Natura na pokolenia
Nature for generations
Earth and People Foundation
RCE WARSAW METROPOLITAN
Earth and People Foundation in RCE Warsaw Metropolitan

The „secret power” of RCEWM it is great number and diversity of Partners
Our society is aging

¼ POPULATION are seniors 60+
Seniors – a challenge for sustainable development

Excluded:
• socially
• digitally
• educationally

(also in the area of sustainable development)
Seniors – potential for sustainable development

• Social activity similar and higher than for younger generations

• High informal activity for the family
Seniors have a great intergenerational impact on the behavior of children and young people.

Almost three-fifths of Poles (59%) say they owe something to their grandparents and grandmothers.

It is an almost universal feeling among students (86%).

The role of grandparents in the education of grandchildren is still widespread and lasting.

CBOS 2012
Lack of knowledge about sustainable development and pro-ecological behavior

A lot of experience living with rich nature, limited resources and without fear of nature

A lot of school knowledge about sustainable development

Nature-deficit disorder and cognitive dissonance
University of the Third Age (U3A)
In 1989
– 9 U3A
Today – more than 500

The first U3A in Poland
- 3rd in the world, in 1975
Universities of the Third Age - educational and cultural centers

- Lectures, seminars
- Computer courses
- Sports activities, olympics
- Tourism
- Art. classes
- Language courses
- Special-interests group
U3A Students
- the elite among seniors

Active age 61-70 years old

Volunteering

Educational and civic projects

Higher and secondary education

Cooperation with schools and kindergartens

Cooperation with administration and local government
Green knowledge for Universities of the Third Age

- SD - a chance for Earth and us
- My planet without e-waste
- Year for the climate
- Biodiversity is also us
- I have the right to know and act
- Nature for generations
Green knowledge for Universities of the Third Age

70 U3A

in the network of certified “Earth-friendly Universities of the Third Age”
Intergenerational program of ecological education of protected areas communities
Problems and aims

Problems:

• the negative attitude of local communities to nature conservation
• lack of social participation in activities for the protection of nature,
• development of the local economy that collides with nature conservation,
• preservation of the cultural identity of local communities.

Objectives

• To increase ecological awareness of residents of protected areas
• To use of the intergenerational potential to exchange experiences and knowledge between youth and seniors
• To use of educational and institutional potential of Universities of the Third Age for cascade ecological education of the local community.
Partner U3A and target group

- seniors, people aged 60+
- schoolchildren

In addition:
- families
- local communities
- stakeholders (ngo, local authorities)
Project activities

- Lectures
- Field workshops
- Problem workshops
Project activities

- Publications and www
  - Popular science book "Nature for generations"
  - Leader's Guide - Booklet for leaders of protected areas communities
  - Local turistic guides and field games

- Competitions

- Educational stands
Green Knowledge Library for U3A
U3A own actions

U3A from Stęszew visit kindergarten

Workshops „Forest in the jam” U3A Bielsko-Biała
Painting inspired by nature
U3A Choczewo

Tourist Rally
U3A in Nowa Ruda
Tree planting festival in Łazy

Ecological spectacle in Brwinów
Presentation in school U3A Aleksandrów Kujawski

Workshops for youth U3A in Bytom
Results

At least 500 students from Third Age Universities and 300 pupils from local schools

10 U3A - Ambassadors in the local community who are aware of the richness of nature and the need to create conservation areas.
What next? Our aspirations.

Regional conferences: University of the Third Age - local centers of intergenerational ecological education

Expanding the network of certified „Earth-friendly Universities of the Third Age”

International cooperation and joint projects!
SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY AND COMMUTING IN BALTIC CITIES (SUMBA)

• A new Interreg project focuses on how to achieve a more attractive and environmentally friendly commuting system in the Baltic Sea Region.
• The urban transport system can be reshaped to an intermodal network that offers a combination of various transport modes, including bike and car-sharing.
• The project is led by City of Hamburg, Borough of Altona in cooperation with German Aerospace Center, Baltic Environmental Forum Estonia, City of Tallinn, The Union of Harju County Municipalities, City of Tartu, Baltic Environmental Forum Latvia, City of Riga, City of Växjö, Šiauliai City Municipality, Olsztyn Municipality and the Earth and People Foundation. The project is financed by the European Regional Development Fund.