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AGENDA

V BALTIC BUSINESS FORUM 2013

Guest of honor: Trade Representative of the Russian Federation
in the Republic of Poland
16 - 18th October 2013 Swinoujście

Day I (16th October 2013)

09:00 - 13:00

Registration

13:00 - 15:45

Opening speech by

Aleksander Kwasniewski - President of the Republic of Poland (1995 – 2005),
Chairman of the BBF Strategy Board

Opening session:

**Chances and barriers to the economic cooperation development
of Europe - North - East.**

Discussion of ministers of economy of Baltic Sea Region and Eastern
countries.

15:45 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 18:15

MAIN SESSION

**The role of the Russian Federation in economic cooperation development
process in Central, Northern and Eastern Europe.**

Guest of honor: the Russian Federation

Moderator: Maria Przelomiec

Key issues:

1. Is the Russian Federation's policy in the Baltic Sea Region a global strategy or rather regional policy?
2. Is the Baltic Sea a "power highway" only or a territory of the Russian Federation's key interests?
3. Different categories of neighborhood in the Baltic Sea Region. Inter-state relations.



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4. Russian investments into the region: chances or threats?
5. Building trust and collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region.

20:00 - 0:00

Evening reception. Guest of honor: Russian Federation.

Day II (17th October 2013)

10:00 - 12:15

SESSION I

Business financing on the territory of Europe, North and East

Moderator: Maciej Lesny.

Key issues:

1. The current and future role of the state in the economy. Should the state act as an active business entity or a governing authority only? Is an economic efficiency of state investments possible? Financial solutions for supporting business.
2. Euro to replace Polish currency - when and what implications for the economy.
3. The role of the Warsaw Stock Exchange in the development of North-East territories economies.
4. Who makes better use of the EU funds: big corporations or small and mid-sizes business?
5. Financing support for SME and export

SESSION II

Polish Military & Defence - an example of cooperation between Polish Defence Holding and Nordic defence partners as well as Kazakh and Ukrainian partners.

Moderator: Krzysztof Krystowski, President of the Polish Defence Holding



Key issues:

1. The role of Poland and Polish defence industry in building a bridge and cooperation between the North and the East.
2. The role of Polish defence sector in Poland and Europe - what more can be done?
3. Cooperation between Polish Defence Holding and Nordic defence partners - do common goals and understanding of current threats to safety and security strengthen the collaboration?
4. Cooperation of Polish Defence Holding and Kazakh defence partners - how the common goals and threats facing our industries are identified?
5. Collaboration between Polish Defence Holding and Ukrainian defence partners - the cooperation effects compared to our joint activity?
6. What is the response to Defence development in Europe? Challenges to the cooperation.

12:15 - 12:30

Coffee break

12:30 - 14:45

SESSION III

Challenges in the Energy Sector

Moderator: Jaroslaw Chalas

Key issues:

1. Energy industry – good prospects for the economy.
2. Energy mix in Polish reality - renewable energy, coal, gas or atom?
3. The future of power generation. Coal vs. gas - the future of the energy
4. Gas shales - a piece of an energy picture. Influence of shale gas and oil on global market - today and tomorrow.
5. Energy sector laws and regulations. Barriers to entry the market.

SESSION IV

Investments from a different angle... barriers, chances, opportunities.

Moderator: Andrzej Kaczmarek



Key issues:

1. Government, local authorities, governmental and regional agencies, diplomatic relations, entrepreneurship organizations, advisers... Who plays a key role in corporate investment decisions?
2. Small and large-scale investments - trends.
3. Financial institutions and investment funds - how they can give a boost to investments?

14:45 - 16:00

Lunch

16:00 - 18:15

SESSION V

Multimodal transport development - a chance for integration and regional economy growth

Moderator: Bogusław Liberadzki

Key issues:

1. Sustainable growth of infrastructure - coherent transport policy making.
2. Railway lines and services improvement - needs and challenges. When and where will high-speed trains come to Poland from?
3. The role of ports and development perspectives - can Baltic ports become the gateway to Baltic Sea Region economies?
4. Importance of multimodal transport in project and manufacturing logistics (in the energy sector).
5. The Trans-European Transport network TEN-T - the role of transport corridors for development of the country.
6. The role of European integration and joint activities for regional development. Can KEO region be a driving force to the economy?

SESSION VI

Stock market - Europe and the East

Moderator: Ludwik Sobolewski

Key issues:

1. Emerging or frontier markets - what is currently on the radars of global investors?
2. What are perspectives for growth in Central Asia and Central - Eastern Europe?
3. Do capital markets serve real economies in the best possible way?
4. What are the main challenges with respect to countries and markets of CEE, EMEA and Central Asia and their financial markets?

20:00 - 0:00

Evening reception**Day III (18th October 2013)**

10:00 - 12:15

SESSION VII**Ukraine – Quo Vadis? Reality, opportunities, perspectives.**

Moderator: Oleg Dubish, Vice-President of Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce

Key issues:

1. Ukrainian market - reality, accessibility, perspectives for growth.
Investment climate and tools for supporting investors. National Projects of Ukraine - main directions of cooperation and incentives for investments.
2. Ukraine - current improvement attempts. From stabilization to stagnation or a breakthrough?
3. EU-Ukraine Association Agreement - what to expect from the Summit in Vilnius this November?
4. Consolidated free trade zone between Ukraine and EU - perspectives for the business.
5. Ukraine - relations with Russia and other Customs Union countries (CU).
Ukraine to keep and strengthen good relations with Customs Union countries when coming closer to EU. Is a joint Polish-Ukrainian economic East expansion of interest to Poland?

6. Ukrainian business in search of foreign partners and capital. Warsaw stock exchange for beautiful Ukraine only - why Polish investors became so fond of Ukrainian agriculture?
7. Overcoming corruption - strategy of the present government of Ukraine. Processes and reforms in Ukrainian laws and administration.
8. Pros and cons of oligarchy. Any chances for oligarchs and small and medium-sized enterprises' partnership?
9. Necessity of administrative reform in Ukraine - applying Polish experience. The need of boosting international cooperation of Polish and Ukrainian local authorities and close collaboration in joint EU projects performance.

SESSION VIII

The role of local self-governments in promoting business globally

Moderator: Zbigniew Zychowicz, PhD

Partners:

- Institute for Regional Development in the city of Szczecin
- Polish-Ukrainian Self-Government Cooperation Centre

Key issues:

1. The role of local authorities in supporting regional economic growth.

12:15 - 12:30

Coffee break

12:30 - 14:30

Closing session.