

## EEC Trends


3 February, 2025 | Warsaw, Sheraton Grand Warsaw hotel

## initial agenda

8.00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. registration of guests					
9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	INAUGURATION: Safe and competitive economy				
11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. break					
11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	New energy	Construction and infrastructure	Diplomacy and expansion	EEC Talks, pt. 1 - Finance - 25 years of the WNP portal	
1.00 p.m. - 1.45 p.m. break					
1.45 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Power industry: investments and regulations	Technologies, trends, investments	Polish industry here and now	EEC Talks, pt. 2 - 25 years of the WNP portal - Expansion	
3.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. break					
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Labour market	Defence and economy	Green transition	EEC Talks, pt. 3 - Digitalisation - Investments in the economy	3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. ACCOMPANYING EVENT: The EEC Program Council and EEC Members – together about the Congress
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. technical break					
7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	ACCOMPANYING EVENT: WNP Awards Gala				

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## INAUGURATION

3 February 2025, 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Ballroom ABCDE |  online broadcasting |  translated simultaneously PL/EN

## Inaugural session: Safe and competitive economy

The significance and key components of economic security. How to provide it? How to maintain a steady growth? Types of threats and their mitigation – the role of international cooperation. The fundamental components determining economic security: the geopolitical reality and physical security, international competition, the transition of economy and the energy sector, climate policies and regulations. The competitiveness of Poland's economy in a dynamic and volatile environment. Difficult conditions presenting an opportunity for Polish businesses and entrepreneurs.

## Opening:

- **Wojciech Kuśpiak**, Chairman of the Board, PTWP Group, Initiator and Organiser of the European Economic Congress

## Conversation 1:1:

- **Jerzy Buzek**, Member of the European Parliament, Speaker of the European Parliament 2009-2012, Prime Minister 1997-2001, Chairman of the EEC Council
- **Adam Sierak**, Editor, WNP.pl

## The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Andrzej Dopierała**, Deputy President of the Management Board, Asseco Poland
- **Witold Literacki**, Deputy President of the Management Board for Corporate Affairs, First Deputy President of the Management Board, ORLEN SA
- **Tomasz Marciniak**, Managing Partner, McKinsey & Company Poland
- **Michał H. Mrozek**, Deputy President of the Management Board, ING Bank Śląski SA
- **Artur Popko**, President, Budimex,

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- **Michał Sołowow**, Entrepreneur, Industrialist, Investor

Moderated by:

- **Aleksandra Helbin**, Editor in Chief, WNP.PL

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#### **New energy**

The transition of the energy sector and its influence on the development and competitiveness of the economy. Acceleration now: what about investments in renewable energy sources? The separation of coal assets, investments in the grid and other systemic decisions and actions that are necessary for Poland to continue the reconstruction of its power industry.

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Mikołaj Budzanowski**, President of the Management Board EIT InnoEnergy Central Europe
- **Krzysztof Dresler**, Deputy President of the Management Board, PKO BP
- **Andrzej Jarczyk**, President of the Management Board, TUW PZUW
- **Dorota Jeziorowska**, Director, Polish Heat Engineering Society (Polskie Towarzystwo Energetyki Ciepłej)
- **Bartosz Krysta**, Deputy President of the Management Board for Commercial Affairs, ENEA
- **Agnieszka Okońska**, Deputy President of the Management Board, PSE (Polskie Sieci Elektroenergetyczne)
- **Olga Sypuła**, Country Manager, European Energy Poland

Moderated by:

- **Marek Tejchman**, Deputy Editor in Chief, Dziennik Gazeta Prawna

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#### **Construction and infrastructure**

Key infrastructural investments in Poland vs. the construction market. How to realize them in a challenging environment? Accumulated tasks and related risks. Other barriers: decreasing output in construction and installation, irregular orders, unpredictable legislation, the gap in the labour market and competences deficiency. The infrastructural construction sector as a driver of Poland's economy – forecasts, plans, conditions.

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Stanisław Bukowiec**, Secretary of State, Government Plenipotentiary for Combating Mobility Exclusion, Ministry of Infrastructure
- **Andrzej Kaczmarek**, President of the Management Board, Stalexport Autostrada Małopolska SA
- **Tomasz Kwieciński**, Advisor to the General Director of National Roads and Motorways
- **Andrzej Losor**, Member of the Management Board, Heidelberg Materials Poland
- **Cezary Łysenko**, Member of the Management Board, Chief Operating Officer for Infrastructure Construction, Budimex SA
- **Mirosław Suchoń**, Member of the Polish Parliament, Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee
- **Marita Szustak**, President, Economic Chamber of Land Transport, President of the Management Board, Track Tec CONSTRUCTION
- **Wojciech Trojanowski**, Member of the Management Board, STRABAG
- **Piotr Wyborski**, President of the Management Board, PKP (Polish Railway Lines) Polskie Linie Kolejowe SA

Moderated by:

- **Adrian Oldak**, Deputy Editor in Chief, WNP.PL

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#### **Diplomacy and expansion**

The actions undertaken by the state and the policy of financial and insurance institutions aimed at supporting Polish investments in the world. Polish companies on the global market. Ambitions, plans, barriers, achievements. New environment for international business: escalating superpower rivalry, political particularism and conflict; barriers, tariffs and trade wars, disruptions and risks in supply chains.

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Bartłomiej Dobosz**, Co-owner, SKB Group, Supervisory Board Member, Polish-Taiwanese Chamber of Industry and Commerce
- **Łukasz Gwiazdowski**, Deputy President of the Management Board, Polish Investment and Trade Agency (Polska Agencja Inwestycji i Handlu)

- **Anna Masłoń-Oracz**, Plenipotentiary of the SGH Rector for Africa, Institute of Management, College of Management and Finance, Warsaw School of Economics
- **Michał H. Mrozek**, Deputy President of the Management Board, ING Bank Śląski SA
- **Krzysztof Niemiec**, Deputy President of the Management Board, Track Tec SA
- **Piotr Szamburski**, President of the Management Board, Director General, Sanok Rubber Company

Moderated by:

- **Jacek Ziarno**, Editor, WNP.pl

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**EEC Talks, pt. 1: stage, dialogue, personality**

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Conversation 1:1 | 11.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. (15')

**How to turn Poles' savings into investments**

- **Paweł Borys**, Managing Partner, MCI Capital
- **Hubert Bigdowski**, Journalist, WNP.pl

Conversation 1:1 | 11.45 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. | (15')

**The role of state in economy**

- **Leszek Balcerowicz**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance 1989-1991 and 1997-2001, Governor of the National Bank of Poland 2001-2007
- **Adam Sierak**, Editor, WNP.pl

Conversation 1:1 | 12.00 p.m. - 12.15 p.m. | (15')

**Talks about business and industry**

- **Michał Solowow**, Entrepreneur, Industrialist, Investor
- **Aleksandra Helbin**, Editor in Chief, WNP.PL

Conversation 1:1 | 12.15 p.m. - 12.30 p.m. | (15')

**Politics, costs, demographics – the biggest investment challenges**

- **Rafał Żelazny**, President of the Management Board, Katowice Special Economic Zone (KSSE)
- **Karolina Markowska**, Lead Editor, PulsHR.pl

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**Power industry: investments and regulations**

Regulations vs. investments in the power industry. The current legal framework and environment – what to expect? Revision of Europe's climate policy increase the competitiveness of its economy and provide cheaper energy? Changes in tools, methods and deadlines – potential implications for the energy sector. The Polish and EU legislation that could accelerate the transition of the energy sector. The rules for creating law that is conducive to investments in the power industry.

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Jacek Borek**, Managing Director, Technology Area, Accenture in Poland
- **Piotr Czopek**, Vice-President, Polish Wind Energy Association
- **Rafał Gawin**, President, Energy Regulatory Office (Urząd Regulacji Energetyki)
- **Bartosz Krysta**, Deputy President of the Management Board for Commercial Affairs, ENEA
- **Marcin Laskowski**, Vice-President of the Management Board for Regulatory Affairs, PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna SA, Member of the Management Board, Polish Heat Engineering Society
- **Grzegorz Onichimowski**, President of the Management Board, Polskie Sieci Elektroenergetyczne SA
- **Arkadiusz Ratajczak**, Counsellor at Law, Baker McKenzie

Moderated by:

- **Joanna Maćkowiak-Pandera**, President of the Management Board, Energy Forum

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**Technologies, trends, investments**

The conditions for accelerating the digital transition of Poland's economy. Increasing output by means of digitalisation. Key events and tendencies. Cyber security – priorities of business and the state. Digital resilience of business. Business potential of using information technologies – practical applications:

– Artificial intelligence, data processing

- Cloud solutions
- Cyber security tools
- Production and industry of the future – resources of a factory in virtual reality

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Bartłomiej Antczak**, Microsoft Business Group Lead for Poland, Accenture/Avanade
- **Dominika Bettman**, Member of the Supervisory Board, Santander Bank Polska, Chairwoman of the Academic Board, Warsaw School of Economics
- **Piotr Sankowski**, Chief Scientific Adviser, MIM Solutions
- **Adam Sawicki**, Group Senior Vice President - Digital in Warner Bros. Discovery Poland
- **Przemysław Zakrzewski**, Head of Corporate Technology Center, ABB

Moderated by:

- **Anna Wittenberg**, Journalist

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#### **Polish industry here and now**

Industrial production in Europe as a condition for security and competitiveness of the economy. The condition and needs of Polish industry. Critical raw materials - bottleneck of the transformation. Resources, access, utilisation. The role of new technologies and R&D in industry; effective commercialisation of new solutions. Decarbonisation - emission-free production. How to reconcile industrial efficiency with climate protection requirements? Clean energy at affordable prices. Green investments in production.

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Sonia Buchholtz**, Director of programmes, Transformation Finance, Industry, Energy Forum
- **Hubert Cichocki**, President, Łukasiewicz Research Network
- **Adam Holewa**, Member of the Management Board, Director for Automotive Segment, Boryszew SA
- **Adam Leszkiewicz**, President of the Management Board, Azoty SA Group
- **Andrzej Losor**, Member of the Management Board, Heidelberg Materials Poland
- **Roman Przybylski**, Deputy President of the Management Board, Director of Investment and Development, Kęty Group
- **Przemysław Sztuczkowski**, President of the Management Board, Cognor Holding SA

Moderated by:

- **Piotr Myszor**, Journalist, WNP.pl

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#### **EEC Talks, pt. 2: stage, dialogue, personality**

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Conversation 1:1 | 1.45 p.m. - 2.00 p.m. | (15')

#### **Have we really done our homework? Energy security in Poland and Europe**

- **Piotr Naimski**, Secretary of State in the Office of the President of the Council of Ministers and Government Plenipotentiary for Strategic Energy Infrastructure 2015-2022
- **Jacek Ziarno**, Editor, WNP.pl

Conversation 1:1 | 2.00 p.m. - 2.15 p.m. | (15')

#### **The year 2025 in energy: let's speed up the revolution, as opportunities will be plenty**

- **Konrad Wojnarowski**, State Secretary, Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy
- **Jacek Ziarno**, Editor, WNP.pl

Conversation 1:1 | 2.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. | (15')

#### **Security, energy, the Baltic – the Polish-Norwegian affair**

- **Øystein Bø**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Republic of Poland
- **Aleksandra Helbin**, Editor in Chief, WNP.PL

Conversation 1:1 | 2.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. | (15')

#### **Talking about Asia**

- **Arkadiusz Kowalski**, Prof. SGH, Deputy Director, Institute of World Economy, SGH, Head, Department of Research on East Asian Economies, SGH
- **Patrycja Pendrakowska**, Founder, Deputy President of the Management Board, Boyma Institute

Conversation 1:1 | 2.45 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. | (15')

#### Will the Polish economy “build itself” on CPK investments?

- **Filip Czernicki**, Chairman of the Board, Central Communication Port
- **Adam Sierak**, Editor, WNP.PL

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#### Labour market – the conditions, forecasts, solutions

- Education for the labour market. The needs and necessary changes
- Regulations: working conditions, relationships, costs and salaries
- Foreign staff in Poland's labour market

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Maciej Duszczyk**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of the Interior and Administration, Member of the Scientific Council of the Migration Research Centre, University of Warsaw
- **Andżelika Majewska**, Vice-President, LeasingTeam
- **Krzysztof Mendrok**, Vice-Chancellor for Education, Stanisław Staszic University of Science and Technology in Kraków
- **Aneta Szczesna-Kowalska**, Deputy President of Management Board, Unimot SA
- **Piotr Wachowiak**, Rector, Warsaw School of Economics
- **Marcin Zieliński**, CEO, Chief Economist, Civil Development Forum
- **Bernard Ziębicki**, Rector, Cracow University of Economics

Moderated by:

- **Karolina Markowska**, Lead Editor, PulsHR.pl

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#### Defence and economy

The purchase of equipment, modernization and investments in technical capabilities of Polish armed forces. EU support for Ukraine in the current international situation.

How should it be used by the Polish defence industry? Dual-use technology as a growth stimulus for Poland's economy and driver of technological advancement. European cooperation for defence and independence from imports – the point of view of the Polish defence sector.

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Wojciech Dąbrowski**, President of the Management Board, Polski Holding Rozwoju SA
- **Honorata Hencel**, Managing Director, Boeing in Poland and Ukraine
- **Marcin Kubica**, Managing Director, WB Electronics SA
- **Michał Marciniak**, Deputy Head of the Armament Agency, Plenipotentiary of the Ministry of Defence for the Construction of the Integrated Air and Missile Defence System
- **Paweł Poncyljusz**, President of the Management Board, Polish Ammunition (Polska Amunicja)
- **Witold Witkiewicz**, Member of the Management Board, Managing Director, ICEYE Polska (Poland) sp. z o.o.

Moderated by:

- **Paweł Czuryło**, Managing Editor, Gremi Media (Rzeczpospolita, Parkiet)

**3 February, 2025, 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. | Ballroom B |  online broadcasting |  translated simultaneously PL/EN**

#### Green transition

Sustainable, zero-emission economy as a trend and key component of strategies pursued by business. ESG criteria and reporting – a new scope of responsibilities for a larger group of businesses. Is everyone ready? A new important context: transition vs. competitiveness and security. Green investments: main directions and criteria, key technologies, the role of responsible investors, financing.

Speech | 7'

- **Paweł Torbus**, Lider Energy Insights in Poland, Local Partner, McKinsey & Company

The following persons have been invited to participate in the session (in alphabetical order):

- **Stanisław Barański**, Director, Office of Sustainable Development and Energy Transformation
- **Marina Dubakina**, President and General Director of Sustainable Development, IKEA Retail in Poland
- **Tomasz Korytkowski**, Member of the Management
- **Filip Osadczyk**, Director, Investor Relations & ESG Department, PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna SA
- **Adam Pawluć**, Board Member for Strategy and Transformation, Polish Biogas Group
- **Stanisław Sobczyk**, Vice-President, Holcim Poland
- **Board**, Director of Corporate Communication, Public Affairs and ESG, Nestle Polska (Poland) SA
- **Paweł Torbus**, Lider Energy Insights in Poland, Local Partner, McKinsey & Company

- **Konrad Wojnarowski**, State Secretary, Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy

Moderated by:

- **Sebastian Ogórek**, Head of Economy Department, Gazeta Wyborcza, Chief Editor [Wyborcza.biz](http://Wyborcza.biz)

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**Polish AI between America's rock and China's hard place**

- **Piotr Sankowski**, Profesor at University of Warsaw and Chief Scientific Adviser MIM Solutions
- **Anna Wittenberg**, Journalist

Conversation 1:1 | 3.50 p.m. - 4.10 p.m. | (20')

**From „we want” to „we did”. How to translate the digitization strategy into real benefits for the citizen**

- **Dariusz Standerski**, State Secretary, Ministry of Digitalisation
- **Anna Wittenberg**, Journalist

Conversation 1:1 | 4.10 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. | (20')

**Temporary detentions. Standards and the practice of pretrial detention in Poland**

- **Piotr Kłodoczny**, Deputy President of the Management Board, Head of Legal Affairs, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Member of the Panel of Legal Experts, Stefan Batory Foundation
- **Jacek Socha**, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission 1994-2004, Minister of the Treasury 2004-2005

**ACCOMPANYING EVENTS**

**3 February, 2025 | 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.**

**The EEC Program Council and EEC Members – together about the Congress\***

The agenda of EEC Trends in Warsaw will include a meeting of the Program Council of the European Economic Congress with participants of the EEC Members project aiming to provide a year-round elite networking platform for VIP participants and partners of the EEC. The meeting between the groups will be devoted to developing the agenda of the nearest edition of the EEC and bringing together the community of the EEC.

*\*the event is by invitation only*

**ACCOMPANYING EVENTS**

**3 February, 2025 | 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.**

**WNP Awards Gala**

EEC Trends will be accompanied by a WNP Awards gala with awards presented by editorial staff of the WNP.PL economic website. Every year, distinctions are awarded to people, institutions and enterprises that have recently had a significant, ground-breaking impact on the Polish economy. The WNP Awards go to those who, through boldly undertaken actions and successfully implemented projects, indicate driving trends and development directions, actively responding to new challenges. The incoming, 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the competition is going to be a unique one, as it will coincide with a celebration of the WNP.PL website that for 25 years has been breaking most important business news. At the gala, awarded will be those whose actions have changed the economy for better in 2024, as well as personalities and businesses that in the past 25 years have made a lasting impact on Poland's economy.