

Krynica Economic Forum: Europe in the face of challenges



More than 3,000 prominent politicians, financiers, businessmen and academics from across the world, accompanied by crowds of journalists, will descend on Krynica in southern Poland in early September to discuss the most pressing political, economic and social problems in Europe and further afield. This year a key subject of debate will be “Europe in the Face of the Challenges of Tomorrow: United or Divided?”

This year’s Krynica Economic Forum will be held for the 26th time Sept. 6-8. It will feature six plenary sessions and more than 150 panel discussions, lectures and debates attended by participants from more than 50 countries.

The conference will sum up NATO’s July 8-9 summit in Warsaw and ask questions about European Union’s future after the Brexit vote in Britain. Forum participants will also examine cooperation within the Visegrad Group of Central European countries and comment on the latest developments in Ukraine, in addition to discussing the future of Polish-Russian relations. They will also look for solutions to some of Europe’s most pressing economic problems and discuss the future of the eurozone. Other topics will include an evaluation of the energy policies of Central European countries and a look at how innovative technology is changing business. Social issues will be yet another important topic addressed in Krynica. This year, forum participants will focus on family-friendly policies in Central and Eastern Europe and discuss opportunities and threats resulting from the migration crisis in the European Union.

Forum participants will include Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety; Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport; and Jan Figel, European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth. Other guests will include Polish parliamentary Speakers Marek Kuchciński and Stanisław Karczewski and government ministers, among them Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development; Dawid Jackiewicz, Minister of the Treasury; Krzysztof Tchórzewski, Minister of Energy; Anna Zalewska, Minister of Education; and Witold Bańka, Minister of Sport and Tourism. Businessmen in attendance will include Zbigniew Jagiełło, CEO of PKO Bank Polski; Michał Krupiński, CEO of PZU; Robert Pietryszyn, CEO of Lotos Group; and Tomasz Bogus, CEO of Bank BGŻ BNP Paribas.

The Economic Forum in Krynica, organized by the Institute of Eastern Studies, has an established reputation as one of the most important economic conferences in Central and Eastern Europe. First held in 1992, it regularly brings together prime ministers, government officials from across Europe, EU officials, company CEOs, experts and economists.

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