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Summary of the PATH TO PRESIDENCY conference series

HEALTH AND SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE

White Paper: Experts on Priorities and Recommendations for the Polish Presidency in the Council of the European Union

DATE:

21 February 2025

9:00 – 18:30 CET

VENUE:

Lecture Hall, Didactic Center
of the Medical University of Warsaw
Księcia Trojdena 2a, 02-109 Warszawa

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CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference follows the format of meetings in the European Parliament and EU institutions, which entails:

- 8-minute keynote speech
- 3-minute intervention in the discussion
- 1-minute ad vocem statement

THE AGENDA

Hosts: Karolina Wasielewska, Robert Socha

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| 8:30 – 9:00 CET | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:10 CET | Opening of the conference |
| 9:10 – 9:40 CET | <p>Honorary Speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Małgorzata Bogusz, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, President of the Institute for Social Policy Development |
| 9:40 – 9:55 CET | <p>Presentation of the <i>White Paper: Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2025. Healthcare Policy Recommendations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Bolestaw Samoliński, Chair of the Subcommittee on Priorities in the Health Area of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU 2011, Head of the Department of Public and Environmental Health at the Medical University of Warsaw |
| 10:00 – 11:20 CET | <p>PANEL 1:</p> <p>The Polish Presidency: launching a new institutional framework in the EU Health Debate</p> <p>Moderator: Karolina Wasielewska</p> <p>Keynote speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Jarubas PhD, Chair of the Committee on Public Health (SANT), European Parliament • Katarzyna Kacperczyk, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health |

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3. **Prof. Alicja Chybicka**, Member of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, Chair of the Parliamentary Team for Rare Diseases
4. **Prof. Piotr Czauderna**, Chair of the Healthcare Section of the President of the Republic of Poland
5. **Bogi Eliassen**, Director of Health, Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies, Denmark
6. **Katarzyna Lewtak MD PhD**, National Institute of Public Health of the National Institute of Hygiene – National Research Institute in Warsaw
7. **Paweł Łangowski**, Chair of Health & Safety Task Force, SGI Europe
8. **Beata Małecką-Libera MD PhD**, Chair of the Senate Health Committee
9. **Maia Mazurkiewicz**, President of the PZU Foundation
10. **Marcin Nowacki**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Vice-President of the Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers
11. **Andrzej Ryś MD PhD**, Principal Scientific Adviser, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission (DG SANTE)

11:25 – 12:45 CET **PANEL 2:**

Disease prevention and health education as the pillars of health security in the European Union

Moderator: Jakub Gierczyński MD PhD, MBA

Keynote speeches:

- **Wojciech Konieczny**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Health
- **Nino Berdzuli, MD, PhD**, Representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Poland, WHO Special Envoy for Refugee Response from Ukraine in Host Countries

Participants:

1. **Prof. Jean Bousquet**, Honorary Professor of Pulmonology, University of Montpellier, France
2. **Prof. Dominika Dudek**, Head of the Department of Psychiatry and Clinic of Adult Psychiatry, Collegium Medicum, Jagiellonian University, President of the Polish Psychiatric Association
3. **Prof. Anna Fijałkowska**, Deputy Director for Science, the Institute of Mother and Child
4. **Prof. Maciej Głogowski**, Head of the Surgical Department at the Lung and Thoracic Cancer Clinic, Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Institute of Oncology – State Research Institute

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5. **Kamila Kadzidłowska**, Co-founder and Vice-president of the Board, Parents for Climate
6. **Dominik Kuc**, Member of the Board of the GrowSPACE Foundation
7. **Aleksandra Lewandowska PhD**, National Consultant in Child and Adolescents Psychiatry, Vice-Chair of the Mental Health Council at the Ministry of Health
8. **Prof. Iwona Paradowska-Stankiewicz**, National Consultant in Epidemiology, Head of the Epidemiology of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Unit, Department of Epidemiology of the National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene
9. **Prof. Miłosz Parczewski**, National Consultant in Infectious Diseases
10. **Prof. Piotr Rutkowski**, President of the Board of the Polish Society of Oncology, President of the Minister of Health's Team for the National Oncology Strategy
11. **Prof. Bolesław Samoliński**, Deputy Chair of the Public Health Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences, National Public Health Consultant 2011–2014
12. **Stefan Schreck**, Stakeholder Relations Advisor, SANTE.B, European Commission
13. **Prof. Piotr H. Skarżyński**, Founding Member of the World Hearing Forum at the World Health Organization (WHO), WHO Expert
14. **Prof. Bartosz Wielgomas**, Head of the Department and Department of Toxicology, University of Gdańsk
15. **Prof. Andrzej Więcek**, Chair of the Scientific Council, Head of the Department of Nephrology, Transplantology and Internal Diseases, Medical University of Silesia in Katowice

12:50 – 14:10 CET **PANEL 3:**

Drug safety of the European Union – will EU citizens have secure access to medicines and medical devices?

Moderator: Jakub Gierczyński MD PhD, MBA

Keynote speeches:

- **Lech Piławski**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Adviser to the President of the Lewiatan Confederation
- **Grzegorz Cessak PhD**, President of the Office for Registration of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices, and Biocidal Products

Participants:

1. **Michał Byliniak**, Director General of INFARMA - Employers' Union of Innovative Pharmaceutical Companies
2. **Justin Gandy**, Managing Director, MSD Poland
3. **Arkadiusz Grądkowski**, President of The Polish Chamber of Commerce of Medical Devices POLMED
4. **Krzysztof Kopeć**, President of the Polish Association of Pharmaceutical Industry Employers

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5. **Katarzyna Piotrowska-Radziejczak**, Director of the Drug Policy Department, Ministry of Health
6. **Sibilia Quilici**, Executive Director, Vaccines Europe, EFPIA - European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
7. **Irena Rej**, President of the Board of the Polish Pharmacy Chamber of Commerce (Farmacja Polska)
8. **Danko Relić**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
9. **Daniel Rutkowski**, President of the Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Tariff System (TBC)
10. **Jakub Szulc**, Deputy President of the National Health Fund (TBC)

14:10 – 14:40 CET Lunch

14:40 – 16:00 CET **PANEL 4:**

Women's health security as a key element of disease prevention in the European Union

Moderator: Karolina Hytrek-Prosiecka

Keynote speeches:

- **Marina Davidashvili**, Head of Policy and Research, European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights
- **Prof. Violetta Skrzypulec-Plinta**, Head of the Department of Women's Health and the Department of Reproductive Health and Sexology at the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice

Participants:

1. **Andrzej Depko MD PhD**, National Consultant in Sexology
2. **Agnieszka Gorgoń-Komor MD PhD**, Senator of the Republic of Poland, member of the Senate Health Committee
3. **Adriana Lamačková**, Associate Director for National Legal Strategies in Europe, Center for Reproductive Rights
4. **Krystyna Kacpura**, President of the Board of the FEDERA Foundation for Women and Family Planning
5. **Phil Krzyzek**, Managing Director, Merck Poland
6. **Anita Kucharska-Dziedzic PhD**, Member of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
7. **Gabriela Morawska-Stanecka**, Senator of the Republic of Poland
8. **Małgorzata Rozenek-Majdan**, Social Activist, MRM Foundation
9. **Wiesława Rybicka-Bogusz**, Deputy Director, Faculty of State Medical Rescue Services, Mazovia Provincial Office, President of the Mazovia Regional Branch of the Women at the Centre Association
10. **Martyna Wyrzykowska**, Managing Director, SEXEDPL Foundation

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16:05 – 17:25 CET **PANEL 5:**

Plans for Europe's Health – should Europe's Beating Cancer Plan serve as inspiration for developing similar strategies in other areas of medicine?

Moderator: Jakub Gierczyński MD PhD, MBA

Keynote speeches:

- **Prof. Jacek Jassem**, Head of the Department of Oncology and Radiation Therapy, Medical University of Gdańsk
- **Prof. Esther Troost**, Head of the Department of Radiotherapy and Radiation Oncology, Carl Gustav Carus University Hospital, Dresden, Germany

Participants:

1. **Milena Angelova**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
2. **Prof. Urszula Demkow**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health
3. **Prof. Marzena Dominiak**, Head of the Department and Department of Dental Surgery at the Medical University of Wrocław, Vice-Rector for Internationalization at the Medical University of Wrocław, President of the Polish Dental Society (PTS), Member of the Women Dentist Worldwide Section of the FDI World Dental Federation
4. **Prof. Bartosz Karaszewski**, Chairman of the Committee on Clinical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, National Consultant in Neurology
5. **Prof. Brygida Kwiatkowska**, National Consultant in Rheumatology, Head of the Early Arthritis Clinic, Deputy Clinical Affairs Director of the National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation in Warsaw
6. **Stanisław Maćkowiak**, President of the Polish Patients' Federation, President of the National Forum for Rare Disease Therapy ORPHAN
7. **Marek Migdał MD PhD**, Director of the Children's Memorial Health Institute
8. **Prof. Konrad Rejdak**, Head of the Clinical Department of Neurology of the Independent Public Clinical Hospital No. 4 in Lublin
9. **Prof. Janina Stępińska**, Director of the National Institute of Cardiology
10. **Elisabetta Zanon**, CEO, European Cancer Organisation

17:25 – 17.45 CET Special Guest: Lech Wałęsa, President of the Republic of Poland 1990–1995, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Host: Małgorzata Bogusz

17:45 – 18:00 CET Summary of the Path to Presidency conference series – Key Conclusions

- **Katarzyna Kacperczyk**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health
- **Prof. Bolesław Samoliński**, Chair of the Subcommittee on Priorities in the Health Area of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU 2011, Head of the Department of Public and Environmental Health at the Medical University of Warsaw

18:00 – 18.10 CET Closing of the conference