



# Komendant Główny Państwowej Straży Pożarnej

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**Directors General for Civil Protection  
Heads of Cooperating Authorities**

*Dear Partners,*

As I assume the position of Commander-in-Chief of the State Fire Service of the Republic of Poland - Director General for Civil Protection of Poland, I would like to extend my profound appreciation for the cooperation and trust that have been fostered over the years through our collective efforts. It is both a great honour and a significant responsibility to continue working towards strengthening the civil protection system and further advancing international collaboration.

Allow me to briefly outline my professional background.

I commenced my service in the field of fire protection in 1996 at the Main School of Fire Service (SGSP) in Warsaw. Upon earning a degree in fire engineering, I joined the Municipal Headquarters of the State Fire Service in Jastrzębie - Zdrój in 2000, while continuing my academic pursuits and successfully obtained a Master of Science in Fire Engineering in 2002. I have also completed additional studies in engineering as well as in leadership and business administration.

Over the years, I have undertaken a number of leadership roles within fire and rescue services, including the Deputy Commander of a Fire and Rescue Unit (2003), Municipal Commander in Rybnik (2017), and Silesian Regional Commander (2024). Prior to assuming the role of Commander-in-Chief, I had the privilege of managing one of the largest fire service garrisons in Poland. This experience allowed me to engage in extensive collaboration with stakeholders across multiple sectors, providing invaluable expertise in crisis management and inter-agency coordination.

Recognising the challenges we face today, ranging from the increasing scale of natural disasters and technological risks to the rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape, I am acutely aware that the above necessitate continuous adaptation and close international coordination. The effectiveness of the civil protection system depends on strong collaboration, the exchange of expert knowledge, and the ability to respond swiftly and decisively to emerging threats.

In this regard, Poland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union holds particular significance. Under the motto "Security, Europe!", it is dedicated to enhancing the EU's resilience across seven key domains, including internal dimension, defense, border security, energy, economy, and healthcare.



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As we spearhead joint EU efforts during this semester, our focus remains on shaping discussions in anticipation of the Preparedness Union Strategy and the follow-up actions. Our objective is to identify the most effective new dimensions of civil protection while safeguarding the achievements made in recent years.

I am fully committed to these endeavours and look forward to productive cooperation with all of you, partners. I firmly believe that through our collective efforts, we will build a safer and more resilient Europe for all its citizens.

*With my highest esteem and appreciation,*

BG Wojciech KRUCZEK  
Commander-in-Chief of the State Fire Service  
Republic of Poland