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Foreword

On behalf of the Programme Council of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress and the Polish Economic Society (PTE), I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all Participants, Speakers, Partners, and Committee Members for their contribution to the 11th Polish Economists' Congress, held on 4–5 December 2025 in Poznań under the theme "Economics and the Economy in Times of Uncertainty", held in conjunction with the celebrations marking the 80th Anniversary of the Polish Economic Society.

This year's edition was of particular significance, both in terms of the scale of the undertaking and its historical context. Building on the tradition inaugurated in 1887 at the First Congress of Economists and Lawyers in Kraków, the Congress has evolved into the foremost forum for the economic community in Poland. In the face of mounting geopolitical, macroeconomic, and technological uncertainty, an effort was undertaken to provide a comprehensive and multidimensional analysis of the challenges confronting the Polish, European, and global economies.

We are proud to highlight the presence of distinguished keynote speakers – Dani Rodrik of Harvard University and Beata Javorcik of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and University of Oxford – whose contributions brought a strategic perspective and intellectual depth to the discussions.

The Congress programme comprised more than 60 debates and thematic sessions, involving approximately 600 experts representing academia, business, and public institutions. It featured three plenary sessions, 28 panel sessions, and 26 scientific sessions (including 161 papers), as well as 37 poster presentations. This broad substantive scope confirms that the Congress remains a key platform for integrating the community of economists and for facilitating knowledge transfer between economic theory and practice.

The most important outcome of the Congress, however, lies not merely in the figures, but above all in the quality of the dialogue, the exchange of arguments, and the building of relationships conducive to further collaboration. The collective position of the economic community was articulated in the Poznań Declaration adopted at the conclusion of the proceedings, which provides a concise synthesis of the key findings and recommendations developed during the Congress, while also outlining directions for strengthening the resilience and competitiveness of the Polish economy in the spirit of the social market economy.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to the organisation of this event: members of the Programme Council, the Organising Committee, Volunteers, Partners, and every Participant who helped ensure the high substantive quality and constructive atmosphere of the proceedings.

I warmly invite you to explore this post-congress report, which offers a comprehensive account of the proceedings, highlights the key insights, and captures both the organisational scope and the substantive depth of the event.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Marian Gorynia
President of the Polish Economic Society



The Tradition of the Polish Economists' Congresses

The Congresses, organised on a cyclical basis for more than a century, constitute one of the most important forums for debate on the directions of development of the Polish economy and economic sciences.

Their origins date back to 1887, when the First Congress of Economists and Lawyers was held in Kraków – an event that initiated a tradition of nationwide reflection on the country's economic challenges.

Since then, subsequent congresses and assemblies have taken place at pivotal moments in Poland's history, reflecting the challenges of their respective eras – a distinctive *signum temporis*.

1887 – First Congress of Economists and Lawyers (Kraków)

The event brought together approximately 200 participants from the three partitions of Poland. Among the papers presented were those by Witold Skarżyński (*On the Necessity of Reforming Land Credit*) and Antoni Donimirski (*On Internal Colonisation*). The Congress laid the foundations for the subsequent tradition of economic congresses in Poland.

1950 – 1st Congress of Polish Economists

(8–10 December 1950) – a nationwide congress aimed at preparing the economic community for the Polish Congress of Science in 1951.

1956 – 2nd Congress of Polish Economists

1971 – 3rd Congress of Polish Economists

1981 – 4th Congress of Polish Economists

Devoted to the directions of restructuring the economic system in the 1980s.

1987 – 5th Congress of Polish Economists

Marked the centenary of the congress tradition. A position paper entitled *"The Polish Economy – Development Challenges at the End of the 20th Century"* was adopted.

1993 – 6th Congress of the Polish Economic Society (PTE)

Focused on the question: "How can the Polish economy be revitalised?" in the context of systemic and economic transformation.

2001 – 7th Polish Economists' Congress

Theme: "Economics in the Era of the Information Society" – a reflection on the challenges of the 21st century.

2007 – 8th Polish Economists' Congress

Theme: *"Poland in the Global Economy – Opportunities and Threats."* The first congress held following Poland's accession to the European Union.

2013 – 9th Polish Economists' Congress

Theme: *"Economics for the Future."* The Congress took place during the period of recovery from the global financial crisis of 2007–2008.

2019 – 10th Polish Economists' Congress

Theme: *"Economists for Development."* The Congress focused on emerging phenomena in the global, regional, and domestic economy.

2025 – 11th Polish Economists' Congress

Theme: "Economics and the Economy in Times of Uncertainty." The Congress was held in conjunction with the celebrations marking the 80th Anniversary of the Polish Economic Society.

The 11th Polish Economists' Congress continued a long-standing tradition, offering a thorough and considered reflection on the challenges facing contemporary economics and the wider economy in a context of increasing geopolitical, technological and social uncertainty. The legacy of earlier congresses provides a firm foundation for present-day economic debate in Poland, lending it continuity, standing and a clear strategic dimension.

For more information, please visit the Congress website: kongres2025.pte.pl





80th Anniversary of the Polish Economic Society

The 80th Anniversary of the Polish Economic Society – a unique opportunity to reflect on the achievements of Polish economics and on the role of economists in shaping Poland's socio-economic development.

An important part of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress was the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Polish Economic Society, which provided an opportunity to take stock of the Society's achievements and its role in the development of Polish economic thought and the dissemination of economic knowledge.

Anniversary addresses were delivered by Marian **Gorynia** – President of the Polish Economic Society (Poznań University of Economics and Business), Elżbieta **Maczyńska** – Honorary President of the Polish Economic Society (SGH Warsaw School of Economics), and Mirosław **Bochenek** – Deputy Chair of the Scientific Council of the Polish Economic Society (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń).

During the anniversary celebrations, a volume entitled "**Polskie Towarzystwo Ekonomiczne i instytucje poprzedzające w służbie nauk ekonomicznych**" [The Polish Economic Society and its Predecessor Institutions in the Advancement of Economic Science], edited by Mirosław **Bochenek**, was also presented. Prepared to mark the 80th anniversary of the Polish Economic Society, the publication offers a concise yet in-depth account of the history of associations as well as scientific and professional organisations which, over nearly 250 years, have shaped the development of economic thought and research on the economy in Poland.

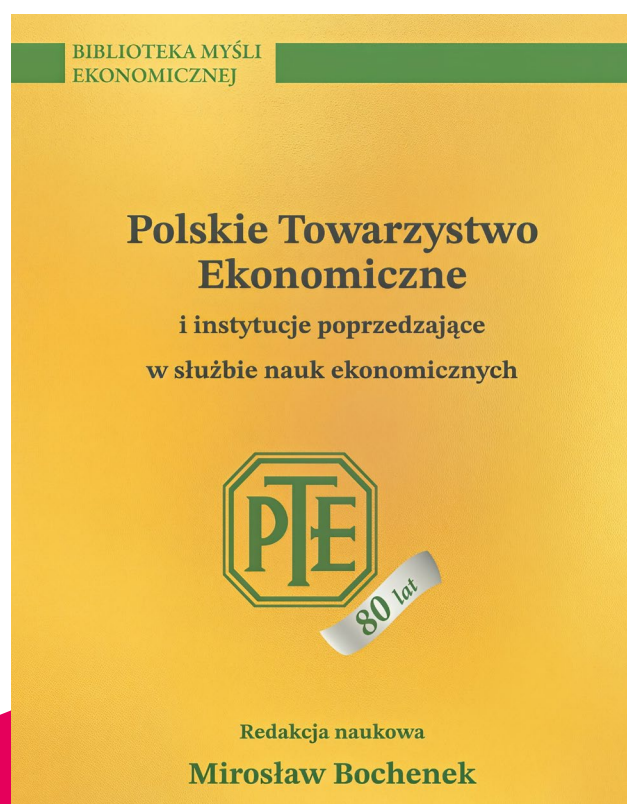
The 80th Anniversary of the Polish Economic Society also provided an opportunity to reflect on the Society's future role in the face of dynamic economic, technological, and social transformations, as well as on the need to further strengthen cooperation between the academic community, business, and public institutions.

As emphasised by the President of the Polish Economic Society, Marian **Gorynia**, in the Foreword to the publication:

The publication of this book can confidently be regarded as an event of exceptional significance, not only for the members of our Society, but also for the entire economic community in Poland.

The monograph is documentary in nature. It is intended for researchers of the history of economic thought, practising economists, members of the Polish Economic Society, as well as all those interested in the evolution of economic sciences and the institutional foundations of the economy in Poland.

The publication is available free of charge on the Polish Economic Society's online bookstore:
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The 11th Polish Economists' Congress in Numbers

*A prestigious event - the largest nationwide gathering of economists,
business leaders, and public decision-makers in Poland.*

2

days

400

co-authors across sessions

648

registered participants

37

poster presentations

3

plenary sessions

24

strategic partners

28

panel sessions

14

media partners

26

scientific (paper) sessions

5

institutional partners

161

papers presented

20

partner journals

The 11th Polish Economists' Congress in the Media

Pre-event coverage and post-congress reports on the 11th Polish Economists' Congress were published in **Rzeczpospolita**, which served as a media partner of the event. These publications contributed to disseminating the key themes of the debates and the Congress's conclusions, in particular by:

- presenting the main topics addressed during the plenary and panel sessions;
- outlining the recommendations developed in the course of the discussions;
- highlighting the diversity of perspectives on contemporary economic challenges.



We encourage readers to consult the materials published in Rzeczpospolita, which present the key theses and conclusions of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress:

1. Jakub **Sawulski**, [*How to Build Private Champions? Poland's Development Model to 2035*](#) (28/01/2026).
2. Bogusław **Fiedor**, Marian **Gorynia**, [*From an Economy of Excess to an Economy of Moderation*](#) (15/01/2026).
3. Piotr **Banaszyk**, Barbara **Borusiak**, Bogusław **Fiedor**, Marian **Gorynia**, Małgorzata **Słodowa-Hełpa**, [*Time for an Economy of Moderation*](#) (19/12/2025).
4. Marian **Gorynia**, Łukasz **Hardt**, Marek **Kośny**, Tomasz **Kwarciański**, Maria **Urbaniec**, [*Economics Instead of Polarisation*](#) (11/12/2025).
5. Agnieszka **Chłoń-Domińczak**, [*Why Economists Are Talking About Demography*](#) (05/12/2025).

6. Beata **Javorcik**, [*A Brave Old World?*](#) (03/12/2025).
7. Dani **Rodrik**, [*Europe Is a Stop Halfway Along the Road*](#) (02/12/2025).
8. Marian **Gorynia**, Łukasz **Hardt**, Marek **Kośny**, [*Let Us Turn to Economics*](#) (02/12/2025).
9. Marcin **Piątkowski**: [*The Economic Path to the Future*](#) (01/12/2025).
10. Jan **Polowczyk**: [*Poland Has Been Fortunate Since 1990*](#) (01/12/2025).
11. Marian **Gorynia**, [*Can Economics Be Fascinating?*](#) (22/11/2025).
12. Marian **Gorynia**, [*What Will the 11th Polish Economists' Congress Be Like?*](#) (14/09/2025).
13. Marian **Gorynia**, [*Why Do We Organise the Polish Economists' Congress?*](#) (03/07/2025).
14. Marian **Gorynia**, [*Which Matters More: Economics or the Economy?*](#) (03/12/2024).
15. Beata **Javorcik**: [*China's Challenge for Central and Eastern Europe*](#) (23/10/2025).

We hope that these publications will serve as an important point of reference for further academic and expert discussion, as well as for subsequent analyses of the issues addressed during the Congress.

Coverage of the event was also published in the quarterly **PTE Bulletin** and the monthly **Eurogospodarka**, as well as in other media outlets, contributing to the wider dissemination of the key conclusions from the Congress debates.

www.pte.pl/czasopisma/biuletyn



Keynote Speakers

Distinguished keynote speakers included Dani Rodrik (Harvard University) and Beata Javorcik (EBRD; University of Oxford).

Among the Congress's special guests were world-renowned experts who delivered keynote addresses:

- Prof. Dani **Rodrik** (Harvard University), one of the most influential contemporary economists, whose work focuses on globalisation, economic policy, and development economics;
- Prof. Beata **Javorcik**, Chief Economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Professor at the University of Oxford, widely recognised as a leading authority on international trade and foreign direct investment.

Prof. Dani Rodrik, Harvard University



Dani **Rodrik**, a world-renowned economist from Harvard University, was a special guest at the 11th Polish Economists' Congress. In his keynote address, "*Shared Prosperity in a Fractured World*" delivered on 4 December 2025, he analysed Poland's economic success and identified the emerging challenges facing both the global economy and Poland:

- **On Poland's economic success:** "The growth experienced by Poland has been truly remarkable. I believe there has been something quite distinctive about Poland's experience... It has been a combination of two factors: the ability to generate very rapid economic catch-up [...] and integration into Western European supply chains."
- **On the role of institutions and EU membership:** "There was a significant institutional transformation, initially enabled by the prospect of accession to the European Union and subsequently by membership itself. The rule of law, democracy, new norms, and an enhanced understanding of regulation were key."
- **On the comparison between Poland and Mexico:** "I often compare Poland to Mexico. Mexico occupies a similar geographical position – right next to the United States, just as Poland is next to Germany. Yet, unlike Poland, Mexico has not experienced comparable growth. This suggests that trade and integration into supply chains are not sufficient on their own. What proved crucial was institutional transformation: the rule of law, democracy, and new norms, enabled by membership of the European Union."
- **On the future and the end of the "catch-up" era:** "Going forward, the situation will be quite different. This is no longer a process of catching up. Operating at the technological frontier is more demanding, so economic growth will be lower and trade will play a more limited role."
- **On new economic priorities (middle-class security):** "We should assess our economic performance more in terms of whether we are creating good, productive jobs for the middle class and ensuring economic security, rather than focusing solely on aggregate

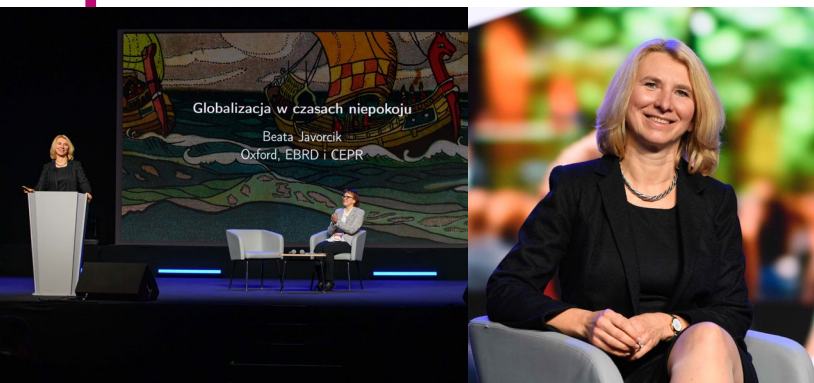
growth or trade volumes. Greater attention must be paid to economic uncertainty and the anxieties of the middle class, which are fundamental to social cohesion and a stable democracy."

- **On the role of services in the future:** "We need to devote much greater attention to making the services sector significantly more productive. This represents a fundamentally different perspective on development from the one we have been accustomed to."

The keynote address by Dani **Rodrik** constituted a central highlight of the Congress, shifting the focus of the discussion from purely GDP growth towards the quality of institutions and the economic security of citizens.

For the full recording, please refer to:
Prof. Dani Rodrik's address

Prof. Beata Javorcik, EBRD, Oxford University



Beata **Javorcik**, Chief Economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Professor at the University of Oxford, delivered a keynote lecture at the 11th Polish Economists' Congress on 5 December 2025 entitled **"Globalisation in Times of Turbulence."** Her presentation focused on assessing the effectiveness of economic sanctions and examining shifts in global trade patterns.

The key quotations and main arguments from her address are as follows:

- **On the retreat from globalisation:** "After decades of hyper-globalisation, we are now witnessing a reversal – a turning away from globalisation. In 2016, Brexit; in 2018, the US–China trade war; and in 2022, sanctions against Russia – all of these developments are weakening the global rules of the game."
- **On economists' inaccurate forecasts regarding Russia:** "Three weeks after the outbreak of the war, 90% of economists in the United States and Europe believed that sanctions would lead to a deep recession in Russia. Today we know that this did not materialise. Our profession did not perform well in assessing sanctions, as the literature overlooked many aspects, such as who gains and who loses from sanctions in third countries."

- **On the circumvention of sanctions via neighbouring countries:** "We observe a very strong increase in European exports to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Armenia – countries that are part of a customs union with Russia. Sanctioned goods often 'fell off the truck' en route to these destinations during transit through Russia."
- **On the "price of moral values" (private sanctions):** "Private sanctions – restrictions that firms voluntarily impose on themselves to protect their reputation – have reinforced the effect of official measures. This 'price of values' is equivalent to an additional tariff in the range of 10% to 60%."
- **On the advantage of Turkish and Asian firms:** "Western companies, concerned about their reputations, withdrew from the Russian market. Firms from neutral countries, such as Turkey, capitalised on this, as they did not face the same pressures. Turkish exporters increased their margins by an average of around 4%, filling the gap left by Western competitors."
- **On an unintended consequence of sanctions – the strengthening of the yuan:** "An unintended effect of the sanctions has been the promotion of the Chinese currency. In 2023, more than one-third of Russia's imports were invoiced in yuan;

two years earlier, the figure was only 4%. Neutral countries are seeking alternatives in order to hedge against potential future sanctions."

- **On the long-term impact of sanctions on Russia:** "Sanctions operate gradually. Their effects will manifest in the Russian economy through a lack of productivity growth, as Russia has been largely cut off from the inflow of Western technologies."
- **On re-entry into markets after sanctions:** "Historical evidence suggests that, once sanctions are lifted, firms take on average around a decade to return to a given market. Regaining market presence is neither rapid nor automatic."

The address by Beata **Javorcik** demonstrated that contemporary economics must take into account not only hard trade data, but also geopolitics, reputational costs, and the complex web of linkages across third countries.

For the full recording, please refer to:
[*Prof. Beata Javorcik's address*](#)

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The Congress Programme

The Congress programme comprised more than 60 plenary, panel, paper, and poster sessions, bringing together over 600 experts representing academic, business, and institutional communities. The discussions focused on the following key thematic areas:

- **Macroeconomics and finance** – issues of public finance sustainability, financial system stability, and the debate on the potential adoption of the euro.
- **Global challenges** – questions related to geopolitics, the future of globalisation, the energy transition, and the consequences of the climate crisis.
- **Economy and business** – international competitiveness of firms, the functioning of global supply chains, ESG strategies, the role of family businesses, and the application of artificial intelligence in the economy.
- **Society** – economic security of households, labour market developments, demographic challenges, and socio-economic inequalities.
- **Science and education** – the role of economic universities in shaping public debate, the importance of pluralism in economics, and the development of economic education in society.

Panel session "Artificial Intelligence – Beyond the Hype"



A special highlight was the panel "Artificial Intelligence – Beyond the Hype", which brought together experts from computer science, economics, technology, neurophysiology, psychology, and ethics. The discussion focused on analysing the opportunities and risks associated with the development

of artificial intelligence, as well as its potential impact on the economy and society.

Full recording of the panel:
[*Artificial Intelligence – Beyond the Hype*](#)

The Congress programme was structured around four main thematic streams

I	II	III	IV
Economic Sciences: Continuity of Development and the Search for New Paradigms	Economic Regulation in Times of Uncertainty and Turbulence	The Real Economy in an Era of Fundamental Uncertainty and Artificial Intelligence	Economic Education for Development



Congress Sessions

Networking and Collaboration – a Platform for Building Academic, Business, and Inter-Institutional Relationships

As part of the Congress, four types of sessions were organised: plenary sessions, paper sessions, panel sessions, and poster sessions.

PLENARY SESSIONS – keynote addresses:

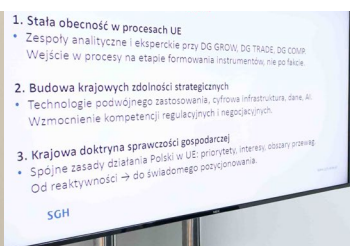
- Plenary Session I: Shared Prosperity in a Fractured World
- Special Event: Artificial Intelligence – Beyond the Hype
- Plenary Session II: Globalisation in Times of Turbulence



PAPER SESSIONS – presentation of research findings and expert analyses:

Thursday, 4 December

- A9: The Future of the Global Economy: Digitalisation and Green Technologies
- A10: Demographic Perspectives for Poland's Development
- A11: International Competitiveness and Firm Adaptation
- A12: Is Economics Keeping Pace with the Changing Paradigm of Economic Policy?
- A13: Behavioural Economics – Towards a More Psychology-Oriented Economics
- A14: Sustainable Development and the Economy of Moderation
- A15: The Role of Science and Education in the Development of an Innovative Economy
- B10: The Polish Economy: Migration, Automation, and Fiscal Challenges
- B11: Environmental Policy and the Energy Transition
- B12: Economic Integration and International Trade
- B13: Economics in Practice: Research of the Institute of Economics, PAS (Inequality, Institutions)
- B14: Labour Market and Socio-Economic Transformations
- B15: Development Dilemmas in Turbulent Times





Friday, 5 December

- C5: Economic Development Prospects in Central and Eastern Europe
- C6: Modelling Market Processes (Agent-Based Approach)
- C7: New Challenges and Trends in Agricultural Economics
- C8: Contemporary Challenges in Economic Theory and Philosophy
- C9: Entrepreneurship Ecosystems and Development Financing
- C10: Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation
- C11: Uncertainty as a Challenge – Markets, Innovation, and Decision-Making
- C12: 20 Years of Law and Economics in Poland
- D8: The Economy in Times of Uncertainty: Markets, Institutions, and Climate
- D9: Agriculture and Food Security
- D10: Institutional Foundations of Contemporary Economic Policy
- D11: Feminist Economics – Contexts, Research, and Analysis
- D12: Modelling Economic Decision-Making under Uncertainty



PANEL SESSIONS – expert debates with invited panellists and partner organisations:

Thursday, 4 December 2025

- A1: The Role of Economic Universities in Shaping Future Skills – panel organised by KRUE
- A2: The Impact of Geopolitics on Financial System Stability
- A3: Household Economic Security under Conditions of Uncertainty
- A4: Bank Crisis Management and Consumer Protection – Between System Stability and Moral Hazard – panel organised by BFG
- A5: New Pragmatism: Theory and Practice
- A6: Local Public Finance in a Context of Crisis Multiplication and Turbulent Environment
- A7: Prosperity and Sustainable Development Beyond Metropolitan Areas: Economic Challenges, Research Directions, and Policy Dilemmas
- A8: What Does Business Expect from Economists? – panel organised by Family Business Network Poland (FBN)
- B1: Is Public Finance Stability Losing Ground in a Turbulent Environment?
- B2: Economics and the Global Existential Climate Crisis
- B3: Demographic Change and Its Implications for Public Policy

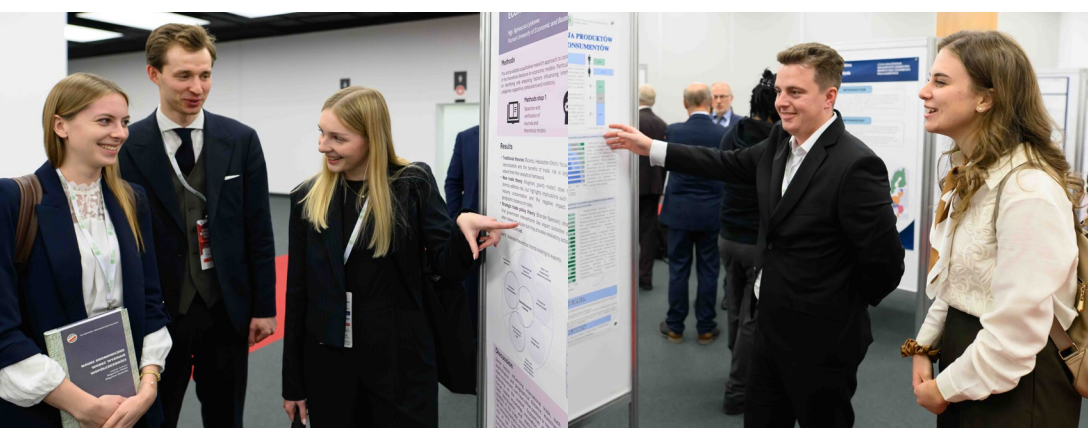
- B4: Long-Term Saving and Pension Investment from the Perspective of Behavioural and Institutional Economics
- B5: Economics and Business in the Face of the Climate Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities
- B6: Economic Education for Development
- B7: The History of Economic Societies in Poland
- B8: The Role of Institutional Quality in Public and Private Sectors for Stable and Sustainable Development
- B9: Olympiad Discussion Panel

Friday, 5 December 2025

- C1: Entrepreneurship in Mitigating Social and Economic Inequalities
- C2: Poland's Economic Transformation – Success or Failure?
- C3: The Role of ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Strategies in the Development of the Financial Sector
- C4: What Can the Austrian School Contribute to Mainstream Economics?
- D1: The Euro in Poland – Economic Arguments
- D2: Challenges in Official Statistics
- D3: The Role of Universities and Faculties of Economics in Advancing Sustainable Development
- D4: Family Businesses as a Pillar of the Polish Economy – Challenges and Development Prospects
- D5: Quo vadis Agricultura? Between the European Agrarian Model and Global Challenges
- D6: Beyond Growth: Practising Economics in a World of Limited Resources and Rising Ecological Pressures
- D7: Methodological Pluralism in Economics – Advantage or Challenge?



- **POSTER SESSIONS** – a visual format for presenting research findings and enabling direct, individual dialogue between researchers and Congress participants, facilitating in-depth "one-on-one" exchange of ideas



Excerpts from the Opening Addresses of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress

*The 11th Polish Economists' Congress
– a Key Event for the Academic and Economic Community*

Key quotes and reflections

Prof. Marian Gorynia, President of the Polish Economic Society (PTE)

Professor Marian **Gorynia** opened the Congress setting the direction of the debate and emphasising the role of economics in the face of global transformations.

- **On the Congress theme:** "The theme, the guiding idea of the Congress is: 'Economics and the Economy in Times of Uncertainty'. (...) The term 'uncertainty' in the Congress theme carries a broad semantic scope and, for most of us, embodies the turbulence characteristic of the civilisational turning point in which we are participants, observers, researchers, and analysts."
- **On the relationship between theory and practice:** "We engaged in extensive discussions on whether the Congress should focus solely on economics – as an academic discipline – or also encompass the economy, or even the economy alone. I believe a well-balanced compromise has been reached. It would be difficult to discuss economics without the economy, just as it would be impossible to discuss the economy without economics."
- **On the tradition of economists' congresses:** "We organise this Congress because it is part of our tradition. For more than a century, Polish economists have gathered to analyse, debate, and define the directions of our country's economic development. This tradition entails responsibility, intellectual rigour, and, above all, a commitment to acting in the public interest."
- **On the anniversary of the Polish Economic Society:** "This year's Congress is being held on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the modern form of the association of Polish economists (...). The Polish Economic Society was founded in Łódź and formally established on 2 December 1945."



- **On the role of economists in society:** "This is a Congress of Polish Economists, not a congress of the Polish Economic Society. While we organise the event, we see ourselves as convening a forum for all economists – for the entire community of Polish economists."
- **On the objectives of the Congress:** "As befits the 11th Congress, we have set ourselves eleven objectives (...). We intend these proceedings to serve as an impetus for a profound reflection on the state of our discipline and on the condition of both the Polish and the global economy. (...) Our aim is also to raise the level of economic awareness – because only a society that understands the fundamental mechanisms of the economy can participate responsibly in public life. We seek to demonstrate what determines standards of living, the purchasing power of wages and benefits, and the opportunities for personal and professional development."
- **On looking to the future:** "We are gathered here not only to reflect on what has been achieved since the previous Congress – or even throughout the entire period of our economic transformation – but also to look to the future with both courage and humility."

Wojciech Jankowiak, Vice-Marshall of the Wielkopolska Region

His address focused on the role of regional government, science, and innovation in shaping the development trajectory of both the region and the country.

- **On the role of science and technology in development:** "If we fail to prioritise technology and science today – if our universities are unable to compete with the world's leading institutions – we will not overcome the challenges that lie ahead."
- **On cooperation between academia and the economy:** The Vice-Marshall emphasised that the future development of Poland and its regions requires a substantive strengthening of cooperation between academia and the business sector, which is essential for building a sustainable competitive advantage.
- **On the significance of the Congress for regions:** He identified the Congress as a vital forum that "brings together regional policy analysis, local government experience, and the scientific potential of the country, "thereby enabling the formulation of effective strategies in times of uncertainty."

Jacek Jaśkowiak, Mayor of the City of Poznań

Mayor Jacek **Jaśkowiak** focused on the role of the city as an economic hub, the importance of local governance, and the need for expert support in evidence-based urban management.

- **On Poznań's economic tradition:** "Poznań has long been associated with reliability, diligence, and strong organisational capacity. It is here that the spirit of entrepreneurship meets academic tradition, creating ideal conditions for a debate on the future of the Polish economy."
- **On the role of economists in city governance:** "In times of uncertainty and rapid change, we – as local authorities – require sound economic knowledge. Your analyses and diagnoses enable us to better plan the development of our local communities and address challenges such as inflation or the energy transition."
- **On cooperation between academia, business, and local government:** "Poznań's success is grounded in dialogue. A strong region cannot exist without cooperation between academia, business practitioners, and public administration. This Congress is a clear demonstration of the importance of such synergy."



- **On the relationship between urban development and education:** He highlighted that the dynamic development of cities and regions – such as Wielkopolska – is intrinsically linked to the quality of education and the level of innovation among local enterprises.

As a representative of the host region, he also expressed pride that Poznań served as the venue for such a significant debate on the future of Polish economic thought, particularly in the context of the 80th anniversary of the Polish Economic Society.



- **On the challenges of 'times of uncertainty':** "The theme of this Congress – an economy in times of uncertainty – captures the essence of the challenges faced by Polish cities. The financial stability of local governments is a cornerstone of the stability of the state as a whole."
- **On the city's openness:** "I am pleased that Poznań, in the year marking the 80th anniversary of the Polish Economic Society, is hosting some



of the most distinguished minds seeking solutions for Poland and Europe. Poznań has always been – and will remain – open to bold and innovative ideas."

Marcin Piątkowski, World Bank Economist; Kozminski University

Prof. Marcin **Piåtkowski** delivered an emphatic and forward-looking address on Poland’s economic success and the challenges ahead.

- **On Poland’s "Golden Age":** "Poland is experiencing its economic golden age – a period of the fastest growth in Europe, which has enabled us to converge historically with Western levels of prosperity. Never before have we been so close, and so quickly."
- **On the transition from catching up to leading:** "Over the past three decades, Poland has been a ‘champion of catching up’. However, to sustain this success in the future, we must become a ‘champion of leading’. We can no longer rely solely on low labour costs or technological imitation."
- **On a new development vision – a strategy based on five pillars (the "5i" model):** "Institutions that are efficient and transparent; investment, particularly in human capital; innovation as the engine of growth; intelligent migration aligned with demographic needs; and inclusiveness, ensuring that the benefits of growth are shared equitably."

Mayor **Jaåkowski** also emphasised that the presence of such a distinguished group of scholars and practitioners in Poznań is both a great honour for the city and a valuable opportunity to further strengthen the region’s position as a leader in innovation.



- **On ambitious goals (citing Michelangelo) – a call for boldness in planning:** "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."
- **On the importance of education and innovation:** "If Polish firms are to compete in global markets, we must significantly increase expenditure on research and development and create an ecosystem in which innovation is rewarded rather than constrained."

Prof. **Piåtkowski**’s address was widely regarded as one of the most inspiring contributions to the opening session, combining economic optimism with robust empirical grounding.





Krzysztof Domarecki, Founder and Majority Shareholder of Selena Group

Krzysztof Domarecki presented a business-oriented perspective on the future of the Polish economy, emphasising the transition from a „low-cost production“ model to one based on high value added and innovation.

- **On the scale of Poland's success:** „Three decades ago, the success we are witnessing today seemed unattainable. Poland was perceived as a problem for Europe rather than a candidate to join the ranks of the world's fastest-growing economies. Today, having reached a GDP level of one trillion dollars, we face an entirely new challenge – doubling the size of our economy.“
- **On growth constraints:** „Poland's further development will depend on how effectively we address four fundamental challenges: demography, energy costs, the ownership structure of our firms, and the culture of entrepreneurship. We can no longer rely on the same growth engines that have driven us over the past three decades.“
- **On the role of science and technology:** „If we fail to prioritise technology and science today – if our universities are unable to compete with the best in the world – we will not be able to advance to the next stage of development. We must place greater emphasis on science and its authority – without it, we will achieve little as a modern state.“



- **On the need for boldness in business:** „Further growth requires courage in seeking new sources of development and a decisive departure from past patterns of thinking. Polish companies must move beyond the role of subcontractors and become technological leaders within their respective niches.“
- **On the energy transition:** „Energy costs are becoming a critical determinant of competitiveness. Without access to affordable and clean energy, Polish industry will not be able to maintain its position in global markets.“

Full recording of the opening session:
[11th Polish Economists' Congress – 4 December 2025](#)





The Poznań Declaration

The Declaration reflects the collective position of the Congress participants and seeks to set out recommendations for public debate on the future direction of Poland's socio-economic development.

During the 11th Polish Economists' Congress, held in conjunction with the 80th anniversary of the Polish Economic Society (PTE), more than 600 representatives of the economic community adopted a joint position set out in a document entitled the Poznań Declaration. The document provides a synthesis of the key conclusions drawn from the Congress debates and outlines the principal directions for action considered essential for the future of the Polish economy.

The **Poznań Declaration** also constitutes an invitation to cooperation among academia, public administration, business, civil society organisations, and the media, aimed at building a modern, competitive, and socially inclusive economy capable of meeting the challenges of the coming decades.

The Poznań Declaration

adopted at the conclusion of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress

Discussions held across several dozen panel and paper sessions focused on the key challenges facing the contemporary economy – from the sustainability of public finances, through the energy and digital transition, to issues of economic education, entrepreneurship, and Poland's role within the European Union. Participants emphasised that the Polish economy is currently confronted with the need to redefine its strategic development priorities in the context of intensifying geopolitical tensions, energy and demographic crises, and rapid technological change. A shared message emerging from the Congress was a call to rebuild trust in public institutions, to strengthen the role of science in shaping economic policy, and to restore the concept of the social market economy as the foundation for the country's long-term and sustainable development, in line with Article 20 of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland.

As a result of the broad-ranging debate, a set of key postulates was formulated, outlining proposed directions for action for policymakers, academia, and the business community. Their implementation may contribute to enhancing the resilience of the Polish economy, strengthening its competitiveness, and ensuring social well-being in the spirit of intergenerational solidarity:

- 1. Building trust in institutions and strengthening the social market economy*
- 2. Developing a long-term strategy for Poland's economic development*
- 3. Ensuring security*
- 4. Responding effectively to demographic challenges*
- 5. Strengthening the stability of public finances and fiscal responsibility*
- 6. Supporting a responsible green transition*
- 7. Promoting and implementing the principles of an economy of moderation*
- 8. Accelerating digital transformation*
- 9. Supporting entrepreneurship and innovation as pillars of a resilient economy*
- 10. Advancing economic education and future-oriented skills*
- 11. Fostering an open, knowledge-based debate on Poland's role in the European Union*

Presentation of the Polish Economic Society Award named after Prof. Edward Lipiński

One of the key elements of the programme of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress was the ceremonial presentation of the Prof. Edward Lipiński Award of the Polish Economic Society, along with other distinctions conferred by the Society. This award ranks among the most prestigious honours within the Polish economic community and is granted in recognition of outstanding scientific achievements and contributions to the advancement of economic sciences.

The award ceremony was attended by:

- Marian **Gorynia** – President of the Polish Economic Society (Poznań University of Economics and Business),
- Elżbieta **Mączyńska** – Honorary President of the Polish Economic Society (SGH Warsaw School of Economics), and
- Bogusław **Fiedor** – Chair of the Award Committee of the Prof. Edward Lipiński Prize (Wrocław University of Economics and Business).

Presentation of Distinctions

The first day of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress concluded with a ceremonial anniversary gala, combined with the presentation of distinctions, held during an evening banquet. In an atmosphere conducive to dialogue and networking, individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Polish Economic Society and to the promotion of economic knowledge were honoured.

The ceremony also provided an opportunity to recognise particularly committed members of the academic community associated with the Society and to underscore the importance of economic research for the development of the economy and public debate in Poland, including Prof. Jan **Polowczyk**, Prof. Piotr **Pysz**, and Prof. Elżbieta **Mączyńska**.

By decision of the Award Committee, the 2025 prize was awarded to Prof. Marek **Szczepański** of Poznań University of Technology.





The Cultural Programme

An integral component of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress was its cultural programme, which complemented the substantive part of the event and created a space for more informal interaction and dialogue among participants.

During the ceremonial Congress gala, the pop-opera ensemble **Tre Voci** – one of the most recognisable Polish groups combining classical music with elements of popular music – performed. The artists presented

a repertoire of well-known opera and musical pieces in contemporary arrangements, blending classical vocal technique with modern musical forms.

The concert was met with a very positive reception from Congress participants and constituted an important element of the accompanying programme, underscoring the ceremonial character of the 80th anniversary of the Polish Economic Society and fostering integration among the Congress participants.





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We would like to express our sincere thanks to all participants of the 11th Polish Economists' Congress for their presence, active engagement, and contribution to fostering a space for informed and responsible debate on the future of the economy. Your participation, substantive discussions, and openness to the exchange of views confirm that the Congress remains an important forum integrating the academic, business, and institutional communities.

We look to the future with confidence as we plan subsequent editions of the Congress. Our objective is to further enhance both the organisational quality and the substantive level of the proceedings, to deepen cooperation between academia, the business sector, and public institutions, and to consistently strengthen the international dimension of the Congress. We intend for it to remain a platform for in-depth reflection, the exchange of experience, and the initiation of joint research and partnership initiatives.

We look forward to meeting again at the next edition of the Congress to continue our dialogue on the key challenges facing the Polish and European economies.



The Congress Organiser



Polish Economic Society

The Polish Economic Society is an independent, professional, nationwide association of economists, bringing together both practitioners and scholars of economic life. It was established in 1945, drawing on the traditions of professional economic movements in Poland dating back to the 19th century, including the Warsaw Association of Economists and Statisticians, as well as economic societies active in Kraków, Poznań, and Lviv during the interwar period. The Society holds the status of a public benefit organisation.

The core statutory objectives of the Polish Economic Society include:

- the promotion of economic knowledge,
- opinion-forming activity in economic matters,
- the enhancement of professional qualifications,
- and the integration of the community of economists.

The Society's ongoing activities encompass a broad range of educational, expert, and advisory initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of economic debate in Poland and supporting responsible socio-economic development.

For more information on the projects and initiatives of the Polish Economic Society: www.pte.pl

