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ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AS THE TOPIC AT TOGETAIR INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE SUMMIT

Three days filled with meetings, thirty debates, dozens of Polish and foreign experts – this is what awaits us during this year’s TOGETAIR Climate Summit 2022 (20-21-22 April). This year we’ll focus on a particularly important topic – the energy independence of Poland and Europe in the context of climate policy.

- We need to rethink our approach to climate-energy taxonomy and policy. Today, in the face of Russian aggression against Ukraine, the energy security and solidarity of European Union member states take on particular relevance. That is why we decided to discuss energy transition with a wide range of experts. – emphasized Anna Moskwa, Minister of Climate and Environment.

TOGETAIR 2022 THEMATIC AGENDA <https://togetair.eu/agenda>

The energy transition and the path to climate neutrality are among the greatest contemporary challenges facing European societies. Ambitious environmental goals, changing business models and citizens’ habits, and deep economic transformation - ensuring energy security - should accelerate immediately. However, these processes must take into account the socio-economic situation of individual EU countries. This is especially important in Central and Eastern Europe, where the necessary changes often require more time and investment.

- The current situation forces us to a new and much deeper reflection on energy security. This is a difficult and

multifaceted topic that we need to tackle and come up with the best solutions. Energy security is fundamental for the security of Poland and Europe, which needs a competitive economy and social advancement. – comments **Agata Śmieja, President of the Clean Air Foundation and originator of the TOGETAIR Climate Summit.**

Today, the main riddle to be solved is: what should be the energy mix, i.e. the share of individual energy sources in energy production, in the medium and long term.

The plan is for as much energy as possible to be produced from renewable and distributed, climate-neutral sources, but in the coming years we will not be able to do without the primary, conventional energy sources that stabilize the system.

- The University of Warsaw undertakes a growing number of initiatives for climate and environmental protection. Also, through its mission and strategy adopted in the areas of research, teaching and community activities, the University of Warsaw has undertaken a number of initiatives, programmes and projects that help implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Institutions of higher education play a unique role in shaping society and the world around them. Our task is to educate as large an audience as possible, including future decision makers. There is no second Earth, we have only one chance - it is worth fighting for it. – comments **prof. Aloysius Z. Nowak, Rector of the Warsaw University.**

- At the University of Warsaw we have taken actions and initiatives to introduce in-depth education on contemporary climate change. As an academic community, we also strive to minimize our negative impact on the environment and counteract the negative effects of ongoing changes. The goals and tasks that we have set for ourselves will stimulate activities in areas of key importance for our country in the years to come. – adds **prof. Ewa Krogulec, Vice Rector for Development of the University of Warsaw .**

In light of the current energy policy, it will be important to develop nuclear technologies in parallel with renewable sources, especially offshore wind energy.

- However, due to the current geopolitical situation, the path, so far largely promoted by some of our partners in the European Union, of relying on gas sources and abandoning nuclear power for a transitional period, is being questioned. All of the above will be discussed during this year's edition of the TOGETAIR Climate Summit, in particular in a debate entitled: "A Secure Energy Future for Europe"- opening the first day. – adds **Agata Śmieja.**

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE SUMMIT

- We firmly believe that transformation processes require an effective, multilateral dialogue between European member states, taking into account the specificities of individual countries and their economies. Only mutual understanding and respect for all views will guarantee the necessary social support and strengthen energy security in Europe. – says **Artur Beck, producer and organizer of the TOGETAIR Climate Summit, President of the Positive Ideas Foundation.**

The third edition of the TOGETAIR Climate Summit will take place on 20-21-22 April. The three-day event, realized in the hybrid formula and broadcast from the television studio, will be available for free and without

registration on the main pages of the most important Polish Internet portals. Considering the previous editions, the audience is expected to reach a total of about 30 million viewers.

In 2022 the event will have an international dimension, strengthening cooperation between Poland, the countries of the Three Seas Initiative and the European Union.

- In our opinion, the initiative of the TOGETAIR Climate Summit and the methodology developed within its framework for the exchange of ideas between different communities creates new opportunities for effective dialogue. From a Central European, EU and transatlantic perspective, it can become - with the involvement of other European countries and regions - a pan-European and transatlantic tool for exchanging knowledge and best practices and for harmonizing climate policy goals and objectives. – says Artur Beck.

- This year, the opening three panels of each day of the Summit will feature representatives from international institutions. The position of Central Europe, especially today, in the context of what is happening beyond our eastern borders, should be clear, unambiguously formulated, and should become a part of the agenda of the pan-European discussion to an even greater extent than before. – summarizes Artur Beck.

CLIMATE NEUTRALITY IN A SECURE EUROPE

The Climate Summit will traditionally be held on 20-21-22 April to include the symbolic 22 April, the International Earth Day.

The organizers of the Polish Climate Summit have invited representatives of ministries, local governments at the rank of marshals, representatives of state-owned companies as well as international corporations and smaller businesses. They will also host a number of institutions: universities and research institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations and the media, which will conduct thematic debates.

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