

## REPORT ON ACTIVITY OF ELEC POLISH SECTION I 2017/VI 2017

### **February 10, 2017:**

Members of ELEC Polish Section took part in a meeting with the President of the Pomeranian Voivodeship - Mr. Mieczysław Struk, organized by ELEC for the presidents of the largest regional companies at the conference hall of the new terminal of the Gdansk Lech Walesa Airport. The main subject during an open discussion was the next years strategy for the Pomeranian Voivodeship. President

Struk presented a comprehensive presentation on the subjects such as: employment of foreigners in Pomerania, new UE regulations concerning the region and allocation of the European funding and grants as well as export and import data for the last year. Moreover, during the meeting many entrepreneurs raised the issue of increased number of foreign capital companies investing in the region and a huge amount of new foreign employees moving to work and live in Poland. Gathered guests discussed the means for encouraging



the qualified work force (especially in IT business) to choose Poland for their work destination and requirements that are necessary to fulfill to acquire foreign capital companies in Poland. Meeting concluded with the presentation by the President of the Board of the Gdansk airport concerning the development of the terminal, new VIP service and future development of the airport, opening to more European air routes.

### **April 25, 2017:**

Participation of ELEC Polish Section Members in the meeting dedicated to the Polish smart specializations. The first edition of the whole cycle was aimed at offshore technologies, shipyards and sea freight and logistics. The meeting was organized in the conference centre of the STARTER Business Incubator in Gdańsk and was supported by the Deloitte experts. The conference topics included the general situation in maritime industry, financing the offshore investments, perspectives for the development for the next 3-5 years and the biggest challenges for the Polish companies, main competitors from abroad, smart shipping & ports as well as maritime clusters. The meeting was led by George Cambanis, founder of Deloitte Greece, specialized in Shipping & Ports with his 30-years of experience in maritime business and Dominika Orzołek, R&D manager at Deloitte Poland, an expert in acquiring funds and subventions.



### **May 28, 2017:**

ELEC Polish Section and Business Centre Club organized a low-key meeting with Jerzy Kwieciński – Secretary of State in the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Poland, in 2005-2008 Deputy Minister of Regional Development. He was directly responsible for coordinating the national development policy and the cohesion policy



(National Development Strategy 2007-2015 and the National Cohesion Strategy 2007-2013) and for negotiations with the European Commission. He also participated in the preparation of operational programs. Since May 2008, Jerzy Kwieciński has been the President of the Management Board of the European Center for Enterprise Foundation and the Deputy President of the Management Board of the European Center for Enterprise. The meeting was dedicated to the issues related to the development of strategies and plans and programming the socio-economic development, as well as issues concerning Polish membership in the European Union, including the coordination – within the Ministry – of the decision-making process in the EU. One of the main subjects of the meeting concerned the European funds allocated for the micro, small and large Polish companies, as well as their development from start-ups to the first Polish unicorns. The discussion also regarded the situation of the companies with the foreign capital up against the new Polish government policy of strengthening the domestic capital.



## **June 5-7, 2017:**

Members of the ELEC Polish Section participated in the European Financial Congress held in Sopot. Established in 2011, the congress is a platform for debating the issues of security, financial stability and economic growth in Europe and for discussing measures to ensure a successful future for Poland and the EU. Each year, the Congress is attended by more than 1,000 participants, among them members of European and national authorities, representatives of business, politics and science, regulatory and supervisory institutions as well as the media. In the Recommendations announced at the end of the debates, the Congress not only identifies most significant challenges faced by today's economy but also proposes practical solutions in areas which are crucial for the economic development of the EU and its Member States. So far, the Congress has developed and issued a total of over 60 recommendations in areas related to: enhancing safety and stability of the financial sector, financing real economy and innovations, reindustrialization and professional management of national wealth and long-term accumulation of domestic savings. This year's Congress faced was held at a time when the European and world economies are facing significant challenges. The Congress sought answers to questions in areas such as: Europe of the 21<sup>st</sup> century – united or divided, economy of an integrated Europe upon the current political turmoil, stimulating economic growth through monetary policy, building prosperity for society and tax solidarity. The 7<sup>th</sup> European Financial Congress opened three plenary debates: Tax Solidarity in the World and in the EU, Monetary Policy and Sustainable Economic Development for the EU States and International Solidarity.

