

## REPORT ON ACTIVITY OF ELEC POLISH SECTION

V-XII 2015/I-VI 2016

**May 12, 2015:** Members of the Board of Elec Polish Section participated in a Conference „Future of the European Union in the context of the 2020 Strategy - its importance for Poland” organized by the Center for European Integration Studies of the University of Gdańsk on the occasion of an annual celebration of the Europe Day. Conference was held under the patronage of Mr. Jarosław Wałęsa, Member of the European Parliament and was aimed at the young people who want to learn about functioning of the United Nations, and wish to take part in the Contest about European Union. Participants of the meeting had an opportunity to listen to the lectures on the subject of the European Union.



**October 1-2, 2015:** Participation of ELEC Polish Section Members in the First Monitoring Committee of the Program Interreg the South Baltic Sea 2014 - 2020. Among other guests who took part in the meeting were delegations from Lithuania, Germany, Sweden and Denmark, taking part in the program and other delegations of the Euroregion. The main objective of the project is to strengthen the „development of sectors green and blue” through jointed action beyond borders. The concept is dedicated to support the maritime industry (blue sector) and economy sectors related to the idea of contributing to the sustainable use of natural resources (green sector) .



**October 25, 2015:** Parliamentary Election in Poland. The election was won by the largest opposition party Law and Justice (PiS) with 37.6% of the vote against the governing Civic Platform (PO), which achieved 24.1%. Beata Szydło succeeded Ewa Kopacz as Prime Minister of Poland, and formed a one-party cabinet. Official results, announced on 27 October, gave the conservative Law and Justice Party a majority, with 235 of 460 seats (51 percent). Civic Platform, the pro-market party that governed for the last eight years, got 24.1% of the vote.

**November 18, 2015:** Participation of ELEC Polish Section Members in Baltic Sea Labour Forum (BSLF) Round Table. The event was organized by Solidarity trade unions „NSZZ Solidarność” at the famous BHP Hall Gdańsk Shipyard. The annual meeting of the BSLF focused on main topic discussed by the forum, which concerned the mobility of employees and youth unemployment. During the Round Table various presentations of the initiatives supporting the subject were submitted, with particular emphasis on education policy, regarding the Framework of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. In this case, the support may be provided by different subjects involved in the process, for example Swedish Institute.

**January 20, 2016:** Members of the Board of ELEC Polish Section participated in the Regional Forum of East European Countries and China in Gdańsk, together with General Consul of China in Gdańsk Mrs. Liu Yuanyuan and representatives of Chinese Business Club. The session was dedicated to the support of good relations between Polish, EEC and Chinese business. During the meeting, the participants discussed wide possibilities of developing their business connections, and encouraged each other to expand economic cooperation between East Europe and China to present effects of regional and national cooperation.

**January 25, 2016:** Participation of ELEC Polish Section Members in „Forum International Financial Market” in Gdańsk. During this conference, the invited experts presented on how to navigate the financial markets during the crisis, identify markets and products characterized by safety and minimized risk and also how to pay attention to the innovative products and services, that may be an opportunity for the development of business - everything based on the stock exchange and financial markets. Special guest Mr. Panaiyotios A. Peleties, a board member KPMG Limited - one of the world’s largest Network of Professional Services and Auditing company, gave his lecture about the advantages of Cyprus Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) in regard to Polish tax system.

**April 21, 2016:** Members of ELEC Polish Section took part in a meeting with Voivode (provincial governor) of the Pomeranian District - Mr. Dariusz Drelich, organized by ELEC for the Pomeranian employers and the largest regional companies. The main objective of the conference was to shed some light on the subject of the employment of foreigners (especially from EEC) in Poland, as the current labor market situation undergoes a lot of pressure due to the migration crisis in Europe. The Voivode was accompanied by an expert on the subject - director from the Pomeranian Voivodeship Office of the Department for Foreigners – Mrs. Katarzyna Baranowicz. Together they strived to face up the queries and questions of the concerned employers, but also they explained a large number of instruments, documentation and formal issues, regarding the employment of citizens from Eastern Europe in the Pomeranian companies. The employers had also an opportunity to report on specific legal inaccuracies regarding the labor law and propose some changes in this aspect, but also could exchange their ideas and experience in the subject of foreigners employment.



**May 11, 2016:** Members of the Board of ELEC Polish Section took part in the conference regarding the new perspectives for cooperation between Poland and Iran, held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Gdańsk. The honorary guests of the meeting were the Ambassador of Iran His Excellency Mr. Ramin Mehmanparast and Voivode of the Pomeranian District Mr. Dariusz Drelich. The subject of the conference was fully dedicated to the perspectives of economic cooperation between Iran and European Union. During the meeting, representatives had an opportunity to present the effects of regional Polish and Iranian cooperation, exchange mutual experience, tested practices and to discuss future cooperation.



**June 13, 2016:** ELEC Polish Section Members have been already invited and will take part in a significant meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development of Poland – Mr. Mateusz Morawiecki. The conference will be fully dedicated to the recently published: “Action plan for responsible development of Poland”. The program, unveiled by Minister Mateusz Morawiecki is based on five pillars: reindustrialization, innovation, international expansion, sustainable social development and increased savings.

## Five pillars of the new development model

1. Reindustrialization – i.e. focusing on industries in which Poland can gain competitive advantage and attract foreign investment.
2. Development of innovative companies - which involves, i.e. drawing up a Business Constitution to simplify regulations, helping develop and launch innovative products, and higher spending on research and development.
3. Capital for development – aiming for a significant increase in capital expenditure, and an improved efficiency of institutions supporting investment; the establishment of the Polish Development Fund.
4. Foreign expansion – support for Polish exports aimed at new markets, conducting foreign trade missions and developing a network of economic diplomacy posts.
5. Social and regional development - a proposal of a comprehensive demographic program, the reform of the education system and support for the development of Polish regions.



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