of Świdnica, responsible for economic development, social policy, culture and cooperation with nongovernmental organizations. A graduate of international relations at Collegium Civitas and doctoral studies at the Economic and Social College of the Warsaw School of Economics. Between 2008-2014 at the Ministry of Finance he was responsible for cooperation with international organizations and cooperation with the International Monetary Fund, the Council of Europe, and OECD.

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#### PROF. JOANNA HANDEREK

Professor at the Jagiellonian University. Author of "Vegan Philosophy", "Metamorphoses and Museums", "Time and Encounter", editor of "Exclusion?". Co-editor of "Racja", editor of "Zdania", member of the Humanist Association, Gaja Club, Vegan Manifesto. Columnist for the KOD portal, "Istota", "Facts after Myths". Leads the social-scientific project "Culture of Exclusion?", "Festival of Equality".

#### **PROF. PIOTR SKUBAŁA**

Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Silesia, ecologist, acarologist, author of 170 scientific articles, environmental ethicist, environmental educator, nature conservation activist; climate activist. Leader of Climate Reality, "ethical expert" at the European Commission in Brussels (HORIZON 2020 programme), organiser and co-leader of meetings of the Ecological Thought Club.

#### KAROLINA SKOWRON-BAKA

Executive Director of Akcja Demokracja. Previously, the director of the Polish branch of The Albert Schweitzer Foundation. International speaker on connecting feminism to animal rights. Creator of the Animal Center at the Women's Congress. Co-founder of the global Connections Alliance. Co-founder and main expert of the Parliamentary Group for the Protection of Farm Animals. Leader of the Polish Vegan Ladyboss group. Member of the Equality Parade Committee and the Women's Congress council.

#### **DARIUSZ GZYRA**

Philosopher, writer, activist. After publishing the book "Thank You for Pig Eyes. How we hurt animals" (Krytyka Polityczna Publishing House 2018) he was nominated for the Paszporty POLITYKI award. Author of dozens of scientific articles. Lecturer at the Faculty of Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw, in the field of anthropozoology. Member of the Polish Ethical Society. Editor of the section Animal Rights Ethics of the scientific yearbook "Zoophilologica. Polish Journal of Animal Studies". TEDx speaker. Vegan since 1999.

#### DR HAB. PIOTR KRAJEWSKI

Economist. Director of the Institute of Economics at the University of Lodz. Former (2015-2018) director of the Institute of Economics Polish Academy of Sciences. His scientific research focuses on macroeconomics, including public finances and interdependencies between economic policy and environment.

#### DR N. MED. JOANNA KOWALCZYK-BEDNARCZYK

Biologist, PhD in the field of medical biology, author of scientific publications and educational books for children about animals. Member of the Association for Nature "Wolf" and The Association "Our Beaver. Joins the Polish Foodsharing community. Writes for the Vege Magazine and runs her blog "Bieganizm".

#### **MAŁGORZATA SZADKOWSKA**

President of the Polish branch of the international organization Compassion in World Farming. Leads Compassion Poland since 2015. Previously coordinator and spokeswoman of the Fur Free Retailer antifur campaign in Poland - a project present in 25 countries. Member of the European Citizens Committee "End of the Cage Era". She has 15 years of experience in PR, communications and campaigns, including 8 years in the NGO section.

#### **MEC. KAROLINA KUSZLEWICZ**

Attorney-at-law, expert on protection of animals and nature, author of the blog On behalf of animals, the book "Prawa zwierząt. Praktyczny przewodnik" (Animal rights. A practical guide). Member of the Legislative Commission and the Team for Women at NRA. In 2017 awarded the first place in the ranking "Rising Stars – Lawyers Leaders of Tomorrow". In 2016 obtained a breakthrough ruling before the Supreme Court defending carps.

#### **AGA MACIEJOWSKA**

CEO of Plan Be and Co-founder of Evenea.pl. She managed the Polish edition of the Silicon Valley accelerator - Founder Institute. Ambassador of the Gdańsk Starter Entrepreneurship Incubator and winner of the Central European Startup Award. Expert and juror at Chivas Venture. She acts for the benefit of Women as a mentor in the following programs: Startup Spark, Business in Women's Hands, TechLeaders.

#### **REV EXPERT COUNCIL**































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#### **Project Assistant**

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Demokratycznej.

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Psychology student, pro-animal activist in abolitionist organisations.

#### **NATALIA FEJFER**

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Law student at the Jagiellonian University. At the Foundation, she works in the legal team. Privately a lover of reading and animals.

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Certified nutritionist, educator, promoter of a healthy lifestyle, passionate about plant-based cuisine, and author of scientific and popular articles. Currently a Master's student in Dietetics (WUM), an active member of student scientific circles.

#### BARTŁOMIEJ GAWRECKI

### National Advocacy Program Coordinator

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#### OLIWIA MYCZKOWSKA

#### **Project Assistant**

Fridays for Future activist, Our Future Foundation ambassador, Leo Club activist. Organiser of many events including the TEDxIIIMickiewiczSchool Conference and the School Climate Conference. Founder of NO PAIN IN YOUR BRAIN initiative.

#### **KATARZYNA KOLBUCH**

#### **Communication Team**

Student of Polish philology at the University of Wrocław, a vegan involved in abolitionist animal rights movement. Interested in animal studies.































The Green REV Institute has launched the Future Food 4 Climate coalition, the first coalition in Poland working for food system transition.

# Czym jest FF4C?

Future Food 4 Climate is a coalition of civil society, informal groups, foundations, associations, collectives that engage in advocacy and watchdog activities for food system transition. We include organizations, groups, experts whose voices are not being heard enough in the climate debate. FF4C takes action targeting policymakers, politicians, the European Commission, the European Parliament, national MPs and MEPs. The European Green Deal Going Local is a slogan that we want to implement in all our activities through interaction, broad participation, dialogue and



cooperation with organizations for a green, just transition of the food system. We are including organizations, groups, and experts whose voices are not being heard enough in the climate debate. Together we are confronting the climate crisis, the decline of biodiversity, the destruction of oceans and seas, the threat to food security, the exploitation of animals by the industry.

Coalition created with support of **European Climate Foundation**.

74 civil society organizations from Poland and Ukraine and Ukraine

50 organizations from outside of Warsaw

**17** youth organizations

3 organizations from Ukraine



# The Green REV Institute is one of 10 NGOs in the EU Platform on Animal Welfare.

We are one of 10 European NGOs involved in dialogue on so-called farmed animals At the level of the European Commission.

What is the EU Platform on Animal Welfare?

It is an interactive network that aims to promote dialogue between competent authorities, businesses, civil society organizations and scientists, academics on animal welfare issues of importance to the Union. The dialogue aims to build mutual understanding, trust and encourage commitments by platform members to achieve concrete results in improving animal welfare.



The platform is therefore based on the contribution of each of its members, hence its motto "Everyone is responsible." The Green REV Institute has become an accredited organization of **UNEA/UNEP**, the UN body responsible for environmental issues.

#### **UNEP**

= coordinates responses to environmental issues within the United Nations system.

What does accreditation provide?

- ◆ active participation in the dialogue within the framework of the UN Environment Program;
- involvement in the meetings leading up to the UN Environment Assemblies;
- influence on the formation of documents within the Assemblies by sending comments and feedback to governments and other parties involved;
- participation in consultations as part of the development of positions;
- participation in the Meetings accompanying the United Nations Environment Assembly.



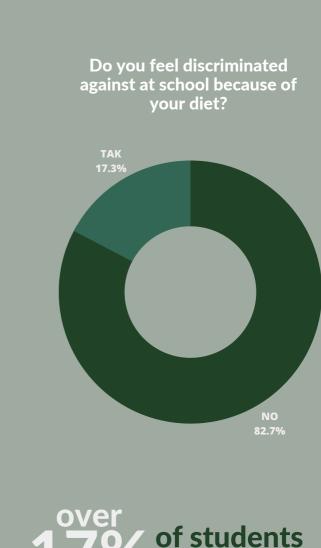
Green REV Institute and the Future Food 4 Climate coalition are leading an advocacy project on local food policies that include:

- Vegan meals in educational institutions;
- ◆ Food Waste:
- Labeling;
- Green procurements.

The project is working to increase the availability of sustainable, vegan meals in public schools and kindergartens. As part of the activities, in cooperation with Parents for Future and Akcja Demokracja we conducted a survey of students on the availability of vegan meals in private and public primary and secondary schools in Poland from all types of localities divided by size.



The full survey is available here



17% of students feel discriminated against because of their diet at school

Green REV Intitute and the Future Food 4 Climate coalition took part in public consultation on developing a food policy for the capital city. Warsaw. The policy will be the first such initiative for a sustainable food system in Poland.

Green REV Institute and the Future Food 4 Climate coalition, together with Fridays for Future, developed a call to action addressed to the Mayor of the Capital City of Warsaw, Rafał Trzaskowski regarding public procurements.

We have tabled 15 citizen petitions with the support of the activist side: Katowice, Łódź, Konstantynów Łódzki, Kraków, Piekary Śląskie, Szczecin, Trzcianka, Piła, Czarnków, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Czeladź, Będzin, Jaworzno, Opole and Zawiercie.

In cooperation with the local government side, **9 interpellations** were submitted.

Poznań	Dorota Bonk-Hammermeister
Warszawa	Filip Pelc
Kraków	Łukasz Gibała
Katowice	Patryk Białas, Magdalena Wieczorek, Tomasz Maśnica, Andrzej Warmuz
Wrocław	Jolanta Niezgodzka
Cieszyn	Joanna Wowrzecka
Ostróda	Agnieszka Karłowicz
Gorzów Wlkp.	Marta Bejnar-Bejnarowicz
Toruń	Margareta Skerska-Roman, Bartosz Szymanski

Public information requests have been sent to 17 cities in Poland regarding ongoing efforts to implement and develop a sustainable food system.

# 9 interpellations were tabled in cooperation with the following representatives of local governments



Dorota Bonk-Hammermeister



Filip Pelc



Łukasz Gibała



Patryk Białas



Magdalena Wieczorek



Tomasz Maśnica



Andrzej Warmuz



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Marta Bejnar-Bejnarowicz

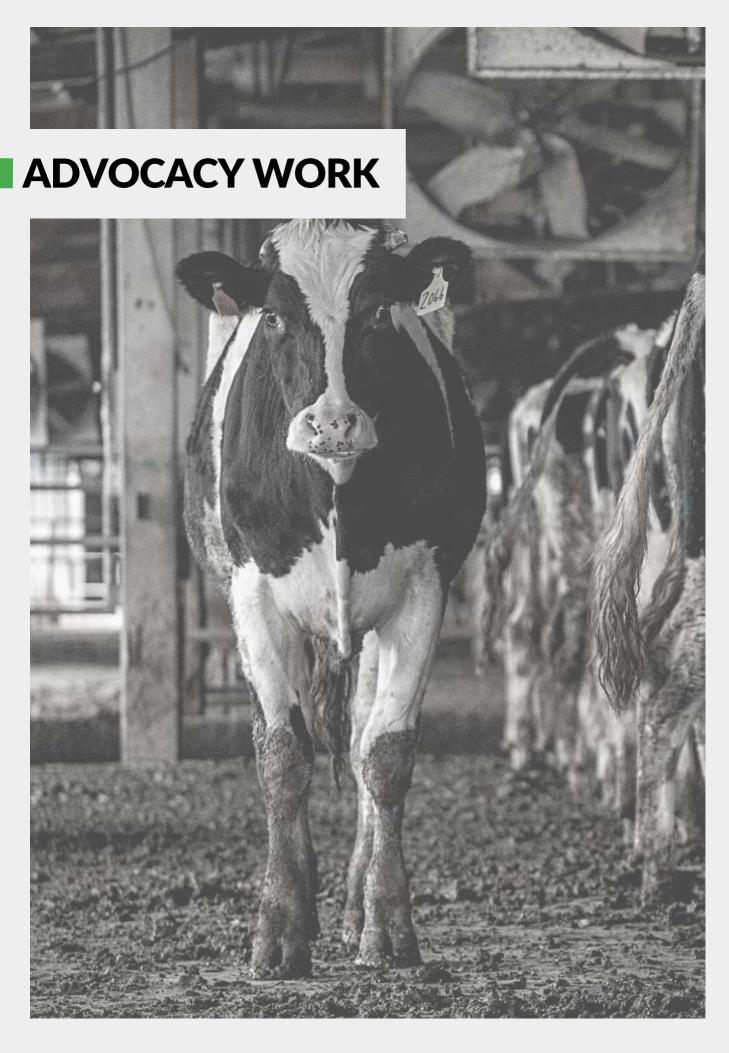


Margareta Skerska-Roman



Bartosz Szymanski





### #FF4C

In 2022, as the Future Food 4 Climate coalition, we worked out:

27 positions and calls to action

20 supported positions of other NGOs

**21** EC public consultations

29 roundtables and debates

2 expert panels

closed-door meetings for FF4C coalition partners

# #Call for increasing emission reductions

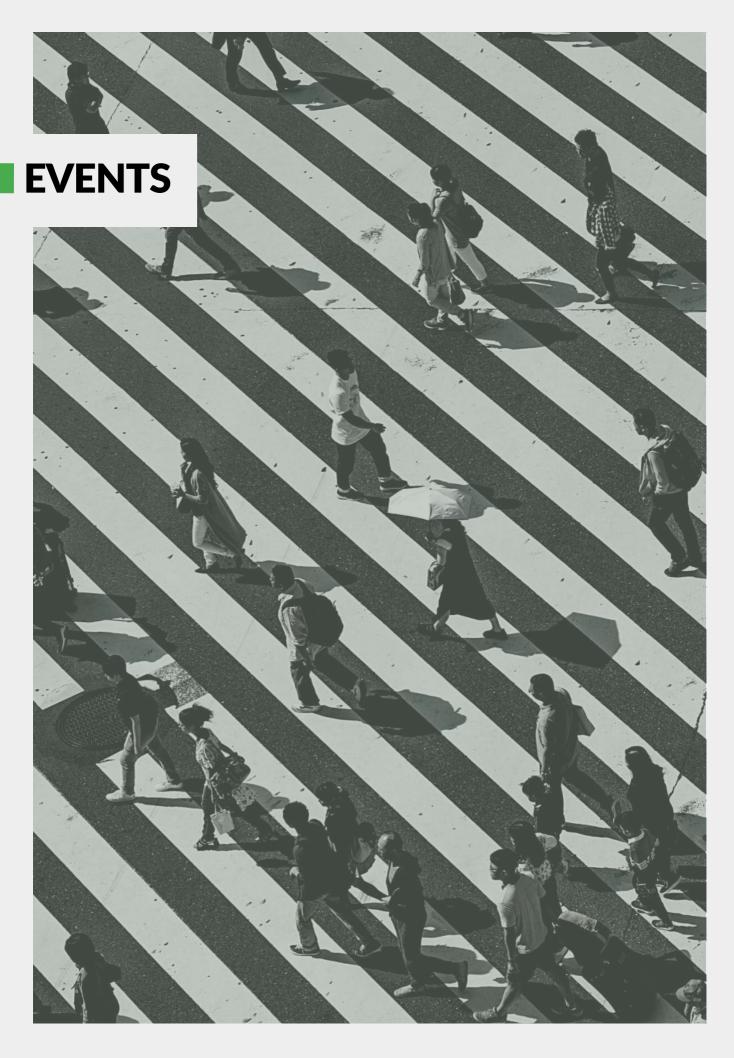
In April, the Green REV Institute handed over a call to action to increase the EU's emissions reduction by 65% by 2030 to European Commission Vice President Frans Timmermans.

The document was signed by more

The document was signed by more than 80 civil society organizations, scientists.

The call to action jointly called for a shift away from fossil fuels to renewable energy, transformation of the transportation system and a transition to a sustainable plant-based food system.





# Debates & Roundtables

In 2022, the Green REV Institute organized **12 debates and roundtables** on the European Green Deal, the Farm 2 Fork Strategy, the Sustainable Food System Law, the Biodiversity Strategy with the participation of the decision-making side at both the local, national and European levels, activists, the scientific community and the media.

12
debates and roundtables organized

**Luty** Meat Tax, a fiscal tool in the transition of the food system and the fight

against climate catastrophe

**Marzec** The future of food

**Kwiecień** Climate policy in a time of war

Maj Public financing of plates in Europe
Czerwiec Local governments for the climate

Facing the climate catastrophe - MEPs for food system transition

**Lipiec** Climate catastrophe served on plates

Sierpień #FoodWaste

Wrzesień Media vs. Sustainable Food System

Październik Educational institutions for a Sustainable Food System

Fish as so-called farmed animals

**Grudzień** Fish welfare vs. Climate & Biodiversity

## **European Vegan Summit**

The first edition of the European Vegan Summit was held in September 15-18 and was organized in cooperation with 53 organizations from all over the world. The European Vegan Summit received the patronage of the European Parliament.

The panelists included 66 women and 36 men. Our EVS board of experts consisted of 19 women and 16 men.

EVS panelists

Meżczyźni
36

Kobiety
66

Speakers and experts came from 5 continents - Europe, Asia, North and South America and Oceania.

EVS Expert Council

Meżczyźni
16

Kobiety
19

Nearly 1,400 participants from around the world registered for the European Vegan Summit.

The event included 17 thematic panel discussions and debates.

1400

participants from all over the world

Project co-funded by **A Well-Fed World** and **VegFund**.

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## Forum on Food Safety

Forum on Food Safety 2022, the first Forum of the Future Food 4 Climate coalition:

73 participants

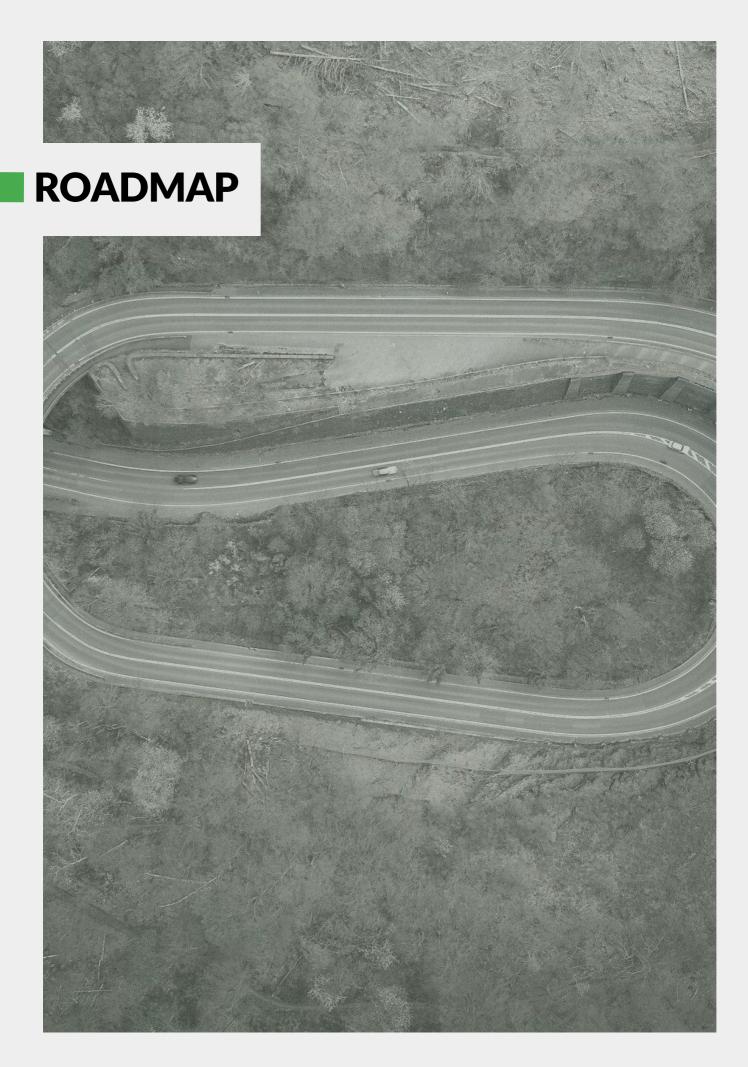
28 CSOs, local governments, media, people from political parties, EP, representatives of the scientific community

1 2 booths in the Green Activism Zone

keynote speakers from the world of science, activism and politics

2 panel discussions with experts, activists, individuals representing the media and the decision-making side





# Roadmap - "How to communicate the ideas of the European Green Deal in times of conflict?"

In cooperation with 18 experts and the media, the Green REV Institute and the Future Food 4 Climate Coalition conducted an analysis of media and communication for the climate.

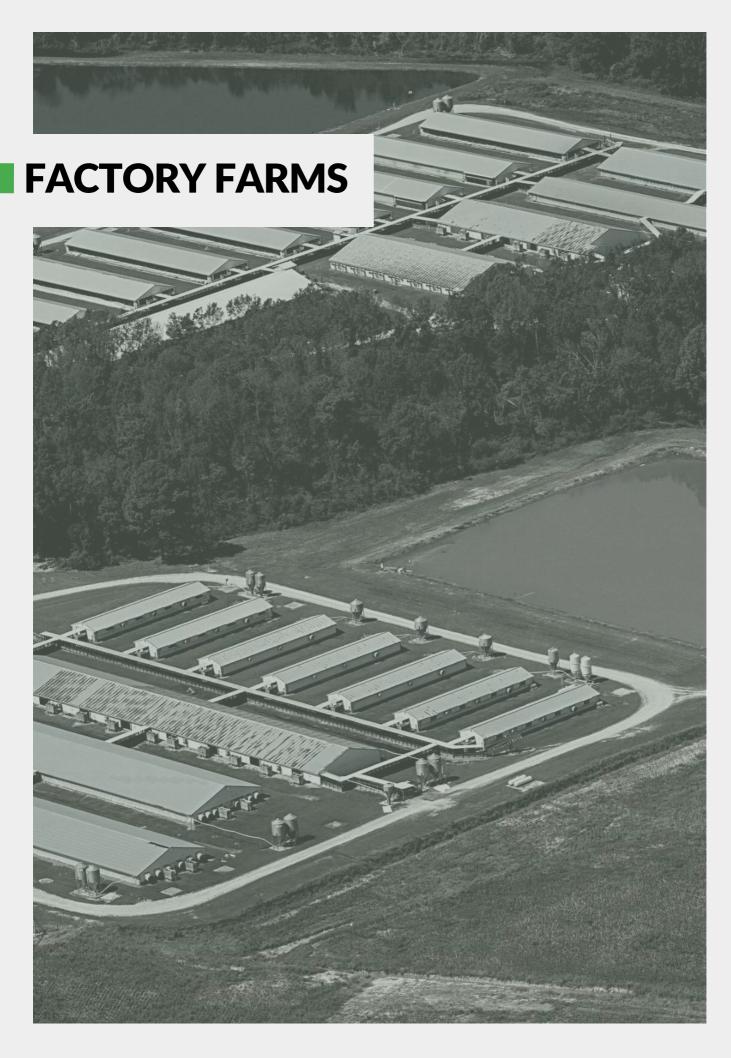
As part of the activities, a roadmap - "How to communicate the ideas of the European Green Deal in times of conflict?" was developed.

The publication was sent, among others, to local governments, the Sejm, the Senate, presidential figures of the largest Polish cities, MPs and MEPs from Poland, activist figures, NGOs in Poland.

You can find our Road Map here







# White Paper of Victims of the Animal Agriculture This is of course only a fraction. This is of course only a fraction.

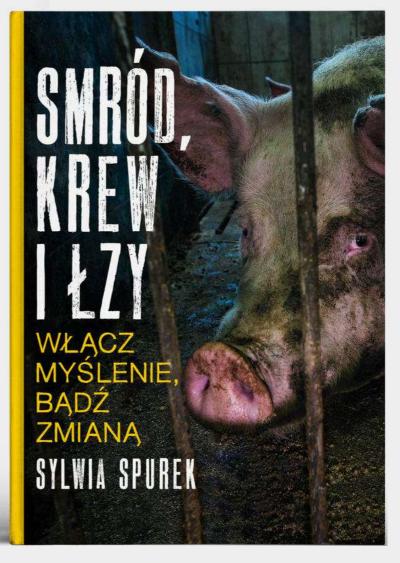
Green REV Institute participated in the creation of the White Paper on the Victims of the Animal Agriculture, "Stench, Blood and Tears," authored by MEP Dr. Sylwia Spurek. This is the first expert publication in Poland on the subject of the animal agriculture's impact on human rights, animal rights, loss of biodiversity and worsening of the climate crisis.



Here you will find an electronic version of the White Paper

The food system accounts for about 25-30% of global greenhouse gas emissions. This is a percentage comparable to that of the energy sector. Why aren't the old political parties talking about this? Why do international, European and national climate action strategies handle the system extremely gently?

This is, of course, only a fragment of the problem: the agricultural industry is more than just a source of climate change. It's hard to find another element of politics, the economy, social life that affects our lives so much and has such a significant impact on our future. It is hard to find a more important political issue today.



## Analysis of the impact of factory farms on human health

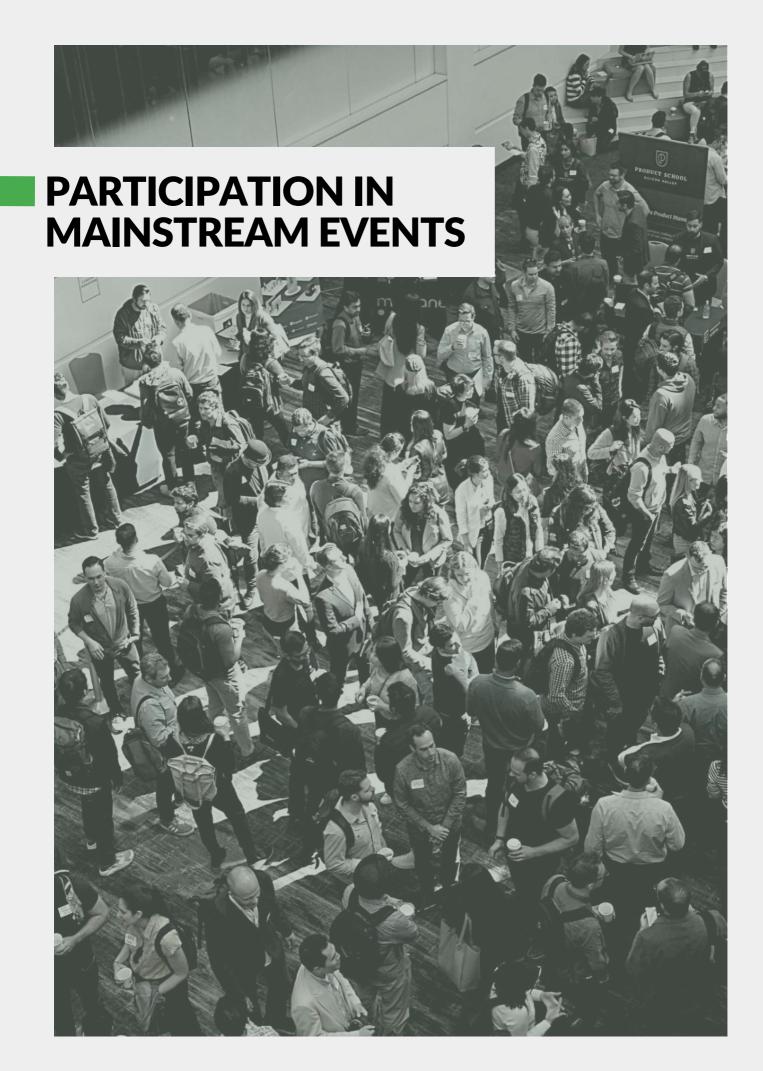
Thanks to the Green REV Institute's advocacy efforts, the Ministry of Health has commissioned a study on the health impact of the operation of factory farms on people both living in the immediate vicinity, but also the impact on the health of the workers employed there.

The Health Ministry's position was based on materials prepared by the Witold Chodźko Institute of Rural Medicine in Lublin.

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Here you will find full position



## Booths of the Green REV Institute and the Future Food 4 Climate coalition

Green REV Institute had booths at key events such as Campus Polska Przyszłości and the Women's Congress.

We presented the efforts of the Green REV Institute and the Future Food 4 Climate coalition in the the area of food system transition and moving towards an ethical, sustainable food system.



### BNP Paribas Green Film Festival

As part of the BNP Paribas Green Film Festival, we participated in a total of 4 debates in Krakow and Warsaw.

THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY IS AN ENGINE OF CLIMATE CATASTROPHE WE USE AS MUCH AS 80% OF THE LAND TO PRODUCE ONLY

18% OF THE CALORIES.
WHILE ANIMALS ARE DYING
- TREATED LIKE WASTE, AND
NOT AS LIVING, SENTIENT BEINGS.

- Ewelina Łobodziec, REV

> participation in 2 panel discussions on the future of food and counteracting food waste during the Green Film Festival in Krakow;

participating in a panel discussion at the Krakow Climate Academy on the topic of a sustainable food system and the future of food;
 moderating a debate at Green Festival Warsaw on the food system transition towards an ethical and sustainable one.



### **MEDIA COVER**

more than 300 media covers in 2022, including in: Plant Based News, Noizz, and Polskie Radio RDC



### "VEGAN WARSAW", THE DOCUMENTARY MOVIE



## Vegan Warsaw at international festivals

#### 9 selections

- Climate Space Festival;
- ◆ The Paus Premieres Festival;
- ◆ S.O.F.A Film Festival
- International Vegan Film Festival;
- Lift-Off Filmmaker Sessions hosted by Lift-Off Global Network;
- One Earth Awards
- Festival del Cinema di Cefalù
- BNP Paribas Green Film Festival;
- Wildlife Vaasa Festival-International Nature Film Festival

#### 1 award winning

Spotlight Documentary Film Awards

#### 1 finalist

 Wildlife Vaasa Festival-International Nature Film Festival

The documentary movie was produced with the support of **VegFund**.





## "THE VEGAN BUSINESS TALKS", THE DOCUMENTARY MOVIE



"THE VEGAN BUSINESS TALKS", THE DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

The second documentary by Green REV Institute

Documentary "The Vegan Business Talks" was produced in 2022. The project tells the story of Yoush, Listny Cud, It's Bean, Foodtech.ac and the Well Well Group - vegan businesses that are changing the contemporary status quo and contributing to the development of the Polish vegan market. The documentary movie premiered at the European Vegan Summit 2022 and was screened at the Sorrento Film Festival in Italy.



Catch the film!

The documentary was directed by Anna Spurek and Marcin Anaszewicz.

The documentary movie was produced with the support of **VegFund** 







Green REV Institute, with the support of Eurogroup for Animals, has launched the project "Bringing fish back to water during the elections," which aims to sensitize the decision-making side on fish rights and welfare.

We will table 4 roundtables with the participation of the decisionmaking side, the scientific community and the activist side.

As a result, the project will submit at least 3 interpellations on fish rights and welfare, develop recommendations for the decision-making party in this regard, and issue a call to action before the 2023-2024 election marathon in Poland.

#### **Debate topics:**

- 1 Fish as animals so-called farmed animals
- **2** Fish welfare vs. climate and biodiversity
- 3 Investigations on fish farms
- **4** Animal abuse in aquaculture

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

regarding fish welfare

4 ROUND TABLES

with the participation of the decision-making party, the scientific community and the activists

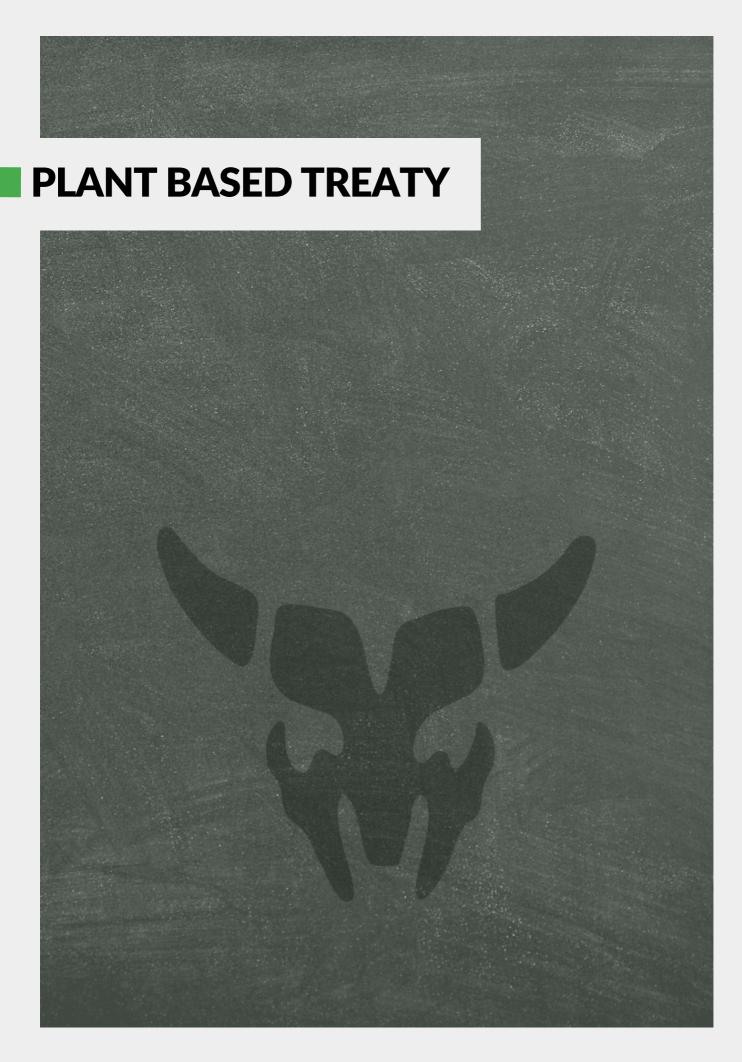
3 INTERPELATIONS

regarding the rights and welfare of fish



Green REV Institute took part in the National Animal Rights Day in June and the March for the Liberation of Animals in Warsaw in September. Together with the activist side, the scientific community, civil society organizations from all over Poland, we marched for all animals.





As part of our activities, we held a workshop for Young Left and Impulse Academy youth on food system transition and a sustainable food system, where we presented the Plant Based Treaty and spoke about the need to support PBT globally, including at the local level.

We addressed an open letter to decision-makers at COP27 calling for global support for the Plant Treaty.

Letter to leaders of C40



We supported a letter to C40 leaders indicating that the adoption of the Plant Based Treaty is essential in the fight against the climate crisis, the deepening loss of biodiversity.



Our open letter

