



On behalf of the Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, I have a pleasure to invite you to the Conference addressing five years of Poland's EU membership for the agricultural sector and the rural areas. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has a great honour of hosting this Conference scheduled on the 28-29 April 2009 in Warsaw.

The five-year period of membership in the EU has influenced today's condition of Polish agriculture and rural areas by allowing an advancement of development processes including the modernisation and restructuring of the sector. The Conference will provide an opportunity to assess the effects of accession and to discuss the future of Polish and European agriculture and the Common Agricultural Policy after 2013.

One of the aspects of membership in the EU has been the implementation of community programmes supporting agriculture and rural development. Over these five years Poland has gained significant experience in this field. The fifth anniversary coincides with the National Rural Network inauguration. The National Rural Network is a cooperation platform for the transfer of knowledge and sharing of experiences in such fields as programming, implementation of strategies and development programmes to make more dynamic the process of modernising the rural economy and improving the quality of life in rural areas.

We have invited those who particularly contributed to Poland's accession to the EU and to Poland's five successful years of membership. Included in the guests of honour list are Madame Marian Fischer-Boel, EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministers in charge of agriculture from other Member States, (mostly EU-12), including the representatives of the current Czech Presidency.

The first day of the Conference will host a discussion between representatives of scientific circles, the second day will be devoted to speeches of representatives of the European Commission, the European Parliament as well as Polish state administration and politicians.

Please find an initial agenda of the Conference.

Marek Sawicki

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
of the Republic of Poland


DAY 1 | TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2009

- 09.00 Registration
- 10.00 Welcoming Address | **Marek Sawicki, Ph.D.**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland
- PART 1 FIVE YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE EU FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES | PLENARY SESSION**
- 10.20 Polish membership in the EU - the most important effects for the agri-food sector | **prof. Andrzej Kowalski**, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics - National Research Institute, Poland
- 10.40 Changes in the Polish rural areas 5 years after accession | **prof. Maria Halamska**, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Science
- 11.00 The diversity of effects of the EU membership in agriculture in New Member States | **prof. Csaba Csaki**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
- 11.20 What have EU-12 contributed to agriculture and agricultural policy of the European Union? | **prof. Johan Swinnen**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 11.40 – 12.15 Coffee break
- PART 2 THE CONDITION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AREAS IN POLAND AND IN THE EUROPEAN UNION | PANEL SESSIONS**
- 12.15 – 14.30 Panel session | presentations 12 -15 min | discussion
- PANEL 1 MULTIFUNCTIONALITY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AREAS IN AN ENLARGED EUROPEAN UNION | moderator - prof. Jerzy Wilkin**, Warsaw University
- The role of the Community policies in rural development | **Władysław Piskorz, Ph.D.**, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission
- Coexistence of different agricultural models in the European Union – the role of small-scale farms | **Cosmin Salasan, Ph.D.**, Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Timisoara, Romania
- Has EU membership affected environmental assets of rural areas in Poland? | **Tomasz Stuczyński, Ph.D.**, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, National Research Institute, Poland
- Has Poland's membership in the EU influenced on the activity of rural community? | **Urszula Budzich – Szukała**, The Polish Rural Forum – FAOW



**PANEL 2 CHALLENGES FACING AGRI-FOOD SECTOR IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY
| moderator (EU -15)**

What is the impact of the financial crisis on agriculture and EU policies?

Agriculture trade liberalization – the EU perspective | **Jerzy Plewa, Ph.D.**,
Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Is the increase in global food demand a threat to the sustainable development
of European agriculture? | **David Baldock**, Institute for European Environmental
Policy (IEEP), London

Can the experience of transformation and accession be helpful for New Member
States in a time of uncertainty? Strengths and weaknesses of EU-12 agriculture
| **prof. Ewa Rabinowicz**, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU),
Uppsala

**PANEL 3 THE EUROPEAN UNION OF TWO SPEEDS? - POST-ACCESSION EXPERIENCE
| moderator Zofia Krzyżanowska, Ph.D.**, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural
Development, Poland

The enlarged European Union in the EU Parliament's debate | **Czesław Siekierski,
Ph.D.**, Member of European Parliament

Is the Single Market and European integration possible without the CAP based on
solidarity? | **Andris Miglavs, Ph.D.**, Institute of Agrarian Economics of Latvia

The future of the CAP in the context of changes in the budget and other European
policies | **Jarosław Pietras, Ph.D.**, General Secretariat of the Council of the
European Union

Changes in attitudes of rural inhabitants towards the European Union | **Barbara
Fedyszak – Radziejowska, Ph.D.**, Institute of Rural and Agricultural
Development, Polish Academy of Science

14.30 – 15.30 Lunch break

PART 3. SUMMARY | PLENARY SESSION

15.30 Summary of Panel 1

15.40 Summary of Panel 2

15.50 Summary of Panel 3

16.00 Discussion and conclusions

17.00 Summing up and closing the conference



DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2009

- 10.00 Registration
- 11.00 Welcoming Address | **Marek Sawicki, Ph.D.**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland
- ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN 2004 – CURRENT PERSPECTIVE OF THE EFFECTS OF ACCESSION | *PLENARY SESSION***
- 11.15 EU Eastern Enlargement – transition of European agriculture | **Mariann Fischer – Boel**, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 11.30 EU Eastern Enlargement – current perspective of the effects of accession | **Representative of the Czech Presidency**
- 11.45 EU Eastern Enlargement – current perspective of the effects of accession | **Neil Parish**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament
- 12.00 EU Eastern Enlargement – Polish perspective of the effects of accession | **Jarosław Kalinowski**, Vicemarshal of Sejm of the Republic of Poland (Polish Parliament)
- 12.15 – 12.45 Coffee break
- 12.45 EU Eastern Enlargement – Experiences and challenges in agricultural sector - EU perspective | **Jerzy Plewa, Ph.D.**, Deputy Director – General, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission
- 13.00 The role of the Common Agricultural Policy in Poland | **Mikołaj Dowgielewicz**, Secretary of the Committee for European Integration
- 13.15 EU Eastern Enlargement – the current perspective of the effects of accession | **prof. Stefan Tangermann**, Director for Trade and Agriculture Directorate in the years 2002-2008, OECD
- 13.30 The Role of the European Rural Network in the process of rural areas and agriculture development | **John Loughheed**, Head of Unit G3 (European Network and Monitoring of Rural Development Policy), Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission
- 13.45 EU Eastern Enlargement – the current perspective of the effects of accession - conclusions from the first day of conference | **prof. Andrzej Kowalski**, Director for the Polish Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics - National Research Institute
- 14.00 – 14.30 Question time and discussion
- 14.30 Summing up and closing the conference | **Marek Sawicki, Ph.D.**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE

PLACE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be held in Hyatt Regency Warsaw Hotel in Belwederska 23 Street in Warsaw | <http://warsaw.regency.hyatt.com>

PARTICIPATION

The conference is free of charge, but the **confirmation is required**. Please complete and return the booking form until **30th of March, 2009**.

The conference will be held in Polish and English.

Any additional organizational information, including the final version of the conference programme will be send to the participants via e-mail: sekretariat_conference@minrol.gov.pl

ACCOMMODATION

The organizer does not cover the costs of accommodation and transport. There is a possibility to book a room in the Hyatt Regency Warsaw Hotel with the reduced rate. To do so please, contact the organizer. If necessary, we can provide you with other accommodation options in Warsaw. Please contact us via e-mail

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