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ECONOMIC HUB

9th International Annual Meeting
Novotel Warszawa Centrum, December 16th 2016

Draft Agenda

Conference motto:

New Potential for Growth The Polish Economy in Europe and the Wider World Today and 10 Years from Now

The past decade has seen Poland's economy expand at an average rate of 3.8 percent a year, making it one of the fastest growing economies in the European Union. However, economists have identified certain flaws in Poland's economic system and factors that prevent Poland from becoming one of the most developed countries in Europe and beyond. The Warsaw Economic Hub conference will look at how Poland could overcome these obstacles and unlock new development potential as one of the EU's largest economies.

Morning plenary session

9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Opening speeches

9.50 a.m. – 1 p.m.

1. Poland as the leading economy in the CEE region. How can its growth be stimulated further? The strengths and drivers of the Polish economy and the country's Plan for Responsible Development. (9.50 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.)

An address by Jerzy Kwieciński, Secretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development

Panel discussion attended by **Jerzy Kwieciński** and **Andrzej Kaczmarek**, president, PSE Inwestycje, **Maks Kraczkowski**, vicepresident, PKO Bank Polski, **Jacek Levernes**, president, ABSL (tbc), **Dawid Lasek**, undersecretary of state, Ministry of Sport and Tourism, **Iwona Sroka**, president, KDPW, **Ireneusz Węglowski**, vicepresident, Orbis S.A.

Discussion moderated by Jack Ewing, The New York Times and Andrzej Jonas, The Warsaw Voice



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2. High time that Polish businesses embraced innovation and expanded more vigorously abroad. In what areas can Poland become a strong player in the near future? What kind of support can Polish enterprises expect to receive from the government and the Polish Development Fund? (10.50 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.)

An address by Paweł Borys, president of the Polish Development Fund

Panel discussion attended by **Paweł Borys** and **Marek Czerski**, president, KUKI, **Paweł Nierada**, first vice-president, BGK, **Sławomir Panasiuk**, vice-president, KDPW, **Tomasz Pisula**, president, PAIiZ/Invest in Poland, **Krzysztof Soszyński**, vicepresident, Inter Cars, **Karol Zarajczyk**, president, URSUS.

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An address by Gilles Clavie, president, Orbis S.A.

Coffee break

11.50 a.m.– 12.05 p.m.

3. The economic security of Poland and its region amid major changes taking place in Europe and elsewhere. (12.10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

An address by Guenter Verheugen

Panel discussion attended by Guenter Verheugen and **Ryszard Czarnecki**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, **Bogusław Liberadzki**, Member of the European Parliament, **Wiesław Rożucki**, first president of the Warsaw Stock Exchange, 1991-2006, **Paweł Wojciechowski**, Chief Economist of the Social Insurance Institution ZUS.



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Networking Lunch

1 p.m. – 1.35 p.m.

Focus group debates held between the plenary sessions.

Session 1

1. Poland's energy security. A day without power

A panel discussion attended by **Andrzej Kaczmarek**, president, PSE Inwestycje, **Konrad Pokutycki**, president, BSH Sprzęt Gospodarstwa Domowego, **Sławomir Pijanowski**, president, POLRISK, **Mirosław Proppe**, Partner, Management Consulting, KPMG. (1.40 p.m.– 2:25 p.m.)
Moderator: **Andrzej Jonas**, The Warsaw Voice

Panel host: PSE Inwestycje S.A.

2. Tools for economic development available to local governments and authorities

Work on the government's national development strategy is coming to an end. Its main objectives have been known for many months. What tools that help to boost local economies are already or will soon be available to local governments and authorities? (2:30 p.m.- 3:15p.m.)

Panel host: PwC

A panel discussion attended by **Maciej Lachowski**, Counsellor to the Minister of Economic Development, **Mariusz Malinowski**, Advisor to the President of Pruszków and Mayor of Grodzisk Mazowiecki, **Piotr Rybicki**, vicepresident, Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Katowice, **Grzegorz Wolff**, deputy director, Economic Development Department, City of Warsaw. (2.30 p.m. – 3:15p.m.)

Moderator: **Dionizy Smoleń**, director, PWC



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Session 2

Poland Meetings Destination debate: The meetings industry as the “dark horse” of the Polish economy (1.40 p.m.– 3:15 p.m.)

Discussions attended by **Żaneta Berus**, president, EXPO XXI Warszawa, **Monika Białkowska**, director, Warszawska Organizacja Turystyczna, dr **Krzysztof Celuch**, Poland Convention Bureau, POT, Szkoła Główna Turystyki i Rekreacji, **Krzysztof Cieślikowski**, AWF Katowice, **Luc Gesvret**, director, Grupa Hotelowa ORBIS, **Dawid Lasek**, undersecretary of state, Ministry of Sport and Tourism, **Tomasz Szczęsny**, vicepresident, eTravel S.A., **Mateusz Czerwiński**, WCB, **Radosław Dudziński**, director, Lubelskie Centrum Konferencyjne, **Mark Krawczyński**, **Kamil Szymański**, president, CWK Jasionka, **Beata Maly-Kaczanowska**, vice-president, EXPO Mazury, **Andrzej Kiercz**, Targi Kielce S.A.

Discussions:

1. How to boost GDP growth at a low cost?

(1.40 p.m.– 2:25 p.m.)

What's the difference between Polish meeting industry sector and those in Great Britain, France or Netherlands? Should we tolerate those key differences? Are we able to make up for them? What kind of tools we need in order to do it? Is Warszawa an island?

Introductory word by prof. **Jadwiga Berbeka**, Cracow University of Economics

2. Meeting industry infrastructure and conference & congress centers impact on economic growth of cities and regions. Cases, challenges, expectations.

(2.30 p.m. – 3:15p.m.)

Last few years Poland grew a number of new conference, congress and exhibition centers. Are they too many or else? What are the local, regional and countrywide consequences? Is the market mature enough for them to



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function? What are business perspectives for them? Obstacles and positive observations for the time being. What is the meeting industry future in Poland?

Introductory word by **Mark Krawczyński**, Rotary International

Moderator: Juliusz Kłosowski, *The Warsaw Voice*, *Poland Meetings Destination*

Coffee break

3.20 p.m. – 3.35 p.m.

Afternoon plenary session

(3.40 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

Poland's financial security.

A panel discussion by former finance ministers, attended by **Mirosław Gronicki**, **Stanisław Kluza**, **Jerzy Osiatyński**, **Andrzej Raczko**, **Mateusz Szczurek**.

Discussion moderated by **Paweł Wojciechowski**.

Close of conference proceedings: around 4:45 p.m.