

Polish Business & Science Climate Platform

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As leaders of the above named companies and organisations, we support the need for a robust policy framework to drive efficiencies and changes in the energy system, thereby significantly lowering CO₂ emissions over future decades.

We sign this statement following the release of two Polish reports:

- Low Emissions Poland 2050 (Institute for Structural Research, the Institute for Sustainable Development & the European Climate Foundation), which concludes that Poland should make an effort to use all its current competitive human and resource capital to continue healthy growth but that greater attention and financial resources should be committed to innovation, resource efficiency, modernization of the economy and CO2 reductions. The report also indicates the importance of regulatory clarity, transparency and stability.
- The Strategic Adaptation Plan for Sectors and Areas Sensitive to Climate Change up to 2020 Covering a Perspective to 2030 (SAP 2020) (Polish Ministry of Environment), which estimates possible climate related adaptation costs and presents solutions to prevent climate change. The report is a basis for further constructive dialogue between industry and government on how to effectively mitigate climate change effects in Poland.

These reports emphasize the need for greater recognition in Poland that CO2 emissions can and should be reduced significantly through a range of measures including energy efficiency measures on both the supply and demand side (such as building insulation, retrofitting heating & cooling systems, LED lighting etc..), fuel substitution for example to natural gas or biomass/biofuels, renewable energy use and carbon capture and storage (CCS) in the power and the industry sectors.

As business leaders, we look forward to working with the government of Poland as it seeks to build a resilient, low emission economy. There are already many examples of such leadership across Polish municipalities, cities and companies and we encourage the government to showcase these at what we hope will be a successful Pre UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) on October 2-5 and full COP meeting on November 11-22 hosted by the City of Warsaw.