

THE PCCC NEWSLETTER

Dear Members of the Chamber,

I am delighted and honoured to extend my warm greetings to each and every one of you in this latest edition of our newsletter.

At the outset, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your active participation at our events, not only our business-oriented gatherings, but also more casual, social events such as at the Canada Club and Canada Day Picnic. Your involvement is what makes our community vibrant and thriving! I also would like to extend a special thank you for the generous sponsorship and partnership support offered by some of our members during our events over the course of the past year.

This year is particularly significant for the PCCC, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Chamber's founding. The test of time has proven that our organization plays a significant role in the ecosystem of bilateral business relations between Canada and Poland, and we wish it many more good years to come!

For twenty years, Canadian investors and Polish entrepreneurs brought together within the Chamber have demonstrated that joint efforts bring not only business and image benefits, but membership in our Chamber can also be perceived as an element of CSR—it is a proud contribution of many companies to the development of the bilateral community.

Additionally, I am proud to announce that we have just commenced our six-month presidency of the International Group of Chambers of Commerce (IGCC). This is an exceptional opportunity for us to showcase the strength and dynamism of our community on an international stage. The IGCC presidency can significantly expand the scope of the PCCC's influence, and we will put our best foot forward in making this happen.

Our Chamber is constantly growing, and it gives me immense pleasure to welcome our latest PCCC members. We now have 56 members. Each new member brings a unique perspective, expertise, and potential for fruitful collaboration that will enrich our business community. Let us all extend a warm embrace to these firms and individuals, and ensure that they feel at home within our vibrant network.

This newsletter showcases the profiles of our newest member firms and shares the exciting events that our Chamber has participated in. It also brings you updates from existing member businesses, and offers a glimpse into the future events that lie ahead. We have recently made significant updates to our website—please visit it at www.pccc.pl to find the most current news from the Chamber.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Your continued support and engagement are what drive our joint success!

Sincerely,

Bernhard L. Otterstein

President

Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce



Bernhard L. Otterstein
PCCC President

New PCCC Members

FCM Travel

FCM Travel Solutions is a global travel management provider spanning over 90 countries worldwide. Company represents the alternative way of doing business travel. Corporate travel is about so much more than booking flights, that's why FCM Travel offers a breadth of corporate travel services through its talented teams and innovative technology.

Passion for customer service, and for making connections across the world are the common threads you'll find throughout FCM Travel's 20-year history. From its roots in Australia, FCM Travel has evolved through organic growth and acquisitions; whether in global footprint, bringing new talent and expertise to the team, or technical capability.

Being part of FCTG brings a wider number of benefits and value to the clients. The group's buying power is unrivalled, thanks for FCM Travel's partnerships, scale and history. The approach to end-to-end business travel brings control to the corporate travel programme and delivers value through savings, efficiency and productivity. For the clients it means exclusive deals, insider contacts, and always finding a way to make things work for business trips and travel programmes.

FCM



New PCCC Members

LSW is a team of nearly 60 lawyers who have been consistently supporting clients in all areas of business law since 1998.

Innovation and unconventional approach are ingrained in the DNA of the organization. The team works for modern, dynamic, and creative industries. They are just as forward-thinking as their clients, always staying one step ahead and building their business together. Law is a tool to solve the client's problems or minimize risk.

LSW offers their clients a broad and comprehensive range of legal services, delivered at the highest level by experts in key areas of law. They understand that clients are not just seeking advisors, but entrepreneurs and partners in ideas, sharing the same values in business, professional, and personal endeavors.

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LSW's practice areas include:

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Intellectual Property
IT Security
Maritime Law and Ports
Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A)
Public Aid and EU Funds
Public Procurement
Real Estate, Infrastructure, and Construction
Restructuring / Bankruptcy / Liquidation
Startups
Tax Law
Venture Capital and Private Equity



New PCCC Members

CALIAN

CALIAN is a global leader in innovative defence solutions, specializing in military training and simulation, advanced manufacturing, health services, and IT and cybersecurity solutions. Their dedication to delivering tailored solutions that meet the unique needs of their customers is truly commendable.

With facilities across Canada, the UK, and Europe, CALIAN proudly serves military customers worldwide, including NATO and NATO member countries, ensuring readiness and deterrence. Their comprehensive approach to military training and simulation, health services, defence manufacturing, and cybersecurity sets them apart in the industry.

At CALIAN, they don't just provide solutions; they deliver confidence to military customers. From realistic simulation-based training for over 250,000 military personnel to health services at Canadian Armed Forces installations and cutting-edge defence manufacturing using advanced composites, CALIAN's expertise is unparalleled.

Their IT and cybersecurity solutions are second to none, ensuring the safety of data, networks, facilities, and equipment, with a dedicated team of experts providing comprehensive security solutions tailored to individual needs.



New PCCC Members

HATCH



Hatch is a globally recognized leader in professional engineering, technology, and consulting services, catering to the metals, energy, and infrastructure sectors. With over sixty-five years of experience, the company boasts a robust global network of 10,000 professionals operating in 150 countries. It manages approximately US\$75 billion worth of capital projects at any given time, tackling the world's toughest challenges with innovation and expertise.

As an employee-owned and independent firm, Hatch is dedicated to fostering a better world through positive change. This independence allows them to build long-term relationships with their clients, focusing on sustainable and impactful solutions. Their exceptional teams blend engineering prowess with business acumen to design and deliver complex capital projects, optimize operations, develop and implement cutting-edge technologies, and craft effective business strategies.

Hatch is committed to ensuring that their technical solutions not only meet the clients' needs but also promote environmental protection, economic prosperity, social justice, and cultural vibrancy. Their mission is to help businesses, ecosystems, and communities thrive, guided by the principles set forth in Hatch's Manifesto and by its founder, Gerry Hatch. Their unwavering commitment to integrity has earned them the respect and trust of their clients, employees, and the communities they serve.



New PCCC Members

MAURENT PR

Since 2011, MAURENT PR has been a strategic advisor to companies on their market perception. With an international team of former journalists, financial advisors, lawyers, and PR experts, they support global corporations in their daily activities. Their mission is to ensure actions are understood by society, politicians, and the media.

MAURENT PR's excellence is recognized with awards like the Golden SABRE Awards, Magellan Award, Golden Drum, and numerous Polish accolades. Leaders working with MAURENT PR are featured in top media outlets such as the Financial Times, the Washington Post, Guardian, Politico, Onet, wp.pl, and Gazeta Wyborcza.

Serving sectors like infrastructure, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, and finance, MAURENT PR operates from Warsaw, with offices in Brussels and a representation in London.

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New PCCC Members

TRIGON

This dynamic and innovative company embodies the principles of ambition, effectiveness, and creativity. Guided by strong work ethics, teamwork, and professionalism, Trigon consistently delivers outstanding results for its clients.

Trigon prides itself on being open to new ideas and maintaining a dynamic and flexible approach in all its operations. This adaptability allows them to execute transactions swiftly and efficiently, ensuring that they always achieve the best possible outcomes for their clients.

The managing partners at Trigon bring a wealth of experience in mergers and acquisitions (M&A), Equity Capital Markets (ECM), and Debt Capital Markets (DCM). Their extensive backgrounds include leadership roles in top-tier banks, which have equipped them with the knowledge and expertise to drive Trigon to new heights. Under their guidance, the Trigon team continually reaches new goals and achieves significant success.



Trigon's strength lies in its team of over 120 high-class professionals. The company boasts a diverse group of experts, including brokers, investment advisers, and specialists in mergers and acquisitions, equity markets, debt markets, and corporate finance. Additionally, Trigon has a dedicated team for client asset management, covering:

- Investment Banking
- Equity Capital Markets
- Debt Capital Markets
- Market Making
- Institutional Sales
- Equity Research

At Trigon, the commitment to excellence is evident in every transaction and client interaction. The company's focus on delivering top-tier services and innovative solutions ensures that they remain at the forefront of the industry. Their proactive and client-centric approach helps them to consistently exceed expectations and set new standards of performance.



New PCCC Members

EKOPLAST

Ekoplast S.A., is one of Poland's most esteemed manufacturers of window and door joinery, With over two decades of experience, Ekoplast has established itself as a leader in the industry, providing high-quality products to customers across Europe and Canada.

Ekoplast is renowned for its extensive portfolio that includes:

- Windows
- Entrance Doors
- Sliding Patio Doors
- External Shutters and Blinds
- Garage Doors
- Pergolas
- Accessories and Fittings

Their joinery products are crafted from PVC, aluminum, and natural wood, ensuring a diverse range of options to meet every customer's needs. By collaborating with top industry suppliers and leveraging innovative technologies and advanced IT tools, Ekoplast guarantees the highest quality in its products. Rigorous quality control and safe delivery practices underscore their commitment to reliability and excellence.

Why Choose Ekoplast? Ekoplast's windows and doors are highly appreciated by both individual homeowners and commercial clients. They excel in managing complex orders that require advanced technological solutions and personalized approaches. Their comprehensive product range and dedication to customer satisfaction make them a preferred choice in the market.

Continuous Growth and Innovation: Ekoplast is continuously expanding its reach by forging partnerships with new business partners globally. They invite potential collaborators to visit their headquarters and showroom located just outside Krakow, Poland. Here, you can meet the team, tour the production facilities, and engage in direct discussions to explore long-term cooperation opportunities.

Accolades and Certifications: Ekoplast's commitment to excellence is reflected in their accolades, including the Business Leader 2021 and Business Gazelles 2023 awards. They adhere to the ISO 26000 standard for social responsibility and hold the ISO 9001:2015 quality certificate. Their leading window systems, such as Komfort NEO, Modern Linear, and Modern+, meet the highest standards of quality and energy efficiency.

 **Ekoplast**



New PCCC Members

MANUFATURA MEBLI

Manufaktura Mebli is a distinguished Polish manufacturer specializing in exclusive kitchen and office furniture. Their mission is to set new standards in the industry, consistently aiming for excellence and absolute customer satisfaction.

Manufaktura Mebli seamlessly blends continuous development with cutting-edge technologies and top design trends, creating furniture that inspires their customers.

We are excited to have them join our community, and look forward to seeing the innovative contributions they will bring to our Chamber.



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Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership

The Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership has been established this year to honour and commemorate the late Dr. Stan Borkowski's invaluable contribution to the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce (PCCC) over many years, and to acknowledge his untimely passing one year ago. This membership aims to continue his legacy by supporting the next generation of young professionals.

The Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership is designed to provide ambitious and talented students with the opportunity to engage with the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce, broaden their horizons, and build valuable networks within the business community.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be students currently enrolled in a recognized academic institution.
- They should demonstrate a strong interest in business, commerce, or community service, preferably with a connection to Polish-Canadian relations.

Selection Process

- Each year, two students will be selected to receive the Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership.
- Selection will be based on academic achievements, community involvement, professional recommendations and alignment with the values and mission of the PCCC.
- The selection committee will consist of members of the PCCC Board of Directors.

Membership Benefits

- The selected students will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce.
- This membership will grant them access to all PCCC events, networking opportunities, and resources, fostering their professional growth and understanding of the business world.
- They will also have the chance to actively participate in Chamber activities, contributing to and supporting its initiatives on a voluntary basis.

Membership Responsibilities

- Student members are expected to actively engage with the PCCC, attend events and participate in Chamber activities.
- They will be encouraged to contribute their perspectives and ideas to the Chamber, supporting its mission and enhancing its community impact.

Inaugural Members

- The first recipients of the Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership are Ericsson Sing and Adam Kalinski, who have already begun their involvement with the Chamber and are actively supporting its initiatives.

Timeline

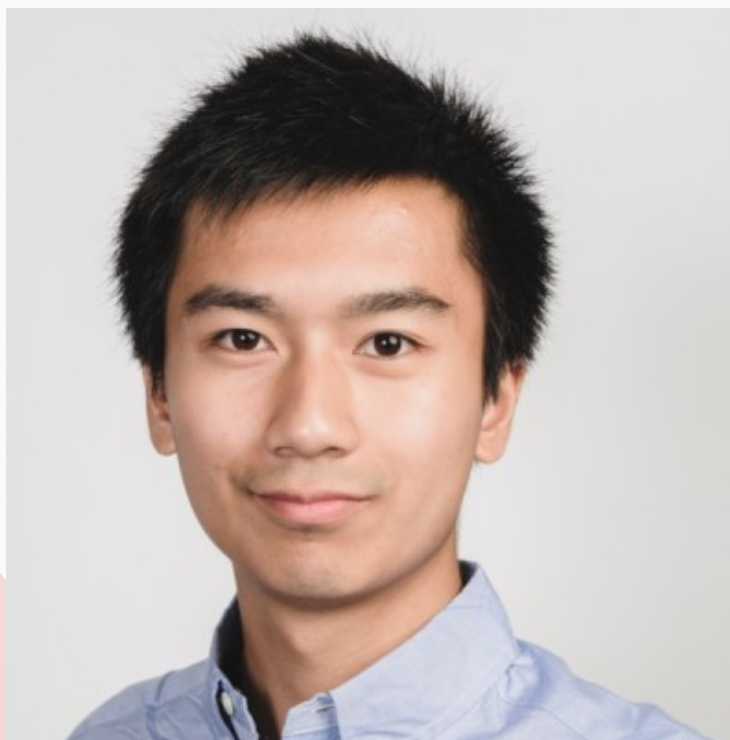
- Applications for the Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership will be accepted annually, with recipients announced each year.

The Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership is a tribute to Stan Borkowski's lasting legacy, providing young, ambitious students with the tools and connections to succeed in their future endeavors.



Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership

Ericsson Sing



Ericsson Sing is a young and versatile professional currently based in Krakow, Poland. Born in Hong Kong, he left with his family at a young age to Singapore before ultimately settling down in Vancouver, Canada, and later gained Canadian citizenship. Right after graduating secondary school in 2016, Ericsson embarked on a gap year in Poland where he worked and travelled across the country and Europe in general.

After his year abroad, Ericsson went on to study at the University of Toronto where he obtained a bachelor's degree in international relations and European studies with high distinction. Guided by his sense of civic duty, service, and high standards, he honed his leadership, stakeholder engagement and management, and event coordination skills through his extensive work in student governance, ministerial and consulate activities, and with Polish diaspora organizations with proven results. At the same time, Ericsson also worked for his family's business and the University of Toronto in operations management and relationship management roles.

Since then, Ericsson has resettled in Poland to be with his wife and is currently finishing a master's degree in business and finance management at the Jagiellonian University. Concurrently, he also works for the Belgian-based global financial market infrastructure and custodian, Euroclear in KYC/AML. As a dedicated leader and facilitator with a natural curiosity, he hopes to continue to serve in the Canada-Poland bilateral relationship in some capacity.

Moving forward, Ericsson aspires to develop a career in business development and relationship management in the private sector with his keen eye for detail and strong commitment to customer satisfaction, or in trade diplomacy and consular services in the public sector.

Stan Borkowski Memorial Student Membership

Adam Kaliński



Adam Kalinski was born in Toronto, Canada, and obtained his education at McMaster University in the nearby city of Hamilton, Ontario. Graduating with an honors degree in Public Law and Judicial Studies, Adam went on to work in the Canadian aerospace industry in the Greater Toronto Area. Since then, Mr. Kalinski has relocated to Warsaw, Poland, to pursue a master's degree in Global Business, Finance, and Governance at the Warsaw School of Economics (SGH). Adam's many interests include international economics, financial markets, and technological innovations. He is particularly interested in legal frameworks affecting global business operations. In addition to his professional pursuits, Adam is an avid skier and aviation enthusiast.

Past Events

New Year Business Mixer Łódź January 11, 2024



PCCC had the pleasure to attend the annual International Business Mixer in the vibrant city of Łódź. This event was organized in collaboration with 13 other chambers of commerce (IGCC), creating exceptionally diverse networking opportunities.

We thank MCKB, our member company who was the coorganiser of the event and all our members who were present there with us. We hope all participants had a chance to experience a fruitful networking that will result in collaborations in the future!

We would like to extend our gratitude to all co-organizers, partners and sponsors who contributed to making this event a resounding success. It was a great platform for professionals from various industries to gather and forge valuable connections.



Past Events



The Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce was represented by President Bernhard Otterstein, Vice-President Areta Kempnińska, Secretary Paul Fogo and Treasurer George Havaris participated in the RENPOWER Poland 2024 conference, focusing on renewable energy, energy storage, and hydrogen, organized by Euroconvention Global. It proved to be a valuable experience, allowing us to engage with key figures in the industry and delve into the latest advancements and regulatory frameworks. We are now eager to leverage these insights to promote join Polish – Canadian sustainable energy solutions.



Past Events

St. Patrick's Day Business Mixer March 13

St. Patrick's Day Business Mixer held on March 13, was the event jointly organized by the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the American Chamber of Commerce in Poland, the British Polish Chamber of Commerce, the Irish Polish Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise Ireland. It brought together representatives of English-speaking nations actively involved in Poland's economy.

The event, hosted at Radisson Collection Warsaw was highlighted by Irish dances, music, and the distinctive flavor of Guinness, all contributing to the authentic ambiance of the festivities.

A sincere thanks to the PCCC sponsors: MCKB S.A. | Design and Build and Perła – Browary Lubelskie S.A. for their contribution to this memorable event.



Past Events

Spring Reception_ Embassy of Canada March 19



The Embassy of Canada and Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual, joint Spring Reception at the Embassy of Canada, and what a joyous occasion it was! Not only did we rejoice in the spirit of the approaching Spring season, but we also commemorated the remarkable 20-year journey of the PCCC and the strong, bilateral strategic relationship between Canada and Poland!

This year the focus of our gathering was on nuclear energy and energy security, as well as the potential for collaboration between Polish and Canadian companies in this sector in order to facilitate the transition to cleaner, stable energy solutions in Poland, the CEE and across Europe.

HE Catherine Godin, Ambassador of Canada to Poland, Bernhard L. Otterstein, President of the PCCC, and Carl Marcotte, Senior Vice-President of AtkinsRéalis each provided a short keynote address to help focus the discussion on the importance of the bilateral relationship underlying continued efforts to develop and strengthen the cooperation of both countries in the nuclear energy space, as Canada shares its decades of nuclear energy leadership and expertise, including access to diversified technological solutions, reliable contractors and critical supply chain with Poland.

It was inspiring to see representatives from both nations engaging in discussions, paving the way for future partnerships in combatting climate change while assuring a secure and reliable supply of green, sustainable energy to the region.

It was an evening filled with constructive optimism and the promise of joint success in the future. With our sights set on the next two decades, we are excited about the broad range of possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we're shaping a brighter future for bilateral cooperation.

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Past Events

Journée francophone March 20

PCCC had the delightful opportunity to collaborate on the networking event at lemotion_bistro alongside 5 other chambers of commerce affiliated with the Francophony and Association RFE Pologne RFE. This gathering was orchestrated in honor of the Days of the Francophony, with a dedicated focus on celebrating the rich tapestry of its cultures.

The evening served as an ideal platform for expanding professional connections, sharing insights, and engaging with fellow members of the French-speaking community. We savored stimulating conversations over delectable appetizers complemented by the finest Belgian beer!

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the attendees who graced us with their presence. Connecting with professionals from diverse backgrounds was indeed a pleasure!

A heartfelt appreciation goes out to all the partners who contributed to the success of the event: Belgian Business Chamber (BBC), Francusko-Polska Izba Gospodarcza (CCIFP), Poland-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, Polish-Swiss Chamber of Commerce, Polish-Romanian Bilateral Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Association RFE Pologne!



Past Events

Ambassador Catherine Godin visited Canadia companies in Rzeszów May 9

Ambassador Catherine Godin, accompanied by Executive Director of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce spent the day in Rzeszów visiting some of largest Canadian employers in Poland.

Pratt & Whitney, one of the world's top aircraft engine manufacturers, and the biggest employer in Poland with more than 6,200 employees in Poland across 3 facilities in Rzeszów, Kalisz and Niepołomice. Pratt & Whitney Canada was the first major "Western" company to start cooperation with the Polish Aviation sector in the post-WW2 era in 1976 when WSK-Rzeszów began supplying parts to PWC. In 2003, they also provided seed funding to help establish the now 190 companies and 33,000 people that make up the Aviation Valley | Dolina Lotnicza Cluster.

Bausch Health Companies Inc./ICN Polfa Rzeszów S.A, is one of the leading Pharma manufacturers in Poland. They employ more than 1,500 people across 4 locations in . The company's portfolio consists of approximately 140 brands including hospital, prescription and OTC products in various therapy areas - cardiology, urology, gastroenterology, neurology, oncology and dermatology.

Heli-One, which employs more than 140 people, does helicopters MRO for military and civilian customers across the world. Since opening in 2014, the company has more than doubled in size due to the high-quality and fast turnaround time of their work.

In each of these meetings, the Ambassador conveyed her, and the Trade Commissioner Service support to help these companies to continue to grow and create more jobs in one of Poland's fastest-growing cities.

Last, but certainly not least, it was an honour to meet Marek Darecki, President of the Aviation Valley for a frank discussion on the opportunities and challenges in aerospace, how Poland can remain an aviation hub, and how Canada can continue its 40+ year engagement in the Aviation Valley. Aircraft parts are the single most traded products between Canada and Poland, with Polish aviation exporting \$605M to Canada and importing \$357M 2023. This represents 25% of Canada-Poland goods' trade.

The visit is just the latest example of the great mutual cooperation between the Embassy and the PCCC.



Past Events

Spring Social at the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw May 16

Representatives of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce had the immense pleasure of attending the Spring Social organized by the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw. The event was held in the embassy's beautiful, lush green garden, creating the perfect backdrop for numerous engaging conversations. The atmosphere was not only business-oriented but also warm and friendly, making for a truly memorable evening



Past Events

Krakowski Business Mixer June 13

On June 13th, Krakowski Business Mixer 2024 was hosted by 13 bilateral chambers of commerce. The event took place at the Park INN BY RADISSON Hotel in Kraków, providing an exciting platform for about 200 participants to exchange contacts and build new connections. The atmosphere was ideal for conversations and strengthening business relationships.

With the Honorary Patronage of the Marshal's Office and the City of Kraków, the event drew numerous representatives from various sectors, including members of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce. We extend our gratitude to our sponsors, Maple Bear Polska and TIGGES , for their support. We look forward to seeing you at future events!



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Past Events

Celebrating Canada Day_a Two-Part Festivity

This year's Canada Day celebration was a delightful and memorable two-part event.

Part One: Garden Party at the Canadian Embassy

On June 26th, the Embassy of Canada in Poland and the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce hosted a splendid garden party at the Embassy. The event gathered around 200 guests to celebrate the strength and continual growth of Polish-Canadian relations. In her speech, Her Excellency, Ambassador Catherine Godin highlighted the dynamically developing collaboration between Poland and Canada, emphasizing recent high-level mutual visits and joint activities within NATO. She underscored the enduring tradition of unity, tracing back to the participation of Canadian aviators in the Warsaw Uprising, and reiterated shared values such as democracy, freedom, and diversity.



Past Events

Celebrating Canada Day_a Two-Part Festivity

Part Two: Family Picnic in the Countryside

The festivities continued in the charming countryside near Warsaw, at Cztery Pory Roku, where members and friends of the Chamber, along with families, joyfully strengthened their bonds. The lively picnic featured games and activities, a raffle with exciting prizes, delicious barbecue treats, and refreshing Perła beverages.

These celebrations would not have been possible without the reliable support of our wonderful sponsors. This year, they were the companies shown below, led by our Gold Maple Leaf Sponsor, EY. Thank you to all!



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Past Events

Canadian Presidency of the International Group of Chambers of Commerce (IGCC) Poland Commences

On July 1st, the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce assumed the rotating presidency of the International Group of Chambers of Commerce (IGCC) Poland.

We want to express our sincere appreciation and 'Obrigado' (thank you) to the Polish Portuguese Chamber of Commerce for their excellent work and cooperation over the past six months.

Thank you to the following chambers for participating and for the opportunity to re-connect: Belgian Business Chamber (BBC), Poland-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, Polish-Swiss Chamber of Commerce, Scandinavian-Polish Chamber of Commerce (SPCC), British Polish Chamber of Commerce (BPCC), Polish Spanish Chamber of Commerce, Advantage Austria Poland, Irish Polish Chamber of Commerce, American Chamber of Commerce in Poland (AmCham) and the German Chamber of Commerce in Poland (AHK).

Moving forward, the goals of the PCCC's six-month presidency will concentrate on continuing fruitful cooperation and strong coordination with other member chambers to implement the autumn and winter networking events, starting with the Back to Business Mixer co-organized with SGH Warsaw School of Economics; continuing a multilateral dialogue with elected officials and public servants on pro-investment policies; and planning for 2025 activities and initiatives.

At the PCCC, we remain dedicated and steadfast to working alongside other member chambers and partners to deliver positive results for the IGCC and its members over the coming six months.



The International Group of Chambers of Commerce (IGCC) Poland

The International Group of Chambers of Commerce (IGCC) was established in 2005 to create a united platform of communication for the international business community with the Polish Government.

Each Chamber being a member of IGCC is equally represented on the Board and able to contribute to define the action plans and activities of the organization. The IGCC started in 2005 with four Chambers as founding members – American, British, French and Italian. Today IGCC is a group of 16 Chambers of Commerce representing 22 Countries and over 2000 companies employing hundreds of thousands people, representing the most significant foreign investments in the country.

Poland represents an important partner for growth and development for all the companies who invested in this market. There is also great opportunity to attract significantly more foreign direct investment in different economic sectors. The knowledge across the world about what Poland means from a business perspective is becoming more widely known through the track record of successful FDI and strong economic development.

IGCC is well placed to help create the best framework for investments and growth in Poland bringing international business community experience, capital and know-how. IGCC supports the interests of its members through activities including:

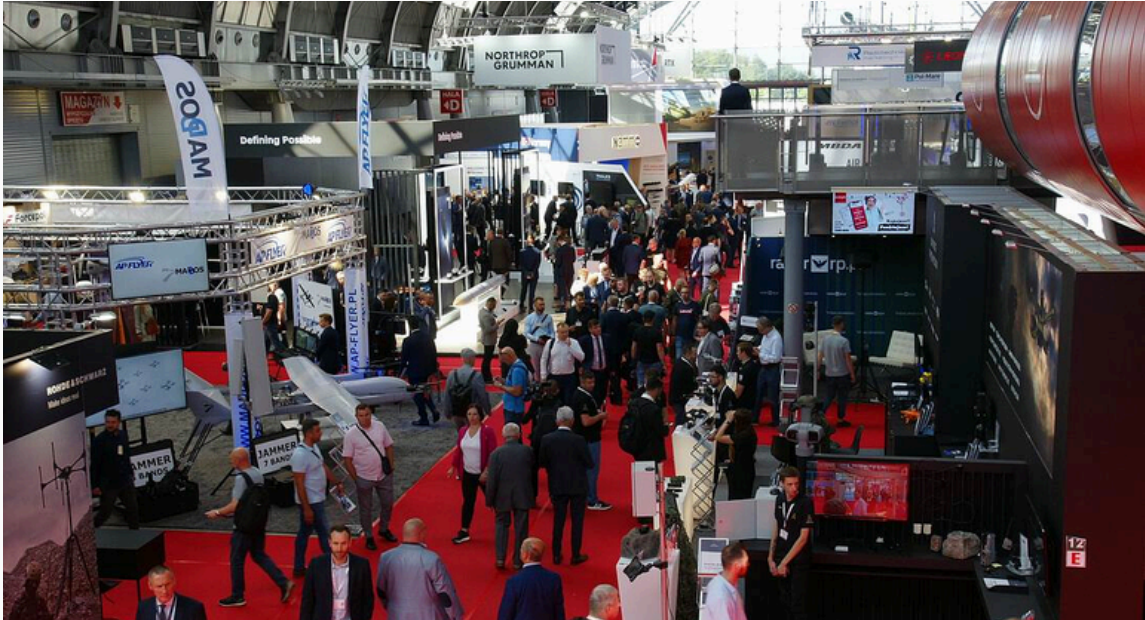
- Keynote meetings to address directly senior Government officials and decision-makers
- Joint statements on pressing issues affecting in the business environment
- Business climate surveys and reports.

The role of IGCC is to maintain and actively develop cooperative relations with the Government and support the process to make Poland an attractive place for foreign investors for mutual benefit to the investor and local community.



Upcoming Events

MSPO Kielce, September 3-6



Back to Business Mixer September 17, SGH Warsaw

BACK TO BUSINESS Mixer
at SGH WARSAW SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
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Upcoming Events

Canadian Sustainable Cities Trade & Investment Mission to Poland

**Sustainable Cities Trade
and Investment Mission
Poland and Ukraine**

September 30th - October 4th, 2024

Warsaw, Poland

Rzeszów, Poland



North America Networking Night, October 3



North American Networking Night

3 października 2024



Upcoming Events

Rebuild Ukraine, November 13-14, 2024

**Join us at the Rebuild Ukraine
International Exhibition and
Conference in Warsaw, Poland,
November 13 - 14, 2024**

**Is your business considering how to be part of
the reconstruction of Ukraine?**

Opportunities to rebuild Ukraine start now.

Natural Resources Canada, Global Affairs Canada, Export Development Canada, Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, Trade Commissioner Service, and the Canadian embassies to Poland and Ukraine invite you to the 4th [Rebuild Ukraine international exhibition and conference](#) in Warsaw (Poland) from November 13 - 14, 2024.

The theme of this year's conference is: "Sustainable recovery and investment support: Opportunities for Ukraine's energy sector."

After a strong show of support at [last year's conference](#), our goal is to have a delegation of Canadian companies join the Canada Pavilion at the conference. Companies should be ready to explore the dynamic opportunities to help Ukraine build back better.

Reflecting the theme of the conference, Rebuild Ukraine is targeted at stakeholders in:

- Energy
- Energy storage and batteries
- Nuclear energy
- Infrastructure development and construction
- Housing
- Cybersecurity

According to World Bank estimates from February 2024, the cost of reconstruction and recovery in Ukraine is expected to be more than US\$486B over the next decade, making this one of the largest reconstruction efforts in the world.



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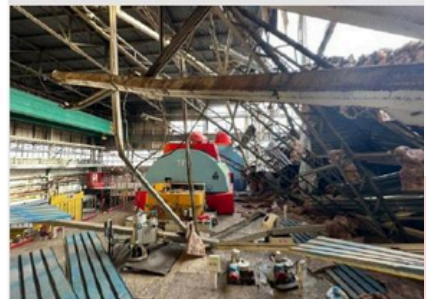
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News from our Members

Raben *is already operating in Poznań!*

Since the beginning of its operations in Poland, Raben has been associated with Greater Poland.. First a modest start in Baranowo, then an expanded logistics center in Gadki and Robakowo. Now the time has come for the region's capital. Thus, on July 3, 2024, there was an official opening of a new branch of Raben Logistics Polska, located in Poznań at 65 Obodrzycka Street.

An unquestionable advantage of the new warehouse, with an area of about 44,000 sqm, is its location, close to both the center of Poznań and the A2 highway. It is a modern and environmentally friendly facility with sustainable solutions, thanks to which the warehouse meets the requirements of BREEAM certification at the Excellent level, as well as FM Global's stringent sustainable construction requirements.

The warehouse is equipped with both VNA system trucks and Li-Ion trucks. 41 truck loading ramps, as well as extensive maneuvering yards and outdoor areas exclusively for Raben's use, allow for comfortable warehousing and a variety of operations, including VAS production.

A total of 200 people will find employment in the warehouse and office at Raben's Poznań branch.

With the opening of the branch in Poznan, Raben can further strengthen its presence in Greater Poland. The new point on the map of our locations is also another step in the development of the company and the region, both in terms of warehousing and city logistics." - comments Lucyna Zaborowska-Princ, Regional Director of Raben Logistics Poland.

Such investments are usually used for last-mile logistics, among other things, but in this case Raben's main goal is to develop contract logistics and warehousing services, as well as manufacturing value-added services such as co-packing and co-manufacturing.

Therefore, the warehouse has been equipped with a specialized VAS area with a total area of 700 sqm. The development of these services is, of course, related to customer needs, so the facility's infrastructure has been prepared to be able to expand these activities in the future. All of the currently erected warehouse infrastructure has already been reserved for Mars Wrigley, a long-time partner of Raben. The plant, located in the immediate vicinity of the newly built investment, is one of the largest Mars Wrigley factories in Europe and the second largest Mars Wrigley chewing gum and mints plant in the world. Products manufactured there go to more than 40 European and global markets.

- The Poznan plant is constantly expanding in response to increasing demand for products manufactured there.

These include brands such as Orbit®, Winterfresh® and Airwaves®. As the factory's operations grow, we also need a larger and more modern warehouse space. With modern infrastructure, we will be able to ensure that the quality of our raw materials and packaging used in production is consistent with strict expectations. The use of the new warehouse is also part of our ambitious sustainability plan to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) emission neutrality across the value chain by 2050. Reducing the distance between the factory and the external warehouse by almost 95% will dramatically reduce the carbon footprint resulting from transportation between the two points, while reducing CO2 generation by as much as 120 tons per year. We will also gain the ability to switch from fossil fuels (diesel) to electrically powered transportation between the factory and the warehouse," said Grzegorz Kowalczewski, director of the Mars Wrigley factory in Poznań.

"The infrastructure and services provided at the new facility meet customer expectations. Today we can boast the most modern solutions in the region, thanks to which the goods of our service recipients are safe," adds Lucyna Zaborowska-Princ.



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