

DOBRZE

Food Coop in Warsaw

**connecting producers and consumers
around sustainable food**



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Who is DOBRZE Cooperative?



We are a consumer Cooperative who provides two food shops



**27 Andersa Street,
Warsaw**

**18/20 Polna Street,
Warsaw**



Our goals

1. Increase access of Warsaw residents to healthy, fresh and seasonal food.
2. Support the development of local, organic farms.
3. Promote an economy of cooperation and the common good.
4. Promote activism based on the principles of direct democracy.



Cooperative values

Self-help

Self-responsibility

Solidarity

Democracy

Equity

Equality



DOBRZE Cooperative in numbers

A collective of more than 310 people:
264 members
52 proxies

16 employees

30 farms

40 small family businesses

100-120 deliveries in the week



What food do we sell?





Zdrową i smaczną!



Democratic management



Benefits for consumers and members



Ewa Marszałek-Olszewska
Photography



We support farmers



and pro-environmental
method of agricultural
production!

We ensure stable income for farmers

Together we agree on the resulting price from real costs farmer, and not dictated by market fluctuations.

Long-term cooperation with one farm.

We understand that products may be more expensive due to drought or crop failure.



Decent reward for the work put in



65%

On average, the price you pay for vegetables and fruit in our store goes to the farmer or manufacturer



Short food supply chains



Care for the environment



Study visits to farmers



Educational and community building events



How we support cooperativism and organic agriculture?



*Elisa Marcusulek-Oliwa
Photography*



Cooperation with organics farmers

We work with almost **30 organics farms with certificate**, and with farms practicing “pro-ecological” agriculture (pesticide free) without certificate.

We tend to work only with organics farms and organics farms in conversion as a support to farmers that wants to change their practices



We support development of food cooperatives in Poland

2014 set up an association Kooperatywa Spożywcza “Dobrze”

2022 we changed legal entity and we set up a cooperative and we became a multi-stakeholder cooperative.

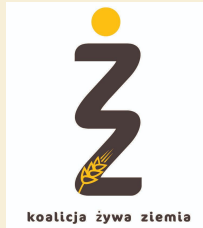
2020-2022 Active participation of creation of **Food Co-ops Network** – umbrella organization (<https://parasol.coop/>)

2023 Training in the creation of a formal food cooperative (identified group from Lublin), as part of *European Climate Foundation* project

2023-2024 Develop a concept that will allow the launch of the Network of Food Cooperatives in Poland in the near future, as part of *BOSH* project (still waiting for confirmation if the project could start)



We cooperate with:



We had/have/plan to projects with:



Our needs in relation to food cooperatives in Poland



Amending the act on social economy

In the Social Economy Act of August 5, 2022, social economy entities include social cooperatives, work cooperatives, including cooperatives of the disabled and blind, as well as agricultural production cooperatives.

=> Efforts should be made for the Social Economy Act of August 5, 2022 to also include other cooperatives (*as Dobrze cooperative*) in the catalog of social economy entities.



Greater support for the development of organic agriculture

As Dobrze Association, **we support the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy**, which supports the creation of sustainable food production and protects the natural environment and the planet's resources.

Some inputs from our partners/organic farmers

- Need of administrative support during the conversion from conventional to organic farming.
- Support for the development of the entire organic sector (*e.g. lack of natural organic compounds for application in organic farming*)
- Need of training in pro-ecological agriculture practices



Thank you for your attention!

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