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How to switch Poles to eating organic?

SWITCH TO ORGANIC LOOK FOR EURO LEAF 2022-2024

2year campaign in Poland submitted in the topic: AGRIP-SIMPLE-2021-IM-ORGANIC

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PIŻE – Polish Chamber of Organic Food

- self-government organization with the status of a chamber of commerce
- established in 2017
- brings together farmers, producers, processors and sellers of UE certified organic food
- 96 members representing ca. 60% of the value of marketable production in the Polish organic sector
- our mission is to educate on EU organic production methods and its merits to the public, and thus foster growth of organic farmland, production and consumption

About our organization









Organic market in Poland in numbers

Almost **22k** organic producers in Poland (over 19k are farmers) – growing by 7-8% for past few years.

549,4 thousand ha of organic farmland (only 3,7% of total agricultural land in the country).

Share of organic in the food basket in Poland – **0,5% - 0,6%.**

Great increase of the organic market during the pandemic (by €310 milion), followed by a major slowdown in 2022 (war in Ukraine and its economic consequences).

Low **organic consumption per capita** in Poland – **9 euro** (vs EU average over 100 EUR).









Organic market in Poland in numbers

5 main channels to sell organic food in Poland:

• retail chains (super/hyper markets, discounters, convenience chains) – ca. 4K POS that account for 50-60% of organic sales (NielsenIQ)

• organic stores and specialized healthy food shops – ca. 850 POS

• traditional grocery (small retail)

• e-grocery (among which there are 150 specialized organic online stores) – ca. 15-20% of organic sales (PIŻE)

bazaars

Private labels account for **39%** of organic products in retail chains (NielsenIQ).

Greatest value of single organic food purchase is generated in organic / healthy food stores - €16 per single purchase.









How Poles perceive organic food and EU organic label?

According to **Eurobarometer of 2022** Poles are very much aware of the EU organic quality scheme and what organic food is about:

- for **84% of Poles, it is important** that a product is **labelled to guarantee its quality** (80% EU average)
- Euro Leaf is recognized by 70% of Poles (EU average is 61%)
- Poles are aware that organic food is produced:
 - ✓ with restrictions on use of pesticides & fertilizers 85%
 - √ with respect for the environment 87%
 - ✓ with respect for animal welfare 86%
- √ 84% believe that it is better quality than ordinary products

Before starting the campaign in 2022 we conducted a **survey** on a population-based sample of Poles aged 18+ and its results were not that optimistic:

- 36,3% declare they buy organic food
- most important advantages of organic food mentioned:
 - ✓ naturalness, lack of "chemicals" 47%
 - √ healthier than conventional 29,5%
 - ✓ good for the environment 26,5%
 - √ higher quality than ordinary products 20%
- the main **reason NOT to buy** organic is the price **59%**
- too high price of organic food is a main barrier to purchase more organic for 84%
- as the way to recognize organic products only 48,6% indicate Euro Leaf on the label
- for 39% organic is "bought straight from a farm"

Eurobarometer results make us optimistic, but they do not translate into purchase intention, as the price of organic products is too high a barrier. The high recognition of the Euro Leaf does not go with the belief that it is the only label indicating a certified organic product and does not indicate the level of trust in Euro Leaf.

Challenges we faced

Key objective: increase consumer demand for organic products

- > to motivate farmers to convert to organic production
- > to bring Poland closer to reach Farm-to-Fork Strategy goals (25% of farmland to be organic by 2030)

And to reach this objective we had to:

- 1. build trust in EU organic farming scheme labelled with Euro Leaf as the only one that guarantees quality organic certified products
- 2. translate values of the EU organic quality scheme into meaningful consumer benefits to minimize the price barrier to purchase organic products.











Target audiences of our campaign

1. CONSUMERS

Two group of consumers – younger ACTVISTS, key audience for sustainable products and services. Mostly Gen-Z generation, urban inhabitants, high percentage of vegans, vegetarians and flexitarians. Older PRAGMATISTS and CONTRIBUTORS, mainly from Millenials generation, eager to pay more for sustainable and ethical products. Aware but more pragmatic in their actions.

2. OPINION LEADERS

Media, influencers (nutritionists, dieticians, zero waste freaks), academic circles

3. ORGANIC FARMERS & PRODUCERS









Creative Idea of our campaign



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NA EKO ŻYWNOŚĆ
DLA PLANETY

→ PRZESTAWSIENAEKO.EU

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There are many reasons to switch to organic products ... because of their taste (better and fuller), for the planet, or for love, to keep safe the ones you love.



Media & Communication Tools

Digital:

- 1. Landing page
- 2. SEO content
- 3. Google ads
- 4. Native advertising
- 5. Video content marketing

Public Relations:

- 1. Opening press conference
- 2. Press releases
- 3. Media alert
- 4. Video press releases

ATL advertising:

- 1. Outdoor campaign
- 2. TV placement

B2B events:

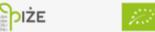
- 1. BIO Expo trade fairs
- 2. Organic Forum

Social Media:

- 1. Facebook
- 2. Instagram
- 3. Influencer marketing (Instagram)

B2C events







Landing page + SEO + Google ads

Campaign landing page <u>www.przestawsienaeko.eu</u> works as a primary source of knowledge about EU organic quality scheme, organic farming, organic shopping, scientific data about organic products, organic labelling etc.

It's designed for all target groups of the campaign.

We add new SEO articles every month to provide better positioning in Google.

There is an ongoing Google ads campaign with 3M views and 50K landing page visitors and 1,9 M PV.

LP currently has almost 60 SEO articles, updates on campaign activities, video content with interviews and events.











Public Relations



- **1. Opening press conference** (streaming online): "Are we ready to switch to organic food?"
 - ✓ with organic market experts
 - ✓ market data and consumer survey presentation
 - √ 72 journalists attending
 - ✓ 5.6K views on social media

2. Press releases and video releases

- ✓ content focused on how to identify organic food, what the Euro Leaf stands for
- ✓ explaining myths about organic food
- ✓ explaining merits of organic farming
- ✓ how to switch to organic step by step
- ✓ how not to be fooled by greenwashing labels
- ✓ expert positioning









Press Office

Media coverage so far: over 852 free publications in media (internet, press, TV, radio) with advertising equivalent of ca. 673.000 euro



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Czy pokolenie Z jest przyszłością rynku eko w Polsce?

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Polska znajduje się w drugiej dziesiątce w Europie pod względem wielkości sprzedaży produktów bio. Szansą na dalszy rozwój krajowego rynku żywności eko może być pokolenie osób urodzonych po 1995 r. (generacja Z), dla których sposób wytwarzania produktów i troska o planetę są wysoko w hierarchii wartości. To właśnie w oparciu o nie często dokonują świadomych wyborów zakupowych. Jak pokazuje badanie SW Research, zrealizowane w ramach kampanii "Przestaw się na eko – szukaj Euroliścia", spośród pokoleń to właśnie "zetki" sięgają po żywność ekologiczną najczęściej – 39 proc. co najmniej raz w tygodniuł

Polska ma eko potencjal!



Nie daj się nabić w marketingową "eko" butelkę! Na co zwrócić uwagę podczas ekologicznych zakupów?

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"Zdrową żywność", produkty "eko", "bio" i "organic" znajdziemy już nie tylko w sklepach wielkopowierzchniowych czy internetowych, ale także u osiedlowych sprzedawców, w kioskach, na spożywczych bazarach czy stacjach benzynowych. Ale czy wszystko, co kryje się pod tymi nazwami, naprawdę jest ekologiczne? Niestety nie! Często jest to chwyt marketingowy, wykorzystywany przez niektórych producentów żywności, chcących skorzystać z rozwijającego się ekologicznego trendu. A sposoby, by nie dać się wyprowadzić w (nieekologicznie) pole podczas



Czujesz (zmieniający się) klimat? Czy żywność ekologiczna może zatrzymać zmiany klimatyczne?

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Zmiany klimatu to już nie scenariusz filmu katastroficznego, a fakt, którego skutki odczuwalne są na całym świecie. Główną przyczyną wzrostu średnich temperatur jest nadmierna emisja dwutlenku węgla i innych gazów cieplamianych, powstających m.in. przy przemysłowej produkcji żywności. Jako konsumenci mamy wpływ na ograniczenie skutków tych zmian, wybierając certyfikowaną żywność ekologiczną. Z badania przeprowadzonego przez SW Research, w ramach kampanii "Przestaw się na eko – szukaj Euroliścia" wynika, że dla blisko 27 proc. Polaków jedną z kluczowych zalet produktów "bio" jest ich dobry wpływ na środowisko.



Outdoor campaign



One month campaign in the first year of the program.

Top locations in 8 biggest cities in Poland, close to stores with organic food.

Frontlight formats of 6x3 m, 3 layouts used.

Over **40 milion contacts** (based on Outdoor Track data).









Facebook & Instagram



















Facebook fanpage:

https://www.facebook.com/przestaw.sie.na.eko Over 9K page likes

Instagram profile:

https://www.instagram.com/przestaw_sie_na_eko/ Over 4K followers

Both promoted with social ads. Total reach of content: 5,1 million users.

Note:

For Polish internet users organic farming is not a neutral topic. We have to deal with critical opinions from animal activists when it comes to organic eggs, dairy or meat. As well as from "organic denialists" who think organic is a brainwashing, not worth to pay more.







Influencer marketing - Instagram

Target group:

Younger consumer group (Gen-Z)

Influencers:

- 50 Instagramers up to 25K followers
- Profile: organic / eco freaks, zero waste promotors, nutritionists, dieticians

Task:

- One post, 3 instastories
- 3 topics to choose from:
- 1. How to identify organic food
- 2. How to include organic products into a daily diet
- 3. Key facts on EU organic farming











Influencer marketing - Instagram



Results:

- Effective reach: 1,27 milion
- After follow reach: 2,8 milion
- Interactions: 17K
- Reach from campaign hashtags: 11K

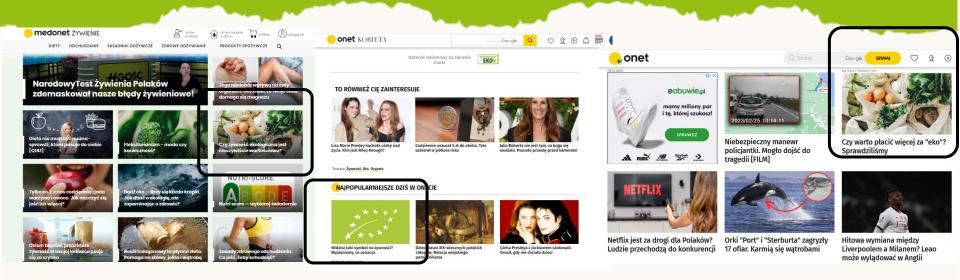








Native advertising



Native articles with display promotion in one of the top horizontal portals. 91.000 UU, 150.000 PV.









Video Content Marketing – Onet 100'



https://kobieta.onet.pl/zdrowie/jaksie-zuje-zwierzetom-w-chowieekologicznum/zv2w56u



Coraz wiecej ludzi uświadamia sobie, że żywność ekologiczna może przynosić korzyści środowisku

https://kobieta.onet.pl/zdrowie/jak-produkcjaekozywnosci-wplywa-na-naszaplanete/49p91l0



Produkt ekologiczny, czyli taki, który wytwarzany jest w systemie rolnictwa ekologicznego, musi spełniać szereg ścisłych wymagań. Przy uprawie warzyw i owoców nie moga być stosowane sztuczne środki ochrony

https://kobieta.onet.pl/zdrowie/czum-jestzuwnosc-ekologiczna/t8xlwms

384K video views

B2C Events National Sports Day 2022, 2023

National Sports Day is a big event in Warsaw, once a year to celebrate active lifestyle, healthy diet and physical activity for the whole family.

The campaign was present at the event twice, with its own booth, cooking area, playground, workshop facilities.

Number of visitors at the campaign booth: 2.000



B2B Events

TRADE FAIRS

BIO EXPO organic food fairs, the biggest in Poland and central-easter Europe. Held once a year close to Warsaw. The campaign was a partner of the event:

- with a front booth
- area for cooking shows with organic products
- sampling area
- experts area

2.000 participants.

POLISH ORGANIC FOOD FORUM

The only B2B forum/congress on the organic market in Poland, organised by PIŻE.

- dedicated to farmers, producers, processors and retailers of organic products
- 3 days of presentations and panel discussions with academics, market practitioners, regulators and other experts from Poland and Europe.

3.000 participants







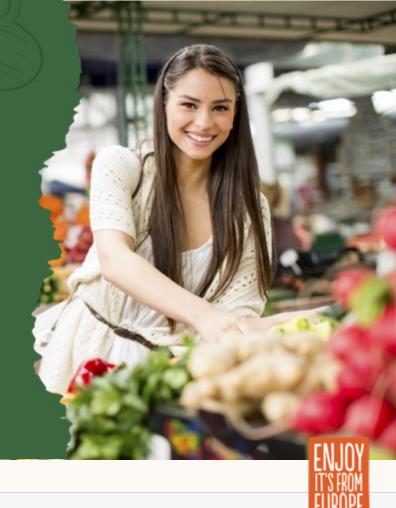


Overall Results

The campaign is still ongoing so the final results will be measured in 2 months

However we already observe very positive outcomes:

- 1. After a major slowdown in 2022, the organic market definitely rebounded in 2023 and we finally have increase in sales
- Consumer survey after 1st year of the program showed improvement by a few percentage points
- 3. Our organization has become much stronger, is **recognized** as a market expert
- 4. Media are much more eager to talk about organic product and EU organic farming scheme and we observe more coverage initiated by journalists themselves.













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