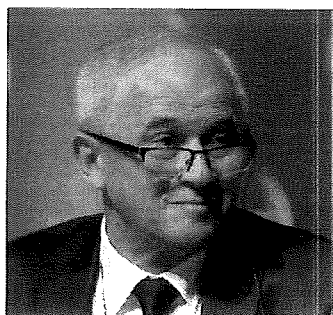


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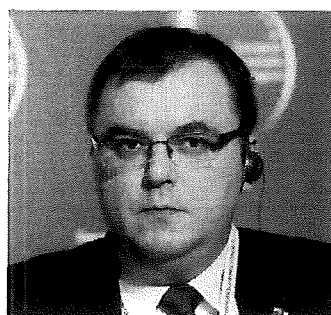




Krzysztof Tchórzewski
Minister of Energy, Poland

'EU's announcements state that we will have coal-free energy industry in 2050 Poland will surely fail to succeed in this regard. Engaging in an intensive effort, at a cost of about PLN 200 billion, we could lower the share of coal in the Polish energy industry to the level of 50 per cent, while keeping balanced development of the country, without zones of high unemployment.

Clean energy is a very important thing, and it is not that we, Poles, take this topic lightly. One should remember, however, that we live in a specific environment and it is more difficult for us to meet all the environmental requirements.'

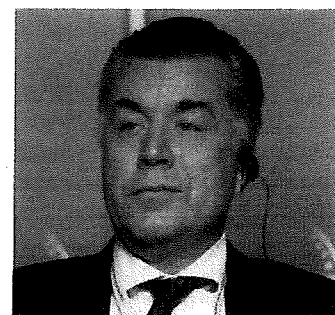


Paweł Sałek
Deputy Minister of the Environment,
Government Plenipotentiary for
Climate Policy, Poland

'The Paris Agreement states that CO2 concentration in the atmosphere should be reduced, and this is not necessarily related to what the EU proposes, that is, 'exclusively including CO2 generated by industry'.

In Europe, we are unfortunately observing an increasing ambition compared to what has been agreed as part of European Council's conclusions. In our opinion, this matter is somewhat dangerous because, according to our knowledge and calculations, the reduction goal in the EU ETS system rises from 43 per cent to the level of 54 per cent, for instance. This is probably not the best situation for the entire economy of the EU.

European Union's climate ambitions increase also in the non-ETS area. Due to its specific nature, the Polish electricity generation sector needs more time for its transition to low-carbon economy than the goals presented by Brussels would suggest.'



Christian Ehler
Member, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), European Parliament

'In the case of the EU ETS system, we should think, first of all, about two issues: making that system sustainable, as well as making industry competitive. These are the elements that need to be taken into account and have to constitute the foundation of EU's energy policy. On the other hand, when it comes to the debate on the way the EU ETS system should operate, it has already been ended.

The Paris Agreement has brought in a rhetoric of sorts that transferred itself into the USA, but we will not see there anything we could really call a rebirth of the coal industry.'



The future of the local government in Poland. Politics

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- Party affiliated or non-partisan politicians? The importance of party colours to the local government
- The two-term tenure of local government authorities: Is it a way to fight people who have a lot of pull with the officials, or is it an attack on the right to vote?
- Changes to the electoral law and the role of single-member districts
- Direct election of marshals and starosts (district prefects)

Guests invited to participate in the thematic session (alphabetical list):

- **Robert Biedroń**, Mayor of Słupsk
- **Zygmunt Frankiewicz**, Mayor of Gliwice; Chairman of the Board, Związek Miast Polskich (Association of Polish Cities)
- **Krzysztof Kosiński**, Mayor of Ciechanów
- **Piotr Krzystek**, Mayor of Szczecin
- **Jakub Kulesza**, Member of the Polish Parliament (Sejm), Chairman of KoLibeR Association in the years 2012-2013
- **Lucjusz Nadberezny**, Mayor of Stalowa Wola
- **Andrzej Nowakowski**, Mayor of Plock
- **Sławomir Stalmach**, Deputy Director, Narodowy Instytut Samorządu Terytorialnego (National Institute of Local Government – NIST)
- **Wadim Tyszkiewicz**, Mayor of Nowa Sól

Moderator:

- **Rafał Kerger**, Editor-in-Chief, PortalSamorządowy.pl

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The climate policy – continuations and corrections

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- COP 24 in Poland in 2018. Hopes and expectations
- Fighting climate change in the new international situation
- The EU climate policy versus the energy sector after 2020
- Changes in the ETS system. Potential consequences for the energy industry and the economy
- Environmental standards and renewable energy sources development goals. The target energy mix

Speech:

- **Jos Delbeke**, Director General for Climate Action, European Commission

Guests invited to participate in the thematic session (alphabetical list):

- **Jerzy Buzek**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the European Parliament in the years 2009–2012; Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland in the years 1997–2001; Chairman of the Programme Board of the EEC
- **Jos Delbeke**, Director General for Climate Action, European Commission
- **Christian Ehler**, Member, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), European Parliament
- **Albrecht Gerber**, Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of the State of Brandenburg, Germany
- **Bolesław Jankowski**, Vice-President for International Affairs, PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna SA
- **Paweł Sałek**, Secretary of State, Government Plenipotentiary for Climate Policy, Ministry of the Environment, Poland
- **Sanjay Samaddar**, Chairman of the Board of ArcelorMittal Poland, CEO of FCE Business Division East
- A representative of: Ministry of Energy, Poland

Moderator:

- **Joanna Maćkowiak-Pandera**, Chairman, Forum Energii (Forum for Energy)

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Innovation and the R&D sector

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- An idea is not yet innovation. Effective commercialisation and the market will have the final say
- The culture of innovation in the economy. How to create it? Openness, freedom, and effective support for creativity
- Risk is difficult to accept. Company structure and mindset as a barrier to innovation. Failure as investment?
- The small dream big. Young entrepreneurship and specialised daughter companies as 'carriers of innovation'?
- A common language for science and business. Do we still need a translator? Brokers of innovation, clusters, and standards of co-operation between universities and companies

Guests invited to participate in the thematic session (alphabetical list):

- **Maciej Badora**, Chairman of the Board, Walbrzyska Specjalna Strefa Ekonomiczna Invest Park Sp. z o.o.
- **Maciej Chorowski**, Director, Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju (The National Centre for Research and Development – NCBI&R)
- **Adam Czyżewski**, Chief Economist, PKN ORLEN SA



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