THE NEED FOR ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN THE CONTEXT OF EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Summary

In European Union, including Poland, the conception sustainable development is in force. It's realization depends on many different factors, including the level of ecological knowledge. This level depends on the quality of ecological education. Ecological education must concern all citizens, including representatives of government and public administration both at central and local government level. Educating officials is important because from their awareness and knowledge depends whether and how the concept of sustainable development will be implemented. It is therefore crucial to development the proper attitudes of government officials, including a comprehensive education for sustainable development, which affects the level of environmental awareness.

The purpose of this study is an attempt to answer the question whether among government officials at the local government level, is a need for education for sustainable development, including ecological knowledge? In order to answer this question a survey among employees of local governments offices in selected local governments of West Pomerania Voivodeship was conducted. The survey was about the "Preferences in the acquisition of ecological knowledge". This allowed to assess their interest in that issue.

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