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ABOUT THE EVENT

Think2030 is an evidence-based, non-partisan platform of more than 100 leading policy experts from European think tanks, civil society, the private sector, and local authorities. The platform meets twice every year for a conference and organises a high-level event in association with the rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU. Think Sustainable Europe (TSE) – the first pan-European sustainability think tank network – is the core engine behind Think2030.

As part of the official Polish Presidency agenda, the event offers a platform to reflect on the outcomes of the informal meeting of the EU Environment Ministries' meeting and supports Europe's goal to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

The high-level panel will address Poland's and the EU's role in advancing sustainability and security, while the four policy sessions will include discussions on the European Clean Industrial Deal, climate resilience in agriculture, perspectives on ETS2 implementation, and the external dimension of the Green Deal.

AGENDA

09:00 **Registration and refreshments**

09:30 – 09:45 **Welcome and opening remarks** (Main Stage)

- Welcome by Antoine Oger, Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- Keynote speech by Urszula Zielińska, State Secretary, Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment

09:45 – 11:00 **High-level policy panel: Towards a Sustainable and Secure Europe** (Main Stage)
Moderated by: Karolina Zbytniewska, Euractiv Speakers:

- Urszula Zielińska, State Secretary, Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment
- Niels Melsker, Senior Energy Advisor, Danish Embassy in Poland
- Chiara Martinelli, Director, CAN Europe
- Bartek Czaczerski, CEO, Business & Science Poland

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Parallel Science4Policy sessions**

European Clean Industrial Deal between competitiveness and energy transition (Main Stage)
Moderated by Paweł Wiejski, Senior Analyst, Reform Institute Speakers:

- Ludovic Voet, Confederal Secretary, ETUC
- Suzana Carp, Co-Founder Cleantech for CEE
- Måns Nilsson, Executive Director, SEI
- Jakub Safjański, Head of Energy and Climate Change, Confederation Lewiatan

Resilient Agriculture in Poland and the EU: Navigating Challenges and Opportunities in 2025
(Room TE)

Moderated by Adrianna Wrona, Analyst, Green Economy Institute

Opening remarks: Melanie Muro, PhD, Acting Head of Programme CAP and Food, IEEP
Speakers:

- Miłosz Motyka, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Climate and Environment
- Mirosław Korzeniowski, PhD, President, AGROEKOTON Association
- Krystyna Springer, Senior Policy Analyst, Land Use and Climate, IEEP
- Michael Minter, Director of the Food and Consumption Programme, CONCITO
- Adam Wąs, DSc, Professor, Warsaw University of Life Science

13:00 – 14:00 **Networking lunch**

AGENDA

14:00 – 15:30

Parallel Science4Policy sessions

Perspectives on implementation of the ETS2 (Main Stage)

Moderated by Aleksander Śniegocki, CEO, Reform Institute

Speakers:

- Paweł Różycki, Deputy Director, Department of Air Protection and Climate Negotiations, Ministry of Climate and Environment
- Julie Kjestrup, President of Efficient Buildings Europe, Energy Efficiency Policies Vice-Chair
- Tomáš Jungwirth Březovský, Head of the Climate Team, AMO
- Adam Guibourgé-Czetwertyński, Head of Poland Office, European Federation for Transport and Environment

Addressing conflictualization in international environmental policies – How to deal with the external dimensions of the Green Deal in a new geopolitical context? (Room TE)

Interactive workshop moderated by Pierre Leturcq, Global Challenges and SDGs Head of Programme, IEEP.

Speakers:

- Zuzanna Nowak, Analysis Director, Opportunity Institute
- Sébastien Treyer, Executive Director, IDDRI
- John Asafu-Adjaye, Senior fellow and Head of research, African Center for Economic Transformation)
- Michaela Summerer, Associate Expert, International Trade Center

15:30 – 16:00

Concluding remarks (Main Stage)

Aleksander Śniegocki, CEO Reform Institute

PANEL DESCRIPTIONS AND SPEAKERS

Opening Remarks



URSZULA ZIELIŃSKA

**Secretary of State, Ministry of Climate and Environment,
Poland**

Urszula Zielińska graduated in marketing and management from the Kozminski University in Warsaw. Since 2019, she has been a member of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland for the 9th and 10th terms. In the 9th term Sejm, she sat on the Committee on Energy, Climate and State Assets and the Committee on the Environment Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry. Prior to becoming an MP, she worked in international business in Poland, Germany and the UK. She speaks English and German.

ANTOINE OGER

**Interim Executive Director, Institute for European
Environmental Policy (IEEP)**

Antoine joined IEEP in 2021 and has over 15 years' experience working with stakeholders across EU institutions, international bodies, academia, civil society and industry, to produce evidence-based research and insights on EU sustainability policies. His research work focuses notably on the coherence of the EU's internal and external policies related to trade, climate and circular economy. Before joining IEEP, Antoine worked on the provision of technical assistance for the sustainable development of countries in the global south. His recent publications include IEEP policy reports on the "[Long-term linkages between climate objectives and international trade and investment](#)" and a briefing on "[Trade for an inclusive circular economy: A framework for collective action.](#)"

Antoine holds a MA in European Politics from the Institute of Political Studies of Rennes. He is a native speaker of French and fluent in English. He also speaks Spanish and Italian.



PANEL DESCRIPTIONS

High-level policy panel: Towards a Sustainable and Secure Europe

The panel discussion, framed by the Think2030 initiative's commitment to evidence-informed and non-partisan policy dialogue, will explore the convergence of environmental sustainability and security amid evolving EU and global dynamics. It seeks to bridge ambitious climate targets with the practical challenges of policy implementation by examining how both national strategies and EU initiatives can mutually reinforce each other in a rapidly shifting political landscape.

Central to the discussion is a comparative analysis of the Polish Presidency's environmental priorities alongside the European Commission's proposals, such as the Clean Industrial Deal, the Affordable Energy Action plan, and other initiatives included in the European Commission's Work Programme 2025. The dialogue will scrutinize Poland's efforts to operationalize decarbonisation and energy transition strategies while maintaining industrial competitiveness. It will also address the implications of recent political changes and global geopolitical shifts, highlighting how cross-sector collaboration and science-policy integration can drive effective and resilient environmental reforms.

Looking forward, the panel will consider the strategic outlook expected from the incoming Danish Presidency and assess potential synergies across member states. By grounding the debate in Think2030's platform for innovative, science-driven policy recommendations, the session aims to forge practical solutions that enhance both sustainability and security in Europe. Ultimately, the discussion will serve as a catalyst for aligning national initiatives with broader EU environmental ambitions to secure a sustainable future.

High-level policy panel: Towards a Sustainable and Secure Europe



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NIELS FREDERIK MALSKÆR

Senior Energy Advisor, Danish Embassy in Poland

Niels Malskær is an experienced energy advisor from the Global Cooperation Centre at Danish Energy Agency, which is part of the Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities. His core areas of expertise are offshore wind and the green heating transition. Niels has a demonstrated history of working internationally on energy collaborations with countries like: China, the United States and the Netherlands. For the past three years, Niels has been located in Warsaw to strengthen Polish-Danish Energy cooperation by exchanging knowledge between our countries on how best to handle the green transition.



BARTEK CZYCZERSKI

CEO, Business & Science Poland

Bartek has connected businesses and people with the European agenda for 20 years. He has done this in multiple roles, as diplomat and civil servant, co-creator and CEO of the largest, multi-sectoral Polish business federation in Brussels (Business & Science Poland), a consultant (i.a. for EY and Forward Global) and a senior advisor in the climate think-tank (ERCST). Bartek is an expert in policy areas of international trade and economic relations - he led the national policy design and represented the government in domestic litigations related to international trade - as well as the EU sustainability agenda. Bartek has been a regular public speaker and his publications appeared in *Euroactiv*, *Global Journal on International Trade and Customs*, *Rzeczpospolita* and *Monitor of Customs*.



CHIARA MARTINELLI

Director, CAN Europe

Chiara Martinelli is the Director of Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe, Europe's leading NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change. With over 200 member organisations in 40 European countries, representing more than 1,700 NGOs and over 40 million citizens, CAN Europe advocates for sustainable climate, energy and development policies across the continent. It also acts as the regional hub for the global alliance of CAN International.

With two decades of experience in development cooperation, Chiara was previously Senior Advisor at CIDSE, a global network of Catholic social justice organisations. She led CIDSE's initiatives on climate justice, food and agriculture, energy and sustainable lifestyles. Chiara's journey in international development began with her volunteer work in Benin, West Africa, where she contributed to projects aimed at the socio-economic empowerment and advancement of women.

At CAN Europe, she has spent the last three years leading EU and international climate negotiations, promoting an ambitious EU climate and energy policy. She has broadened the work of the network to be more inclusive, diverse, intersectional and socially just.

European Clean Industrial Deal between competitiveness and energy transition

EU industries are facing multiple challenges: high energy prices, global competition, dependence on energy imports and geopolitical uncertainties. The Clean Industrial Deal (CID), presented by the European Commission in February 2025, is an attempt to find solutions to these problems. The EU wants to channel more investment, lower energy prices, boost demand for clean products and ensure supply to critical raw materials. At the same time, the Commission is doubling down on decarbonization, seeing it as a vehicle for economic growth.

CID is a necessary step, but will it be enough to give the European industry a much-needed boost? The plan is just the beginning, and its success will rely on the quality of implementation. The EU and its Member States will need to make difficult choices, navigating trade-offs and synergies between competitiveness, sustainability, security and the rights of workers and consumers. Industry will be a crucial element of reaching the emission reduction goals for 2030 and climate neutrality by 2050.

In this session, the panelists representing a wide variety of stakeholders will attempt to shed light on the path ahead for the European industry. They will discuss the enabling factors and the obstacles to making the vision outlined in the CID a reality. They will also reflect on the role of the Polish presidency in the Council and Poland as a Member State in the process.

European Clean Industrial Deal between competitiveness and energy transition



LUDOVIC VOET

Confederal Secretary, ETUC

Ludovic Voet has been re-elected Confederal Secretary at the ETUC Congress in Berlin, in May 2023. Elected Confederal Secretary of ETUC in 2019, he since coordinates the trade union pressure to obtain a Platform Work Directive and steers in European debate ETUC engagement to make climate action and Just Transition a reality for all workers.

From June 2023 onwards, Ludovic is responsible of ETUC area of work for an economy that works for the people and the planet. He will thus fight for a sustainable economic model, a reform of the economic governance and the EU Semester, fair taxation and an EU fiscal capacity and EU funds fit for the twin transitions. He will follow just transition, climate, energy and industrial policies as well policies of upskilling and reskilling of the workforce. He will also try to conclude the trade union fight for an ambitious Platform Work Directive.

SUZANA CARP

Co-Founder Cleantech for CEE

Suzana Carp is the Co-Founder of Cleantech for CEE, in partnership with Start Smart CEE. Previously she has served as Cleantech for Europe's deputy Executive Director, where for 3 years she lead the organisation's Brussels office. In particular she focused on European industrial strategy and the EU's response to the US Inflation Reduction Act. Her work has paved the way to creating a pan-European consensus for a innovation and competitiveness agenda at the EU level. With more 10 years experience in industrial decarbonisation, energy policy and carbon pricing, she has been influential in setting the selection criteria for the Modernisation Fund, the Innovation Fund and has worked on the STEP regulation. Suzana is originally from Romania and has studied in the US, the UK, Poland, Ireland, France and Belgium.





MÅNS NILSSON

Executive Director, SEI

Måns Nilsson currently serves as Executive Director of the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). He leads and delegates all work at the institute, with 350 staff and 7 centres around the world. MN has researched in particular what makes for an effective innovation system, including the institutional set up, for promoting a modern bioeconomy in eastern Africa.

MN is an accomplished scholar in the policy sciences related to sustainable development, with key areas of interests including policy integration & coherence, institutions and governance, and innovations in energy, agriculture, industry and transport sectors. Måns has published more than 60 papers in academic journals and has edited two books. He is listed as Web of Science "Highly Cited Researcher". He received his MSc (Economics and Business) from University of Lund, Sweden, and his PhD degree (Policy Analysis) from Delft University of Technology, Netherlands. He has served for 12 years as Professor of Practice at KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm.

MN is a regular advisor to, inter alia, the UN, OECD, the European Commission and the Government of Sweden on topics such as policy coherence, sustainable development, and research policy. He is appointed as climate advisor with the Swedish Export Credit Agency and with a climate-positive international venture capital fund in Stockholm and sits on the Programme Advisory Committee of Bioinnovate Africa at ICIPE, Nairobi. MN is a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Sveaskog AB and IVL Svenska Miljöinstitutet AB.

JAKUB SAFJAŃSKI

**Head of Energy and Climate Change, Confederation
Lewiatan**

Jakub Safijański graduated in law and philosophy, as well as Postgraduate Studies in Legislative Issues at the University of Warsaw. Graduate of the National School of Public Administration.

He was professionally associated with energy administration, where in the years 2017-2022 he worked in the Ministry of Energy as the Chief Specialist for Legal Services in the Oil and Fuel Sector in the Department of Oil and Gas, and in the Ministry of Climate and Environment as the Head of the Local Energy Department in the Department of Renewable Energy Sources.

In the Lewiatan Confederation since 2022, he has been supervising the area of energy, green transformation and circular economy.



Resilient Agriculture in Poland and the EU: Navigating Challenges and Opportunities in 2025

2025 will be a pivotal year for EU agriculture, setting the pace and scope of the sector's transformation in the coming years.

The EU vision for agriculture and food published this February and the 2040 GHG emissions target to be agreed upon this year demonstrate the urgent need for clear priorities and a path forward in the sector.

The Strategic Dialogue's recommendations have already highlighted the necessity for a more holistic approach to agri-food systems transformation, including reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post-2027. Simultaneously, mounting pressure on the EU budget from multiple competing priorities, as well as Ukraine's planned accession to the EU, create additional opportunities to advance discussions about agriculture's future.

In this session, our panelists will discuss how the EU's vision for agriculture and food is likely to shape future policy debates and how the Polish presidency can ensure that the sector receives appropriate attention in the upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework negotiations. This includes examining the CAP's role in strengthening the resilience of Polish agriculture and the prosperity of rural areas. We will also explore policy instruments and farming models that could make the agri-food transition equitable, and beneficial both economically and environmentally.

Resilient Agriculture in Poland and the EU: Navigating Challenges and Opportunities in 2025

MIŁOSZ MOTYKA

**Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Climate and
Environment**

Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Climate and Environment, responsible for renewable energy and electricity sectors. He holds a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Agriculture in Krakow. Involved in social activities, he served as President of the Young People's Forum from 2017 to 2023. Graduate of the School of Political Leadership. From 2019, Spokesman and Secretary of the General Council of the Polish People's Party. Since 2024, Councillor of the Malopolska Voivodship Regional Council, where he holds the position of Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection and Public Safety



MIROSŁAW KORZENIOWSKI

PhD, President, AGROEKOTON Association

Co-founder and president of the AGROEKOTON Association, which works for innovation and sustainable development in rural areas. Manager of the Horticulture of the Future Cluster, which brings together leading fruit farms in Poland and public scientific units, including IUNG, SGGW, InHort. Previously, Marketing Manager at Bayer CropScience, leading teams in 29 countries. Coordinator of international research, development and communication projects in agriculture. Author and co-author of scientific publications. In private life, a lover of gardening and cycling.



MICHAEL MINTER

**Director of the Food and Consumption Programme,
CONCITO**

Michael Minter is Program Director for CONCITO's program on Food and Consumption. Michael has a MSc in Public Administration and has extensive experience with analysis, strategy and communication in the environmental field. He has previously worked as EU policy officer in The Danish Society for Nature Conservation, board member in the European Environmental Bureau, communications advisor in Operate A/S and independent consultant. In CONCITO, he has worked with analysis and advocacy on several climate-related issues, including consumption-based emissions and promotion of climate-friendly eating habits, and he has been one of the driving forces behind The Big Climate Database.





KRYSTYNA SPRINGER

Senior Policy Analyst, Land Use and Climate, IEEP

Krystyna Springer is a Senior Policy Analyst at IEEP, specialising in Land Use and Climate. Her research focuses on pathways for the EU agricultural and land sectors to meet climate policy goals, with a particular emphasis on market-based instruments to drive climate mitigation in agriculture. Krystyna co-authored an exploratory study for the European Commission on a potential future agri-food emissions trading system and has contributed to projects examining EU policy coherence and effectiveness across both the supply and demand sides of agri-food systems. Prior to joining IEEP, Krystyna worked at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, where she focused on assessing the alignment of agribusiness finance with the Paris Agreement and supporting the development of sustainable agri-food projects.

ADAM WĄS

DSc, Professor, Warsaw University of Life Science

Adam Wąs, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Economics and Organisation of Enterprises at the Institute of Economics and Finance, Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS) and an expert in modelling the agricultural sector at the Centre for Climate and Energy Analyses (ClimateCake). His main research interests include the development of bioeconomic models of farms, assessment of agricultural and climate policy impacts on farm organization and sector structure, estimation of external effects of agricultural production, mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture, and risk management analysis in agricultural production. He has authored numerous scientific publications, including articles and books in his area of expertise. He has served as coordinator or partner in numerous research projects, including studies on the effects of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture (ENSPIRE), the potential for reducing energy inputs in agriculture (AgEnRes), sustainable intensification of agriculture (OPUS22), structural changes in the farming sector, potential effects of agricultural biorefineries, risk management in agriculture, and renewable energy sources.



Perspectives on implementation of the ETS2

Expanding the emissions trading system to fossil fuels used in buildings, road transport and small industry is one of the key new elements of the European climate and energy framework introduced in recent years. Today, the EU Member States are preparing for the implementation of the ETS2 and drafting the plans to utilise the new Social Climate Fund. As the concerns around the impacts on the citizens, predictability of carbon price movements and effective utilisation of new revenues are growing, the debates concerning ETS2 are back.

While some voices are suggesting regulatory adjustments, such as increasing price control mechanisms or delaying the start of the system, others highlight the importance of robust Social Climate Plans and complementary domestic policies to increase the pace of transition to clean heating and sustainable mobility. The coming months will be decisive for both the EU-level discussions on possible adjustments to the system and preparations to step up the national-level actions.

In this session, our panellists will discuss how to approach the effective and socially acceptable implementation of the ETS2. We will reflect on the ways to ensure that differences between individual countries and sectors covered by the new systems are taken into account and that the impacts on most vulnerable groups are effectively mitigated. The discussion will also cover the interactions of ETS2 with other instruments supporting the transition in the buildings and transport sectors.

Perspectives on implementation of the ETS2

PAWEŁ RÓŻYCKI

**Deputy Director, Department of Air Protection and Climate
Negotiations, Ministry of Climate and Environment**

Since the beginning of his work at the Ministry (2006) he has been associated with EU affairs and climate policy. He took part in negotiations at the EU forum on key elements of climate policy, including, among others, the rules of operation of the EU ETS, the CBAM mechanism, emission reductions within sectors not covered by the EU ETS. In the national arena, he co-authored the Law on the Greenhouse Gas Emission Trading Scheme, and was involved in the development of policies and mechanisms for reducing emissions in Poland, implementing elements of the ETS, including, among others, the Modernization Fund.



JULIE KJESTRUP

**President of Efficient Buildings Europe, Energy
Efficiency Policies Vice-Chair**



Julie Kjestrup has been the President of Efficient Buildings Europe, a Brussels-based alliance representing Europe's leading companies involved with the manufacture, distribution and installation of energy efficient products, equipment, and services for buildings since January 2023. She is also Head of Policy and Thought Leadership at VELUX, having joined the Group in January 2022. Prior to that, she was Head of EU Affairs and interim Global Head of Public Affairs and Sustainability at Danfoss, Head of PA Europe at the European Copper Institute and Head of the Brussels Energy and Environment practice at APCO Worldwide, a global public affairs and strategic communication agency. She has extensive experience working on all aspects of advocacy and stakeholder engagement at EU, member state and global level and has witnessed first-hand, and contributed to, the rise of building, climate, and energy topics on the global policy agenda over the past 15+ years.

TOMÁŠ JUNGWIRTH BŘEZOVSKÝ

Head of the Climate Team, AMO

Tomáš Jungwirth Březovský is leading the Climate Team at Association for International Affairs (AMO), a Prague-based think-tank. In his work, he focuses on the numerous challenges related to climate change, the low-carbon transition and notable efforts for social and economic sustainability. He graduated from law at Charles University in Prague, and then went on to study Human Rights and Democratization in Sarajevo and Bologna. He was later awarded a fellowship at the European University Institute in Florence where he dealt with climate mitigation and adaptation in a transnational context. In the past, Tomáš worked as a policy officer in a network of CSOs, as a political analyst, manager of election campaigns or as a high-school teacher. In the course of the 2022 Czech EU Council Presidency he collaborated in expert capacity with the Czech Environment Ministry.



ADAM GUIBOURGÉ-CZETWERTYŃSKI

**Head of Poland Office, European Federation for
Transport and Environment**

After more than 10 years in the public administration, Adam joined T&E in 2025. Adam is responsible for delivering quality data and policy recommendations to Polish decision makers to help shape a transition to clean transport. Prior to T&E, Adam worked as a civil servant and diplomat on climate and energy policies, including heading the environment section of the Polish Perm Rep in Brussels and as a deputy minister in Warsaw. Adam was also part of the negotiating team of the Polish presidency in the UNFCCC both during COP19 in Warsaw and as a lead negotiator at COP24 in Katowice.

Addressing conflictualization in international environmental policies – How to deal with the external dimensions of the Green Deal in a new geopolitical context?

The EU Green Deal has been the cornerstone of EU environmental and economic policies for the past five years, and introduced measures with extraterritorial impacts such as the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, the EU Deforestation Regulation, or the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, highly scrutinised or even raising concerns in Global South countries. How do these policies with extraterritorial reach affect actors in the Global South? What are the key challenges in ensuring a globally fair transition while maintaining a high level of ambition? And how can the EU better align its values and interests to mitigate negative socio-economic spillovers? Join us for an expert workshop where we will present and discuss the findings of the **2025 European Green Deal Barometer**, which this year focuses on the external dimension of the EU Green Deal with contributions from extra EU actors. This session will bring together policy experts, researchers, and stakeholders to examine how European foreign policy tools – from trade policies to international partnership policies – can contribute to a just transition worldwide:

Event Highlights:

- 📌 Presentation of key insights from the **2025 European Green Deal Barometer**
- 📌 Expert discussion on the challenges and opportunities for Global South actors
- 📌 Strategies for better including Global South concerns in the design of policy instruments and aligning EU policies with a globally fair transition

Addressing conflictualization in international environmental policies – How to deal with the external dimensions of the Green Deal in a new geopolitical context?

ZUZANNA NOWAK

Analysis Director, Opportunity Institute

Previously she worked as a senior energy and climate analyst within the Global Issues Programme in the Polish Institute of International Affairs. She graduated from the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po Paris and the College of Europe in Bruges. She concentrates her research mainly on multilateral climate diplomacy, energy security issues and post-Soviet countries. She also held analytical, managerial, and international cooperation positions at the Polish Oil and Gas Company and, before that, at the Polish National Centre for Nuclear Research as well as Polish Member Committee of the World Energy Council.



SÉBASTIEN TREYER

Executive Director, IDDRI

Sébastien Treyer is Executive Director of IDDRI, since January 2019 (he joined the institute in 2010 as Director of Programmes). He is also Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the French Global Environment Facility (FFEM) and member of the Lead Faculty of the Earth System Governance Network. A graduate from École Polytechnique, general engineer of the Corps of Bridges, Water and Forests, and PhD in environmental management, he was in charge of foresight studies at the French Ministry of the Environment, and played an active role in leading the interface between science and policy and scientific programming at the European Commission, the French National Research Agency, and territorial actors such as the Seine Normandy Water Agency.

JOHN ASAFU-ADJAYE

Senior fellow and Head of research, African Center for Economic Transformation)

John Asafu-Adjaye is currently a Resident Senior Fellow at the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET). Prior to that, he held a tenured position as an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. He also held a position as Visiting Senior Fellow at the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) Ghana from 2006 to 2018.



At ACET, John leads the research program on agriculture and climate change. He also assists with providing advice to African policymakers and economic actors to help prosecute the transformation agenda. He has an extensive track record in research and consultancy in agricultural economics, energy economics, climate change, and economic development in a variety of countries and regions, including Ghana, East Africa (Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania), Southern Africa (Zimbabwe), Australia, Indonesia, Fiji, Vietnam, China, Papua New Guinea, and Brunei Darussalam.

His previous clients include the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, the Danish International Development Agency, the Government of Papua New Guinea, the Queensland Treasury, the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency, the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the African Economic Research Consortium, KPMG Ltd, Nera Consulting and FTI Consulting.

Concluding Remarks



ALEKSANDER ŚNIEGOCKI

CEO, Reform Institute

Aleksander leads Reform Institute and coordinates its work in the area of decarbonization and energy transition policies. He specialises in conducting multi-level quantitative and qualitative impact assessments of public policies (including in the area of innovation, regional development, digitalization and sustainable development) and the preparation of strategic documents. Aleksander focuses on creating and managing systemic projects facilitating the improvement of public policy both in Poland and in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. He gained his expertise by implementing national and EU research projects, including under the Horizon 2020 program, and offering consultancy services for public administration and the private sector. A graduate of economics at the Warsaw School of Economics.

TRAVEL AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

VENUE

The event will be held at the Centralny Dom Technologii (CDT) (Central House of Technology) located at St. Krucza 50, in the heart of Warsaw. The venue is located near the main train station Warszawa Centralna (Warsaw Central Station) and the city's focal point – Palace of Science and Culture. The most beautiful parts of the city, the Royal Castle and the Vistula Boulevards, are also within walking distance of Krucza Street. On the pictures you can see the building itself as well as the entrance to CDT. You can also look for the entrance by looking for "iMad" store or pink signs "CDT".



TRANSPORT

PLANE

Warsaw is served by two airports: Warsaw Chopin Airport and Warsaw Modlin Airport. It is recommended to verify the destination airport in advance, as they are situated on opposite sides of the city. International airlines such as Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, Air France, KLM, Emirates, Turkish Airlines, and others, as well as the Polish carrier LOT, primarily operate from Chopin Airport. In contrast, most Ryanair flights operate from Modlin Airport.



Warsaw Chopin Airport

There are several ways to reach the city centre (Śródmieście), where the venue is located.

By bus: from bus stop "Terminal Autokarowy 02" located at the airport you can take the bus 175 to "Dworzec Centralny" and get off at the final stop (around 35 minutes)

By train: from train station "Warszawa Chopin Airport" you can take:

- A fast suburban train SKM S2 to "Sulejówek Miłosna" and get off at Warszawa Śródmieście (around 30 minutes)
- A fast suburban train SKM S3 to "Legionowo" and get off at Warszawa Centralna (around 30 minutes)
- A regional train KM RL to "Modlin" and get off at Warszawa Centralna (around 30 minutes)

From Warsaw Central Station (Warszawa Centralna) it takes 13 minutes on foot or 7 minutes by tram (lines: 7, 9, 22, 24, 25 departing from tram stop "Dworzec Centralny 07" located just next to the station) to get to the venue located at Krucza Street 50 (bus stop "Krucza 05", 2 minutes walking distance to the venue).

By taxi: A designated taxi stand is available at the airport, where you can obtain a taxi (including Uber, Bolt, or private services) to the city center. The fare is typically around 50 PLN (€12), though the price may vary depending on the time of day and other factors.

Warsaw Modlin Airport

Warsaw Modlin Airport is much smaller and further from the city centre.

By public transport: There is no direct train from the airport to the city center, so the journey requires three steps:

1. First, there is a transfer stand at the airport where you can purchase a ticket for €5 and obtain information about the transfer.
2. Next, take the ZL bus (a 10-minute ride) to the Modlin train station. From there, board the KM RL regional train to Warsaw Central Station, alighting at the final stop, which is located in the city center.
3. If you arrive at Modlin and the available train is not the KM RL (for example, KM R80 to "Góra Kalwaria" or KM R90 to "Warszawa Zachodnia"), you should disembark at Warszawa Gdańska. At this station, there is also a metro station (underground). To use the metro, purchase a 20-minute ticket (€1) from the ticket machine and validate it at the entrance gate. Board the metro in the direction of "Kabaty" and catch alight at Centrum station.

Train

Trains from several European cities, including Budapest, Prague, Berlin, and Bratislava, arrive in Warsaw at Warsaw Central Station.

Upon arrival at Warsaw Central Station, you are already in the city center. The venue is just two tram stops away, accessible via tram lines 7, 9, 22, 24, or 25, which depart from the "Dworzec Centralny 07" tram stop located next to the train station. You can purchase a ticket on the tram and alight at the "Krucza 05" stop, a 2-minute walk from the venue.

Tickets

For bus, tram, fast suburban train: Warsaw's public transport system offers timed tickets for 20, 75, or 90 minutes, with prices ranging from €1 to €2. For very short trips you can use 20 min but in case you are not sure we recommend 75 min as default choice. Please note that there are two types of machines in which you can buy tickets: on the stops and in the public transport vehicles. Those bought in the vehicles do not need to be validated, those valid on any line and can also be used across multiple lines, as long as you are mindful of the time limit. For those planning to explore the city further, it is recommended to purchase a 24-hour ticket for Zone 1, priced at €4.

For metro (the underground): tickets (also for 20, 75 or 90 minutes) can be purchased next to the entrance to the stations. They need to be validated at the underground entrance. If you have an already validated ticket from the bus or tram machine, there is one bigger gate where you can scan the QR code.

For the train: Tickets for suburban trains (denoted by red) can be purchased from the ticket machine located inside the train. Tickets for regional trains (denoted by green) must be obtained directly from the conductor on board.

Buying in an app: Tickets can also be purchased through the [Jakdojade](#) app, which assists users in navigating the public transport system. The website and app provide real-time information on routes, schedules, and timetables for buses, trams, metro, and trains. Additionally, tickets purchased via the app can be validated on trams and buses by scanning the QR code, which is available at multiple locations within each public transport vehicle. The Jakdojade app is available for download on both the App Store and Android. If you do not want to use the Jakdojade app, you can also use Google Maps.

Payments

Currency and exchange rates

Official currency in Poland is Polish Złoty (abbreviated as pln or zł). Exchange offices (Kantor) are located at the airports, at the Central Station and in the city centre (Śródmieście), especially near the main attractions. Some of them can offer better exchange rates than the banks, although that is not a rule.

Here are current exchange rates to the common currencies:

1 € = 4,20 zł

1 £ = 5,00 zł

1 \$ = 4,00 zł

Card payments

Credit and debit cards are widely used and accepted in hotels, restaurants, shops, and public transport in Warsaw. It may be useful to carry small amounts of cash, as card payments can sometimes be difficult in smaller shops or markets. ATMs are broadly available in Warsaw – particularly at the airports, main train stations (Central, Gdańska, East and West train stations) and all throughout the city centre. However, some ATMs might charge a withdrawal fee, so it is advisable to check with your bank regarding international withdrawals.

ABOUT WARSAW

Warsaw is both the capital and the largest city of Poland. It is a modern and dynamic city, with a lot to offer! Warsaw is filled with culture, charming neighborhoods with a lot of green spaces and restaurants with great Polish cuisine. It also serves as a big business hub and a home to many research institutions.

The city has a rich past. Warsaw was almost totally destroyed in mass bombings which have taken place between 1939 and 1945 (85% of the city) and then rebuilt, Warsaw is a city of contrast. In Warsaw, charming historic tenement houses stand alongside communist-era structures and glass-covered skyscrapers.



Exploring the city

Warsaw is a great city-break destination and because of its rich history it has much to offer. Here are some of the recommended attractions:

1. **The Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, where colorful townhouses and the Royal Castle tell the city's story.
2. The best way to reach the **Old Town** is by walking along **Nowy Świat**, the city's liveliest street lined with bars and restaurants. It then transitions into Krakowskie Przedmieście, where you can admire some of the most stunning architectural landmarks.
3. **The Palace of Culture and Science** is a landmark of Warsaw, housing numerous cultural institutions, a university, and an observation terrace from where you can see the whole city (opened 10AM-8PM).
4. **Royal Łazienki Park** serves as a home to the stunning Palace on the Isle and Chopin's monument. Undeniably the most beautiful place for an afternoon stroll in the whole city.
5. For a scenic stroll recommended are also **Vistula Boulevards and Warsaw University Roof Garden**.
6. **Wilanów Palace** is a bit outside the city, yet definitely worth visiting – some call it Warsaw's very own Versailles because of the resemblance.
7. **Zachęta Gallery** is a contemporary art museum with numerous temporary exhibitions from both foreign and Polish artists
8. **Praga** is located on the Vistula River's right bank, it was a distinct town from Warsaw until 1791. Praga was a commercial area from the start, providing all the necessities for the city's left bank. The district's sizable Jewish merchant minority contributed to its unique character. Tourists are drawn to Praga because of its charming, historic townhouses, unique restaurants, urban folklore, and a totally different way of life than the left bank of Warsaw.
9. **Main Campus of University of Warsaw**

Museums:

1. **The Warsaw Uprising Museum** honors the city's resistance during World War II, offering insight into the resilience of its citizens and the city's tragic history.
2. **Museum of Modern Art** is a newly opened museum, located just next to the Palace of Culture and Science.
3. **Warsaw National Museum** houses a vast collection of the Polish paintings as well as ancient art and European art.
4. **Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews** is dedicated to the 1,000-year history of Jews in Poland from the Middle Ages to the post-war era.



Restaurants

We recommend trying some of the traditional Polish cuisine:

- Pierogi – dumplings filled with a variety of ingredients like potatoes, cheese, mushrooms, meat, or fruit, a must
- Bigos – a savory stew made with sauerkraut, fresh cabbage, and various meats, including pork, beef, and sausages,
- Żurek – a sour rye soup made with fermented rye flour, often served with sausage and hard-boiled eggs,
- Placki ziemniaczane – potato pancakes, usually served with sour cream,
- Sernik – Polish cheesecake, made with cheese, often topped with fruit or chocolate.

There are various restaurants that serve traditional Polish food. They can be mostly found near the Old Town, at Krakowskie Przedmieście. To try different types of pierogi we recommend Gościniec. To try both pierogi and other delicious Polish cuisine, we recommend Zapiecek, however, it is a rather touristic option.

For less mainstream options: Bibenda, Allora, Butero, The Eatery, Joel

Near the venue there are also numerous restaurants with different cuisines. You can try Italian, Mexican, Indian, Czech, Vietnamese food and many other. In Warsaw there are also many great food halls, offering various cuisines. The most popular are Elektrownia Powiśle, Hala Koszyki, Fabryka Norblina and Browary Warszawskie.

Food in restaurants costs around 30-70 zł per meal (8-15 €). Drinks at the bar cost around 12-30 zł (3-8 €). Most of the restaurants offer vegetarian options, there are also some that offer vegan.

Accommodation

There are numerous hotels in the city center, most of which are posted on the Booking.com platform. There are some recommendations of hotels close to the venue with prices. In some cases, a double room is more cost-effective, as it costs only slightly more than a single room.

- Gromada Hotel – a three-star hotel situated in the city center, just next to the venue. The cost for a single room is around 280 zł (70 €), for a double room it is around 400-450 zł (80 to 100 €).
- Novotel Warszawa Centrum – a four-star hotel situated just next to the Main Station with a beautiful view of the city centre. The cost for a single room is around 400 zł (€100) and for a double room it is 425 zł (€101).
- Metropol Warszawa – a three-star hotel located across from the Palace of Culture and Science. The cost for a single room is around 340 zł (€81), for a double room 370 zł (€88).
- Campanile Warszawa Centrum – a three-star hotel located 10-minute tram ride away from the venue. The cost for a single room is around 350 zł (€83), for a double room 330 zł (€78).
- ibis budget Warszawa Centrum – a bit further away from the center but close to the Łazienki Park. A 12-minute bus ride to the venue. The cost for a single room with breakfast is around 270 zł (€ 64), for a double room 340 zł (€81).

Some cheaper alternatives can be found further from the city center. You can also search for apartments to rent from private owners on Booking.com or Airbnb.

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