

Warsaw, date: 12 marca 2025 r.

Dear Minister,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the meeting of **the General Affairs Council dedicated to Cohesion Policy, which will take place on the 28th of March from 10 to 13 hrs in Brussels.**

During the formal seating, **we plan to focus the discussion on the importance of the cohesion goal among other EU priorities and on the potential of the Cohesion Policy to address the present challenges, both in the current and new perspective, including the possibilities offered by the ongoing mid-term review.** We will concentrate on the proposed delivery method, in particular the plan for each country and the role of national authorities and regions in defining and delivering reforms and investments.

The following **lunch discussion will reflect on the necessary intensity of Cohesion Policy support to achieve the ambitious agenda it should deliver, in particular addressing the current challenges related to competitiveness, security and European defence as well as on its territorial dimension in the context of resource allocation.** We have also invited Kata Tüttő, President of the European Committee of the Regions, and Oliver Röpke, President of the European Economic and Social Committee, to join us for the lunch discussion.

Discussions during both the official part and the working lunch will be based on issue papers prepared by the Polish Presidency, which will be sent later on.

I am deeply convinced that our discussion will bring a valuable contribution to the reflection process on the future of Cohesion Policy as well as the overall ongoing debate on the EU's political priorities.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely

Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz

Minister

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List of recipients:

1. Norbert TOTSCHNIG, Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management, Austria
2. Adrien DOLIMONT, Minister-President of Wallonia, Belgium
3. Tomislav Donchev, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Innovations and Growth, Bulgaria
4. Makis KERAVNOS, Minister of Finance, Cyprus
5. Petr KULHÁNEK, Minister of Regional Development, Czechia
6. Robert HABECK, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Germany
7. Marie BJERRE, Minister for European Affairs, Denmark
8. Jürgen LIGI, Minister of Finance, Estonia
9. Nikolaos PAPATHANASIS, Alternate Minister of National Economy and Finance, Greece
10. María Jesús MONTERO, First Vice president and Minister for Finance, Spain
11. Joakim STRAND, Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering, Finland
12. François REBSAMEN, Minister for Territorial development and Decentralisation, France
13. Šime ERLIĆ, Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia
14. Tibor NAVRACSICS, Minister for Regional Development, Hungary
15. Jack CHAMBERS, T.D. Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, Ireland
16. Tommaso FOTI, Minister for European Affairs, the NRRP and Cohesion Policy, Italy
17. Rimantas ŠADŽIUS, Minister of Finance, Lithuania
18. Darius SADECKAS, Vice-Minister of Finance, Lithuania
19. Claude MEISCH, Minister of Housing and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg
20. Arvils AŠERADENS, Minister of Finance, Latvia
21. Robert ABELA, Prime Minister, Malta
22. Dirk BELJAARTS, Minister of Economic Affairs, Netherlands

23. Manuel CASTRO ALMEIDA, Minister in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister and of Territorial Cohesion, Portugal
24. Marcel-Ioan BOLOȘ, Minister for Investments and European Projects, Romania
25. Peter KULLGREN, Minister for Rural Affairs, Sweden
26. Aleksander JEVŠEK, Minister of Cohesion and Regional Development, Slovenia
27. Richard RAŠI, Minister for Investments, Regional Development and Informatization, Slovakia