

## THEN Insurance

- 23 November 1918, Decree of the Provisional Head of State granting a lump-sum allowance for workers
- 19 May 1920, Act on compulsory insurance against sickness
- 11 December 1923, Act on pension insurance for public servants
- 18 July 1924, Act on unemployment insurance
- 24 November 1927 Ordinance of the President of the Republic of Poland on pension insurance for white-collar workers
- 28 March 1933, adoption of the Integration Act
- 24 October 1934, Decree of the President of the Republic of Poland

## Prevention and rehabilitation Education

- **HOLIDAY CAMPS**
- The Social Insurance Institution promoted a healthy lifestyle. It organised therapeutic and preventive camps and semi-camps for children, and special holiday camps for working young people.



Children during morning gymnastics on the terrace. Summer camp in Radziszów, 1938. Narodowe Archiwum Cyfrowe (National Digital Archives)



Children's sanatorium in Kalisz built by a social insurance company. Private collection of Prof. Ewa Otto-Buczkowska



Posters published by the National Insurance Company in Poznań. Muzeum Plakatu (Poster Museum)

- **REHABILITATION**
- Health could be restored in sanatoriums supervised by the Social Insurance Institution.

- **PROMOTION OF OSH**
- The Social Insurance Institution promoted the prevention of accidents in employment and of occupational diseases.

- **HIGH-VOLUME PUBLICATIONS**
- The monthly 'Droga do zdrowia' ('Road to Health'), published since 1930, included texts on healthy eating, child care and preventive health care. Its edition of 70 thousand copies was distributed to patients free of charge by doctors of social insurance companies.



Covers of the journal 'Droga do zdrowia' ('Road to Health'). Library at Koszykowa street in Warsaw



Opening of a hygiene exhibition in Poznań, 1930s. Narodowe Archiwum Cyfrowe (National Digital Archives)



A scientific journal 'Przegląd Ubezpieczeń Społecznych' ('Social Insurance Review'). Biblioteka Narodowa (National Library)

- **POPULAR EDUCATION**
- ZUS organised travelling hygiene exhibitions. Their topics varied: the fight against alcoholism, the promotion of sport, care for cleanliness and the fight against epidemics, and proper rest after work.

- **SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**
- The monthly 'Przegląd Ubezpieczeń Społecznych' ('Social Insurance Review') was the flagship publication of ZUS (with a circulation of 1,500 copies).

## NOW Insurance

- 25 November 1986, Act on the organisation and financing of social insurance. ZUS acquired the status of a central state administration body, performing social insurance tasks. The Social Insurance Fund was established. Thus, social insurance was separated from the state budget. ZUS continues to manage this fund today.
- 1999 - the reform of the social insurance system came into force. These were the most revolutionary changes in ZUS history to date.
- 2016 - Old-age pension review under the theme 'Bezpieczeństwo dzięki odpowiedzialności' ('Security through responsibility')

## Prevention and rehabilitation Education

- **REHABILITATION**
- Since 1996, ZUS has been providing medical rehabilitation. Rehabilitation is designed for insured persons who are at risk of total or partial incapacity for work, but at the same time have the chance to regain the earning capacity after appropriate rehabilitation.



ZUS cooperates with a number of sanatoriums. The photo shows the sanatorium in Ustron. ZUS collections



Publications by ZUS and National Labour Inspectorate on accident prevention. ZUS collections

- **PROMOTION OF OSH**
- ZUS subsidises the activities of contribution payers aimed at maintaining earning capacity throughout the period of professional activity. Since 2013, ZUS has been implementing a self-designed 'Programme for the co-financing of occupational health and safety at the workplace'.

- **EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES**
- Since 2014, ZUS has been implementing the 'Lessons with ZUS' project for secondary school pupils. The 'Project with ZUS' is designed for primary school children. During the 'Lessons with ZUS' series, pupils learn what social insurance is, what the obligations and rights of people insured are and how to set up one's own business. Since 2016, ZUS has been entering into agreements with universities, which inter alia include lectures on social insurance, joint research projects, conferences and mutual access to the knowledge base.



Textbooks prepared by ZUS, the Ministry of Education and the Education Board. ZUS collections



Educational materials for students. ZUS collections

- **SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**
- Since 2015, ZUS has been publishing, in accordance with the rules on scored scientific journals, the quarterly 'Ubezpieczenia społeczne. Teoria i praktyka' ('Social Insurance. Theory and Practice'). In September 2016, the Social Insurance Institution entered into cooperation with two scientific and research institutions: Polish Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Labour and Social Affairs.

- **POPULAR EDUCATION**
- For each group of customers: the insured, entrepreneurs and beneficiaries, ZUS organises open days (Entrepreneur's Week, Days of Persons Insured, Day of Persons with Disabilities), during which ZUS experts provide advice, explain regulations and answer questions. ZUS periodically organises Days of Persons with Disabilities and prepares special publications.



Quarterly 'Ubezpieczenia Społeczne. Teoria i praktyka' ('Social Insurance. Theory and practice'). ZUS collections

Social insurance is an important pillar of our statehood - it has played an important role in its formation and in building civil society and social solidarity. Both in the Second Republic of Poland and now, the same redistribution mechanism applies. Social security mechanisms are also sustainable. The most important thing has also remained - a guarantee of timely payment of benefits and attention to the best possible quality of customer service, concern for the health and fitness of the people insured, as well as widespread education on social insurance and the scientific basis of the system.

# We continue the best traditions



SOCIAL INSURANCE INSTITUTION



- In recent years, the Social Insurance Institution has been performing new tasks for various population groups, especially for families. This new area of activity makes ZUS start to function as a social service facility. It is increasingly making use of modern IT technologies which, together with digitisation and automation, allow the new tasks of ZUS to be handled efficiently, comprehensively and professionally.



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### DIRECTIONS OF ZUS DEVELOPMENT

- Automation of tasks performed by ZUS
- Mobile applications for customers
- Electronic office available 7 days a week 24 hours a day
- Increasing customer service efficiency
- Modern and citizen-friendly institution
- Leader in accessibility for people with special needs
- Reducing operating costs