Attitude of Warsaw inhabitants and Polish public authorities towards climate change and adaptation

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Research
Two opinion pools:
- October-November 2014 – 300 representatives
- January-February 2019 – 254 representatives

- Representatives of 50 biggest Polish cities
- Middle level directors and board members
Two opinion pools:
- June 2016
- June 2018

Representative sample of Warsaw citizens older than 15 yrs

Two focus rounds: 2016 and 2018 on sample groups of parents, elderly, directors etc.
Results
Perceived exposition to climate change: Warsaw inhabitants
Perception of climate change

- Global phenomena
  - Global warming
  - Glacier melting
  - Change in biodiversity
  - Sea level rise
  - Ecological catastrophes

- Local phenomena
  - Local authorities

Bar charts showing changes in perception from 2014 to 2019.
Perception of climate change in Warsaw inhabitants

2016
Winter is warm, summer is cool
Greenhouse effect - it will be hot
I do not care, climate was always changing and will be changing
Bullshit once again
Politics again!

2018
Winter changes into summer, no spring
More severe weather conditions
Concrete buildings – heat island
Smog, air pollution
Low comfort of living
We feel bad
Barriers
Local authorities

- Not enough money: A2014 56, A2019 68
- Low level of climate education: A2014 34, A2019 47
- Not enough grants: A2014 24, A2019 32
- People are against investments: A2014 25, A2019 28
- No national authorities initiative: A2014 14, A2019 18
- Low level of expertise in city: A2014 16, A2019 14
Responsibility to Warsaw inhabitants
Let's prepare for warmer Earth

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