

Polish Fair Trade Coalition Annual activity report 2012

I. Introduction

Polish Fair Trade Coalition was founded by 9 non-governmental organisations on March 16th, 2009. Its task in 2012 was to carry out several joint initiatives. The most important one was to finalize the Coalition from the formal point of view and create a Foundation of the Fair Trade Coalition.

The report does not include activities carried out by particular members of the coalition although these were equally important.

Due to a decision made in 2012 to attempt to register the Coalition as a Foundation, a short list of entities collaborating within informal coalition between **March 16th, 2009 and the end of 2012** is presented.

Members of the Coalition (non-governmental organisations in alphabetic order):

1. [Dom Spotkań im. Angelusa Silesiusa](#)
2. [Fundacja Ekorozwoju](#)
3. Fundacja na rzecz Edukacji Obywatelskiej im. Alana Turinga
4. [Fundacja Projekt Caracol](#)
5. [Fundacja Wspierania Inicjatyw Ekologicznych](#)
6. [Grupa eFTe Warszawa](#)
7. [Ośrodek Działań Ekologicznych "Źródła"](#)
8. [Polska Akcja Humanitarna](#)
9. [Polskie Stowarzyszenie Sprawiedliwego Handlu „Trzeci Świat i My”](#)
10. [Stowarzyszenia Lokalnych Ośrodków Twórczych](#)
11. [Salezjański Wolontariat Misyjny „Młodzi Światu”](#)
12. [Towarzystwo dla Natury i Człowieka](#)
13. [Związek Stowarzyszeń Polska Zielona Sieć](#)

Partners of the Coalition (companies and individuals in alphabetical order):

1. [Biosprawiedliwi](#)
2. [BioKurier](#)
3. [Firma Handlowo-Usługowa „Fuente” \(OH sklep\)](#)
4. [Jarmarki Świata](#)
5. [Kępa Cafe](#)
6. [proFT LTD](#)
7. [Natura Rzeczy](#)
8. Sprawiedliwy Handel w praktyce
9. [Szczypta Świata](#)

Coalition's Coordinators (in alphabetical order)

1. Maria Huma
2. Tadeusz Makulski
3. Krzysztof Słaboń
4. Justyna Szambelan
5. Kamila Tyniec
6. Bartosz Wierzbiński
7. Andrzej Żwawa

Coalition's Secretary:

- Zbigniew Szalbot

Coalition's Secretary's Office:

Coalition's Office is located in Kraków and is run by Związek Stowarzyszeń Polska Zielona Sieć (Alliance of Associations Polish Green Network).

II. Operations

1. Activities related to creation of the Foundation

After numerous meetings and online discussions the statute was drawn up and a group of 11 entities interested in joint registration of the Foundation of the Fair Trade Coalition was formed. The Foundation will take over the activities of informal Coalition started in 2009 as other entities previously working within the Coalition did not express their will to join others in registering of the Foundation (they either stopped their operations; stopped being active or limited their activities in the field of fair trade; or do not cooperate with the Coalition anymore). Due to the fact that one of the entities interested in being part of the Coalition did not provide sufficient documentation, the final authenticated deed, witnessed by the notary, Mr. Hubert Perycz, was signed in Warsaw on 2nd December 2012 by 10 entities:

1. Mrs. Agnieszka Bińkowska, owner of the private enterprise called: [Agnieszka Bińkowska Szczypta Świata](#)
2. [Fundacja EkoRozwoju](#)
3. [Fundacja Polska Akcja Humanitarna](#)
4. Mrs. Dorota Kocurek-Poznańska, owner of the private enterprise called: [Pozytywna zmiana Kocurek-Poznańska Dorota](#)
5. [Ośrodek Działań Ekologicznych „Źródła”](#)
6. [Polskie Stowarzyszenie Sprawiedliwego Handlu „Trzeci Świat i My”](#)
7. [proFT LTD](#)
8. Mrs. Maria Monika Stalony, owner of the private enterprise called: [Biosprawiedliwi Maria Monika Stalony](#)
9. [Stowarzyszenie Lokalnych Ośrodków Twórczych](#)
10. [Związek Stowarzyszeń Polska Zielona Sieć](#)

Aims of the newly erected Foundation:

1. Popularization and promotion of Fair Trade ideas;
2. Building a brand and positive image of the idea of Fair Trade;

3. Being a representative of the Polish Fair Trade movement;
4. Providing support for entities and individuals interested in pro Fair Trade activities;
5. Supporting initiatives that ensure availability of Fair Trade products in Poland;
6. Supporting research on functioning of the Fair Trade and its influence on producers.

On 11th November 2012 in Poznań, under § 12.2. of the Foundation's Statute, founders of the Foundation of the *Fair Trade Coalition* and their representatives has nominated the Supervisory Board with the following members:

1. Mr. Borys Bińkowski, delegated by Mrs. Agnieszka Bińkowska owner of the private enterprise called: Agnieszka Bińkowska Szczypta Świata.
2. Mrs. Monika Aleksandra Onyszkiewicz, representative of Fundacja EkoRozwój.
3. Mr. Grzegorz Gruca, representative of Polska Akcja Humanitarna.
4. Mrs. Dorota Kocurek-Poznańska, owner of the private enterprise called: Pozytywna zmiana Kocurek-Poznańska Dorota
5. Mrs. Ewa Maria Kamińska, representative of Ośrodek Działań Ekologicznych „Źródła”.
6. Mr. Wojciech Jan Zięba, representative of Polskie Stowarzyszenie Sprawiedliwego Handlu „Trzeci Świat i My”.
7. Mr. Andrzej Smok, representative of PROFT LTD company.
8. Mrs. Maria Monika Stalony, owner of the private enterprise called: Biosprawiedliwi Maria Monika Stalony.
9. Mr. Krzysztof Marcin Słaboń, representative of Stowarzyszenie Lokalnych Ośrodków Twórczych
10. Mrs. Zuzanna Jagoda Zajczenko, representative of Związek Stowarzyszeń Polska Zielona Sieć.

Under § 12.7. of the Foundation's Statute, Mr. Borys Waclaw Bińkowski was appointed to the Chair of the Supervisory Board.

Under § 18.2. of the Foundation's Statute, Mr. Andrzej Żwawa was appointed to the Chair of the Management Board and Mr. Zbigniew Szalbot was appointed to become a Member of the Board.

Subsequently, Foundation registration documents were prepared and submitted on 4th December 2012 to the District Court of Kraków Śródmieście in Kraków, 9th Commercial Division of the National Court Register. On 21st December 2012 the Court ordered to return the application for necessary correction.

2. Cooperation in aid of responsible fashion

Representatives of the Coalition took part in a meeting of the first unofficial partnership for development of responsible fashion in Poland (on July 20th, 2012, Kraków) where they signed a *Declaration of fulfillment of actions within a framework of informal cross-sectoral agreement settled in aid of responsible fashion in Poland*. The document was also signed by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Europe and the CIS, Project Office Poland and Związek Stowarzyszeń Polska Zielona Sieć, among others.

Thus, a *Multilateral Partnership for Development of Responsible Fashion in Poland* was formed (patterned after British association called Ethical Fashion Forum, ethicalfashionforum.com/source). In a scope of Fair Trade activities the *Partnership* is to promote and support clothing companies embracing the Fair Trade ideas by using Fairtrade certified cotton as well as respecting the principles of Fair Trade.

More information about the *Partnership* at:
facebook.com/groups/266173540153686/?fref=ts

3. Fair Trade Towns

In 2012 Polish Fair Trade Association together with representatives of the Coalition jointly prepared a draft of a final report of the campaign *Fair Trade Towns*.

On 10th and 11th December 2012 in Poznań, Fair Trade Towns international conference was held, organised by Polish Fair Trade Association supported by the Fair Trade Coalition. During the conference both organisations awarded the City of Poznań with a title of Fair Trade City. The title is valid for two years from the day it was granted and it can be further extended.

4. Activities on fairtrade.org.pl and the website traffic

The Secretary of Fair Trade Coalition is an administrator of fairtrade.org.pl website (over 34 thousand views; average daily traffic – 160 views) and the Coalition's Facebook page (couple of thousands of people "like it"). He also prepares press releases, such as release about World Fair Trade Day.

5. Activities on Coalition's discussion lists

The Secretary of Fair Trade Coalition is an administrator of two electronic mailing lists: lists.most.org.pl/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/koalicja (all members of the Coalition are subscribers of this list) and lists.most.org.pl/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/lista_fairtrade (a collection of individuals interested in the Fair Trade movement in Poland; the list gathers more than 100 e-mail addresses).