



Ministerstwo Przemysłu

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Mr. Erkki Keldo
Minister of Economy and Industry of Estonia

Dear Mr. Minister,

On the occasion of the Polish presidency of the Council of the European Union, I am honoured to invite you to participate in the conference **Energy security and the region in transition** organized by the Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Poland on the 23rd of April 2025 in Katowice, Poland. The conference is one of the six most important events that will be held during the Polish Presidency. The event will be highlighted by the presence of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, Mr Donald Tusk. I am pleased to invite you to participate in a debate within the **discussion panel entitled Just transition** about European industrial regions and areas dependent on conventional energy in the face of transition challenges, and on the tools and obstacles we face in achieving the goal of a sustainable transition.

Katowice is the capital of one of Europe's centres undergoing industrial, energy and regional transition. It is a huge task for the European Union's economy, especially as it's accompanied by threats arising from increasing geopolitical challenges. Your participation in this conference will be a great opportunity for an exchange of views on energy and economic security, which would contribute to finding the best possible solution for many, not yet decarbonised, economies around the world.

Our meeting will begin with a working breakfast on **The diversification of energy resources and Europe's security**. After the working breakfast, you are invited to participate in the opening panel of the event – **Europe's energy security**. We would like to continually emphasise that security, understood through the lens of energy security, is a key component of stable growth in Europe.

The conference is an integral part of the European Economic Congress – one of the most prestigious international economic events in Europe that gathers thousands of guests from all over the world, creating a space for debate among politicians, opinion leaders, diplomats, managers, investors, experts and academics. We are also envisaging a number of accompanying events such as seminars, discussion panels and study tours in economic transition sites organized by entities related to energy and the transition of post-mining regions.

The conference will be preceded by a dinner titled **Silesian Evening** for VIP guests, which is scheduled on the **22nd of April 2025 at 7 pm**, to which I am also kindly extending an invitation. This evening event will be held in the historical building of the Silesian Voivodeship Office in Katowice, a symbol of the cultural heritage of Upper Silesia.

I would be honoured if you would accept my invitation to attend this event. I can assure you that the Ministry of Industry will make every effort to ensure that the conference is unique by providing an inspiring experience, and that the delegation of your country will have an opportunity to establish valuable relationships to deepen cooperation.

I kindly request you to identify a contact person from your side for further working arrangements. At the same time, I will be grateful for your confirmation of participation by **the 1st of March 2025** to the email address listed below. I am enclosing a preliminary agenda for the event.

Yours sincerely,

Marzena Czarnecka
Minister Przemysłu

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Preliminary event agenda

**Conference of the Ministry of Industry in the framework of the Polish Presidency of the
Council of the EU during the European Economic Congress
22nd/23rd April 2025**

<p>Silesian Evening at the invitation of Minister Marzena Czarnecka, Silesian Voivode and Marshal of the Silesian Voivodeship 22nd April 2025, 7 pm [Historic building of the Silesian Voivodeship Office in Katowice]</p>
<p>Conference <i>Energy security and the region in transition</i> 23 April 2025 r. [Katowice, International Congress Centre, ICC] 8.00-8.30 guests registration</p>
<p>8.30-9.45 Working breakfast <i>Diversification of energy resources supply and Europe's security</i> Breakfast with Ministers of energy, Ministers of energy resources and Special Guests [ICC, Ballroom A]</p>
<p>10.00-12.00 Inauguration of the 17th European Economic Congress [Spodek Arena, Katowice]</p>
<p>12.00-12.30 break</p>
<p>12.30-14.00 Opening session <i>Europe's energy security</i> [ICC, Auditorium]</p>
<p>Invited guests (TBC): Dan Jørgensen – European Commissioner for Energy and Housing Fatih Birol – Executive Director, IEA Rafael Mariano Grossi – Director General, IAEA Marzena Czarnecka – Minister of Industry of the Republic of Poland Borys Budka – MEP, ITRE Committee Paulina Hennig-Kloska – Minister of Climate and Environment of the Republic of Poland</p>
<p>14.00-14.30 break</p>

14.30-16.00 Topic 1 Security and development [ICC, Auditorium]	14.30-16.00 Topic 2 Just transition [ICC, Ballroom A]
Invited guests (TBC): Eric Lombard – Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of France Sari Multala – Minister of Climate and the Environment of Finland Dirk Beljaarts – Minister of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands Žygimantas Vaičiūnas – Minister of Energy of Lithuania Marija Vučković – Minister of Environmental Protection and Green Transformation of Croatia Wojciech Wrochna – Government Plenipotentiary for Strategic Energy Infrastructure of the Republic of Poland Krzysztof Galos – Chief National Geologist Ditte Juul Jørgensen – DG ENER	Invited guests (TBC): Giancarlo Giorgetti – Minister of Economy and Finance of Italy Ed Miliband – Secretary of State for Energy of Great Britain Erkki Keldo – Minister of Economy and Industry of Estonia Lukáš Vlček – Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic Sebastian-Ioan Burduja – Minister of Energy of Romania Krzysztof Bolesta – Deputy Minister of Climate and Environment of the Republic of Poland Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz – Minister of Funds and Regional Policy of the Republic of Poland Themis Christophidou – DG REGIO
16.00 - 16.30 break	
16.30-18.00 Common topic The future of mining and industrial regions & Presentation of assumptions for the Transition White Paper [ICC, Auditorium]	
Invited guests (TBC): Teresa Ribera Rodríguez – Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition Robert Habeck – Federal Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Action of Germany Marc Ferracci – Minister of Industry and Energy of France Petko Nikolov – Minister of Economy and Industry of Bulgaria Sara Aagesen Muñoz – Minister of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain	
18.00-19.00 break	
19.00 Banquet of the Polish Presidency [ICC]	
20.00 Banquet - part of the European Economic Congress [ICC, Ballroom Halls]	

Scope of the panels

<p>Opening session: Europe's energy security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is it possible to create a European or global energy security system? - On what basis and principles should it be based? - Potential of international cooperation, European solidarity and bilateral relations in the context of energy security. - Joint undertakings and investments for system security and stable energy supply. - How to develop resilience of critical infrastructure (cyber threats, terrorism, sabotage)?
<p>Topic 1: Security and development (Will we achieve energy security at the expense of economic development?)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to balance the efforts towards climate neutrality with ensuring security? - The trend of sustainable economy and emission-free energy as a development dominant. - The impact of climate transition on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • industrial ecosystems, • business costs, • company strategies, • community life, • science and the research sector. - The need for security, stability and independence in the sociopolitical and economic dimension. - A sustainable but strong and secure economy – regulation, support and international cooperation to achieve this goal.
<p>Topic 2: Just transition (How to plan the region anew?)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European industrial regions and areas dependent on conventional energy in the face of transformational challenges. - What tools and what obstacles do we face in achieving the goal of sustainable transformation? - Costs, risks and benefits of transformation in key dimensions: social life and its quality, environment and health, urban planning and spatial development, demography and labor market. - The role of the Just Transition Fund: resources, projects, experiences.
<p>Topic 3: The future of mining and industrial regions (Is regional pauperization ahead of us?)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether and by what means mining regions can regain lost socio-economic vitality? - Green scenarios for regions in transition. - Problems and barriers associated with the effects of underground mining: reclamation, revitalization, new functions of land and facilities, investments. - Resources and potential of regions – opportunities and development alternatives with employees and residents in mind.