



**Programme priorities
of the Ministry of Economy
Polish Presidency in the EU Council**

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Central priorities of the Presidency at the Ministry of Economy

- ❑ The Ministry of Economy in charge of key tasks under all 3 priorities of the Presidency:
- ❑ **Deepening of the internal market** under the priority „European integration as a source of growth”
- ❑ **External energy policy** under the priority „Secure Europe”
- ❑ **Strengthening economic and trade relations of the EU with third countries** under the priority „Europe benefiting from openness”

Competitiveness policy

- Central priority – strengthening the economic growth through development of the internal market
 - implementation of the **Single Market Act**
 - elimination of barriers to **cross-border online transactions**
 - creation of the **EU unitary patent system**
 - pushing ahead legislation on **copyrights and intellectual property rights (Ministry of Culture and National Heritage/Patent Office of the Republic of Poland)**
 - progress on lowering prices in **roaming services (Ministry of Infrastructure)**
 - strengthening **internal market instruments** including the system for the exchange of information in the internal market (IMI)
 - modernization of **public procurement (Public Procurement Office)** and standardization system (**Ministry of Economy**)

Priorities of the Competitiveness Council

- Supporting enterprises, in particular SMEs, including combining certain business registers
- **Smart Regulation:** regulatory framework improvement
- amendment to legislation on customs authorities activities against counterfeit commodities
- **public procurement:** increasing symmetry in access to the public procurement market between the EU and its foreign trade partners
- implementation of the Communications „**An integrated industrial policy for the globalization era**” and „**Resource-efficient Europe**”
- **space policy:** European Space Programme
- **technical harmonization:** standardization system, adaptating 10 directives to the New Legislative Framework; chemical industry (detergents, precursors)

Single Market Forum

- **Single Market Forum (SIMFO) – Cracow, 3-4 October**
- co-organized by the European Parliament and the European Commission supported by PL Presidency
- Participants: 1000 persons – entrepreneurs, experts of the EU countries administrations
- Objectives:
- initiating dialogue of the European institutions and stakeholders on development of the single market
- identifying the most important problems and challenges for the single market (Communication expected in October 2011)

Energy policy (1)

- **Priority: external dimension of the EU energy policy**

- **Objectives:**

- Strengthening the EU in the international energy dialogue (with producer and transit countries)
- Strengthening the EU energy security
- Presidency tasks: hosting EU-wide debate and preparing conclusions (Informal Energy Council in Wroclaw (19-20 IX) and Energy Council in Brussels - 24 XI)

Energy policy (2)

■ Other key issues:

- Regulation on energy infrastructure

- **Energy efficiency:**

 - ❖ Amendment to the regulation on „Energy Star” and EU-US „Energy Star” agreement

 - ❖ Directive on energy efficiency and savings

- **Legislation on safety of the offshore oil and gas activities**

High-level meeting in Belchatow

- **The meeting of Directors General for Energy (Belchatow, 13-15 VII)**

Subjects:

- ❖ „Energy 2050” road map – towards low-carbon technologies
- ❖ New energy technologies (in particular CCT)

General Affairs Council (GAC) - EEA Council

- The European Economic Area Council on the margin of the GAC Council 22 XI in Brussels:
- Chair of the EEA Council – Minister of Economy
 - Reviewing the implementation status of the EEA agreement (EEA Council's conclusions)
 - Reviewing the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism (II financial perspective of the 2009-2014) – Ministry of Regional Development
 - Liberalization of trade in agricultural goods with Norway (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development)
 - Dialogue with Liechtenstein on the exchange of tax information (Ministry of Finance)
 - Counteracting financial fraud – agreements with Monaco, San Marino and Andorra (Ministry of Finance)

Environmental Council –Ministry of Economy remit

- Road map – low-carbon economy in the perspective of 2050 with a scenario of activities until 2030, with consideration given to the transition to the higher reduction level
- Cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Finance, additionally, if need be, with Ministry of Infrastructure and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Trade policy (1)

- **Peculiarity of the EU common trade policy – the European Commission competence (key consultations with EC took place on 17 May in Warsaw)**
- **The round of multilateral trade negotiations in the World Trade Organization (WTO)**
- WTO Doha round negotiations evolve dynamically – Ambassadors meeting due to be held in Geneva on 31 May (stocktaking shall determine potential scenarios ahead as well as the EU position)

Trade policy (2)

- Other key issues:

- Trade relations between the EU and the Eastern neighbours

- The economic and trade dimension of the Eastern Partnership: under more comprehensive association agreements – **possible conclusion of negotiations on the deep and comprehensive free trade agreement (DCFTA) - EU-Ukraine**; launching negotiations of the EU-Moldova and EU-Georgia agreements
- Russia accession to WTO

Trade policy (3)

■ Other key issues (ctd.):

□ Bilateral negotiations on the following agreements:

- Free trade agreements – possible conclusion of the agreements: EU-India, EU-Malaysia, EU-Singapore; possible launch of negotiations on the agreements: EU-Vietnam, EU-Thailand, EU-Philippines,
 - EU-Andean Countries (Peru, Colombia), EU-Central America, EU-Mercosur (trade components)
 - Comprehensive economic and trade agreement - EU-Canada
- ### □ Reform of the EU generalized system of preferences for developing countries (GSP) from 2014 on
- ### □ Draft Council Regulation on the EU investment policy (extension of the CCP remit by the Treaty of Lisbon)

Other important events within the Ministry of Economy

- ❑ Meeting of Directors and Experts on Better regulation (Łódź, 15-17 VI)
- ❑ Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) – Gdańsk, 5 IX
- ❑ Conference of the Ministers of Economy of the Eastern Partnership (Krynica-Zdrój, 8 IX)
- ❑ Conference on the 15th anniversary of Poland's OECD membership (Warsaw, 15 IX)
- ❑ Conference on the internal energy market (Kraków, 10-11 X)
- ❑ Conference on the implementation of the lead markets initiative and European Innovation Partnerships (Warsaw, 26-27 X)
- ❑ Conference on women entrepreneurship (Warsaw, 15 XI)
- ❑ Conference on the 5th anniversary of REACH (Warsaw, 23-24 XI)



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