

## **REPORT ON ACTIVITY OF ELEC POLISH SECTION IN 2012**

Year 2012, for Poland as well as for the ELEC Polish Section, meant the greatest undertaking in the history of free Poland – organization of The European Football Championship UEFA EURO 2012. The five year preparation period was concentrated on international cooperation in the various areas and by a large number of numerous entities. Today, we are able to say that our goal has been achieved and our efforts were crowned with success!

ELEC Polish Section actions, throughout the second half of the year, on the large scale were oriented on stimulating the economic growth as the consequence of the global and euro - zone economic crisis. Though Poland, a non-euro zone member, has been happy cherishing its small economic miracle on its own, ELEC Polish Section didn't stand still and focused on developing energy issues (both renewable and conventional) and on supporting events held for enhancement of this field of Polish economy.

**January 5, 2012:** a meeting with the Vice President of Gdansk Mr. Andrzej Bojanowski to discuss the final preparations for the 2012 UEFA European Football Championship and to maintain bilateral cooperation between Poland and Spain. It is worth to emphasize that the process of Gdansk's preparations for the tournament has proceeded from a little visible to the public planning phase, implemented in 2007 – 2008, and starting phase in 2009, into an advanced stage of implementation of the previously scheduled and developed investments. During the meeting Vice President announced the visit of Gdansk's authorities to Madrid and invited President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Dobrzyniecki to participate in the event. The promotion of Gdansk in the Spanish media was mentioned as the main objective of the visit.

**January 10, 2012:** assistance of ELEC Polish Section Members in the New Year's Meeting with Pomeranian Voivodeships' authorities in order to comment perspectives for the region. The meeting was preceded by the meeting with Pomeranian entrepreneurs.

**January 11, 2012:** ambassadors and consuls representing five countries – Spain, Italy, Ireland, Croatia and Germany – visited Gdansk at the invitation of Mayor of Gdansk Mr. Pawel Adamowicz in connection with preparations to the UEFA European Football Championship. ELEC Polish Section Members took part in the meeting of diplomats (among them: Eugene Hutchinson, Ambassador of Ireland; Ivan Del Vecchio, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia and Councilor for Consular and Culture Affairs of the Embassy of Spain in Poland Bruno Garcia – Dobarco Gonzalez) with the local authorities and organizers as well as in the press conference and gala dinner. Concentrating on the progress report visitors exchanged experience and discussed questionable topics.

**January 18, 2012:** works of ELEC Polish Members on the forum of Gdansk Metropolitan Area Association in order to create the attractive place for business and international investments.

**January 25, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members participated in the Consular Corp Meeting with the local authorities of Pomorskie Voivodeship.

**February 20, 2012:** President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki held personal meeting with Mr. Pawel Adamowicz – Mayor of Gdansk – for purposes of setting favorable conditions for economic development in Pomorskie Voivodeship.

**March 6, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members took part in the forum "Poland energetically efficient" dedicated to promotion of green and sustainable growth as well as efficient and innovative solutions that can create economic growth and jobs in Poland while improving competitiveness.

**March 7, 2012:** breakfast with Chief Commander of the Voivodeship Police Headquarter in Gdansk Mr. Wojciech Sobczak and the Liaison Officer of Voivodeship Police Headquarter in Gdansk Mr. Krzysztof

Marczak concentrated on commenting the safety procedures compulsory for internationals visiting Gdansk during UEFA EURO 2012.

**March 13, 2012:** gala dinner with newly designated Consul General of The People's Republic of China in Gdansk Mr. Xiang Zaosheng to celebrate prosperous future economic collaboration with the second world economic power.

**March 22, 2012:** debate on the Labour Market of the Pomeranian Voivodeship and on establishing attractive legal conditions for both polish and international business investments in the region in the context of economic crisis as well as on legal reforms required. Discussion was held by local authorities and social representatives (WKDS) and interested ELEC Polish Section Members who actively participated in the discussion.

**March 22, 2012:** organization of the meeting of ELEC Polish Section Members with the Director of The Central Anti – Corruption Bureau (CBA) in Gdansk Mr. Jerzy Stankiewicz concentrated on elaborating common methods and instruments necessary for fighting corruption which is considered a pathology that touches, in the significant manner, entrepreneurs destructing their businesses and competitiveness. According to the Transparency International reports for the year 2010, Poland is being classified on the 41<sup>st</sup> place among 178 taken into the consideration. Mentioned studies prove that the polish level of corruption is twice higher than it is in West Europe. ELEC Polish Section Members exchanged experience with other participants of the gathering intending to draw up documentation titled “Code of Anti Corruption Practices”.

**April 4 – 5, 2012:** works in the structures of the Pomeranian Association on Energy & Technology which forms the common ground for activities, taken to ensure improvement of the energy safety of the region and technological development in the sector of energy, believing that the modern energy systems will generate faster and more effective economic and social development.

**April 13, 2012:** President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki, together with representatives from the Spanish Embassy in Warsaw, participated in the official and ceremonial opening of the 15<sup>th</sup> Travel Show in Gdansk with its main attraction – model International Fan EURO 2012 Zones – among them the Spanish one.

**April 17, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members participated in the conference on financing investments in renewable energy by means of national and Brussels funds.

**May 7, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members talked over the future of Gdansk on the conference organized by the largest daily in the region – Baltic Newspaper – for media representatives, entrepreneurs, local authorities and citizens of the city.

**May 15, 2012:** XV General Assembly of ELEC Polish Section Members in Gdansk.

**May 21, 2012:** attendance of Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki to a meeting with local authorities responsible for sustainable energetic development of the Region of Pomerania and it's safety in the aspect of the constant supply of diversified energy to the area in order to comment the project of the strategy of the development of Pomorskie Voivodeship.

**May 21, 2012:** Chief of Boarder Guard Office in Gdansk Mr. Piotr Stocki visited ELEC Polish Section Members in order to present safety regulations and recommendations before the most significant event of the region – UEFA EURO 2012.

**May 23 – 25, 2012:** 2<sup>nd</sup> European Financial Congress – a debate about the financial safety and stability of the European Union, aimed at producing practical recommendations for successful growth of the EU and Poland – gathered ELEC Polish Section Members who discussed among others on development of the financial system, the new regulatory order, financing of infrastructural projects and management of the value of enterprises of strategic importance.

**May 23, 2012:** ceremonial résumé of the activity of works of Polish Social Support Committee of EURO 2012 which role was to provide national Organizing Committee for the European Football Championship EURO 2012 with all the necessary information and details concerning the technical and infra – structure aspects of the organization of the Championship in our both – country and city. ELEC Polish Section Members were deeply involved in the activities of the Section responsible for International Exchange of Experience.

**May 24, 2012:** process of re – inviting Gdansk School of Banking to the structures of ELEC Polish Section. New partners in section are favorable for stimulating ELEC Polish Section activity.

**June 8 – July 1, 2012:** official 14<sup>th</sup> UEFA European Football Championship held in Poland and Ukraine.

**June 10, 2012:** official commence of UEFA European Football Championship in Gdansk with the match of Spain against Italy.

**July 3, 2012:** in recognition of economic and social activity, President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki was distinguished by Mr. Bronislaw Komorowski – current President of the Republic of Poland – with the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta.

**July 5, 2012:** President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki is invited to speak on the Spanish investments in Pomeranian Region and the general economic situation of the Voivodeship in the „Panorama Forum” – the daily journalistic program on current affairs transmitted in the Polish Television (TVP).

**July 16, 2012:** consultations with Rector of the University of Gdansk, prof. dr hab. Bernard Lammek, concerning scope of tuition and its broadening by implementing international course for students focused on the economies and cultures of the Mediterranean Region (“Mediterranean Studies”).

**September 4, 2012:** works on the forum of the Provincial Committee for Community Dialogue in Gdansk (WKDS).

**September 11, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members took active part in the conference “Crisis in the euro zone – scenarios and global consequences” held in Warsaw and organized by DemosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy. The conference made clear that there are as many different views on the eurocrisis as there are problems and the two main camps seem to be those that propagate structural institutional reform versus those that stress the importance of acting urgently on present economic problems.

**September 26, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members attended “Good wind in the Pomorskie Province” – the 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference of The Polish Wind Energy Association, co – organized with the Marshal's Office of the Pomorskie Province, focused on the impact of wind farms on energy security of the region, environmental impact of investments, opportunities for local self – governments development and public communication.

**September 28, 2012:** organization of the meeting with Mr. Marek Goliszewski – President of Business Centre Club – the multilevel organization supporting enterprise in Poland, elitist business club and the biggest private employers’ organization in Poland. The main subject of discussion held with participants of the conference was related to the polish contracts of employment, development of new forms of employment between employees – employers and their impact on the employees’ safety, level of unemployment or enterprises’ competitiveness.

**October 10, 2012:** the 1<sup>st</sup> Offshore 2012 Conference & Exhibition organized by the Polish Wind Energy Association in cooperation with the Polish Offshore Wind Energy Society attracted ELEC Polish Section Members who participated actively in the event. The conference created an opportunity to meet key persons related to the offshore wind power sector from all over Europe: developers, investors, component manufacturers and representatives of the energy distribution sector as well as industry associations and scientists. As offshore wind energy in the Polish Baltic area has tremendous potential, Poland may become one of the leaders and exporters of technology and services for the industry.

**October 12, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> International Economic Forum in Gdynia. Subject areas of individual panels of the Forum have been selected to reflect real challenges that companies and self – governments, have to meet. Discussions, consultations, lectures included during the Maritime Economy Panel – future of shipbuilding industry and container port terminals with regard to governmental development strategy for the branch; during the Leisure Industry Panel – use of sports facilities which have been built recently so that they do not make loss but profit; and during the Environmental Panel – issues connected with waste management.

**October 16, 2012:** organization of the conference conducted by Mr. Ryszard Petru – a partner in the Advisory Department at PricewaterhouseCoopers (one of the world’s pre – eminent professional services organizations), President of the Association of Polish Economists and Economic Advisor for DemosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy – during which participants debated on the Polish market conditions in connection with the rest of Europe.

**October 23, 2012:** appointment in the Ministry of Economy in Warsaw. President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki lead the delegation of Spanish investors in the sector of renewable energy visiting Minister Mrs. Ilona Antoniszyn – Klik in order to facilitate business in the field of energy market. The meeting was considered the appeal to the politicians for a quick removal of development barriers hindering the sector, in particular in the context of the works on the new Renewable Energy Sources Act.

**October 27 – 28:** personal meeting of President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki with Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Radoslaw Sikorski which took place in Bydgoszcz.

As the meeting was strictly integrated with the conference of honorary consuls accredited to Poland representing fifty countries, experiences were exchanged and the role of honorary consuls in the deepening economic and cultural cooperation was discussed.

**November 6, 2012:** with reference to ELEC Polish Section efforts exercised for Turkish accession to the structures of European Union and its actions taken in 2010, President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki participated in the reception organized on the occasion of the official inauguration of the Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Gdansk by the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Poland Mr. Yusuf Ziya Özcan and Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Turkey in Gdansk Mr. Serdar Davran.

**November 13, 2012:** from the initiative of President of ELEC Polish Section Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki, the Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodeship Mieczyslaw Struk visited company Poldanor S.A. – one of the biggest companies in the region – in order to consult the major problems resulting mainly from the actual unfavorable Polish law conditions (especially in the field of renewable energy). During the press conference which followed the visit, development barriers for the companies with the foreign capital were discussed.

**November 29 – December 1, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Energy Forum held in Sopot and helped to define how to respond to the crisis and act for the benefit of climate protection, how to combine reduction of emissions with improvement of economic efficiency, innovativeness and competitiveness or how to prepare a new economic model based on low emission economy and high employment rate.

**December 3, 2012:** organization of the economic debate on development challenges for Pomeranian Voivodeship. The event attracted authorities of economic and financial world, people from academic and political backgrounds as well as representatives of the most significant Pomeranian enterprises.

**December 5, 2012:** ELEC Polish Section Members took part and gave lectures on the development of the local economy through the cross – border cooperation with the Kaliningrad Oblast during the Second Elblag Economic Forum organized by the City Hall of Elblag. Among numerous businessmen, the mentioned forum attracted representatives of institutions supporting business of Poland with Russia, representatives of governments of Warminsko – Mazurskie Voivodeship and Kaliningrad Oblast. The project was carried out under the patronage of President of the European Parliament Mr. Jerzy Buzek.

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