

We are all living within an ocean of change, and therefore, we need all dedicated people and institutions to support the Ocean Literacy actions. I am speaking on behalf of not only my Institute, which plays a role of a regional knowledge hub, but also on behalf of other cooperating organizations, such as the EU4Ocean Coalition, Today We Have, the Sopot Science Association, and Storware, to name just a few.

I am convinced that we must make every effort to empower youth with scientific knowledge, to allow them to critically choose sources of information regarding observed changes, as well as to decide what they can do to mitigate these changes and adapt to them.

Young generations need to understand the principles of sustainable development, and how to adopt the idea into their own lives. To achieve this, it is crucial to develop innovative educational tools and mechanisms for effective knowledge transfer and to implement them in all schools in every country.

We need to take an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach to tackle these changes. Students must understand how complex the issues of global climate and ocean changes are, and that every person, including them, has a profound impact on the fate of our planet.

We must invest in youth climate and ocean education because teenage citizens, within a few years, will make crucial decisions in local and parliamentary elections that are likely to determine our planet's future. Properly educated citizens are key to achieving global sustainability.

Therefore, I fully support the process of life-long learning for Ocean Literacy, including obligatory courses in all schools in every country.