

THE PCCC NEWSLETTER

Dear Members of the Chamber,

The past few months have once again proven to be a highly dynamic and impactful period for the Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce and our mutual relations. We are particularly pleased to see our community continue to grow in strength, welcoming many new members—including new Patron Members—who further reinforce the diversity and quality of our network.

This period has been marked by tangible progress in the implementation of the **Poland-Canada Strategic Partnership**, announced by the Prime Ministers of both countries last year. We are observing a clear acceleration of joint initiatives, particularly in energy security, cybersecurity and defence—sectors that have become critically important in today's geopolitical environment.

Energy cooperation remains a cornerstone of this partnership, contributing to long-term resilience and diversification. At the same time, the **defence sector**—together with **cybersecurity**—has gained unprecedented momentum. A significant development in this regard is the recent announcement by Export Development Canada (EDC) of CAD one billion in financing to support Canadian defence companies operating in Poland. This initiative is particularly relevant in the context of the European SAFE instrument, opening new avenues for transatlantic industrial cooperation and investment as Canada is a partner in this initiative.

Throughout this period, the Chamber has continued to actively support its members by creating opportunities for engagement, dialogue, and business development. We strongly encourage all members to take full advantage of our initiatives—and equally, to bring forward their own ideas, which we are always ready to support and help bring to life.

Looking ahead, several key milestones will further strengthen bilateral ties. Among them are CANSEC in Ottawa on May 27–28, where Poland will be the Featured Country, and MSPO in Kielce on September 8–11, where Canada will be the Lead Nation—both serving as important platforms to deepen cooperation in the strategic defence sector.

We recently rejoiced in the Easter season, a time that carries a message of renewal and hope. During the past few days, the Canadian Astronaut Jeremy Hansen has also flown around the Moon together with his American counterparts from NASA on Artemis II. All of this speaks well for the progress of humanity. May this spirit give us the strength to stand firm, remain united, and confidently face the challenges of today's world.

Sincerely,

Bernhard L. Otterstein

President

Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce



Bernhard L. Otterstein
PCCC President

New PCCC Patron Member



Citi Handlowy is the oldest commercial bank in Poland and one of the longest continuously operating banks in Europe. Since 2001, it has been part of the global financial institution Citi, offering a comprehensive and modern range of corporate, investment, and retail banking services.

As a member of the Citi group, Citi Handlowy provides clients with access to financial services in nearly 100 countries, combining global reach with deep expertise in the Polish market. This unique combination enables the bank to execute and coordinate complex financial transactions both locally and internationally.

Clients benefit from cutting-edge technologies for financial management, including secure solutions for instant payments and high-volume transaction processing.

Citi Handlowy is a leader in investment banking, executing transactions in both capital and debt markets and offering access to foreign markets through the global Citi network. Its broad range of transaction structuring options spans diverse products and geographies.

The bank actively supports strategic national initiatives, including the energy transition and growing investments in the defense sector. A key part of its strategy is helping clients transform their business models towards sustainability, providing specialized solutions and advisory services.

The majority and strategic shareholder of Citi Handlowy is Citibank Europe Plc, headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, and part of the global Citi group that serves corporations, institutional investors, governments, and clients in over 160 countries and jurisdictions.



New PCCC Patron Member



The company is part of the ARPI Group, founded in Norway in 1999, and has been a proud member of the PCCC since 2009. Since January 2026 ARPI Accounting has become a Patron Member of the PCCC!

ARPI Accounting is a Warsaw-based outsourcing firm delivering comprehensive services in tax advisory, accounting, HR, and payroll for medium-sized and large enterprises.

The strong relationship between ARPI Accounting and the PCCC is built on many years of cooperation. Notably, Marek Czetwertyński, Board Member of ARPI Accounting, served on the PCCC Board from June 2012 to April 2022, actively contributing to the development of our Chamber.

This year marks a special milestone for ARPI Accounting — 20 years of presence on the Polish market. This anniversary has inspired ARPI to expand its engagement within the PCCC as a Patron Member and to open new opportunities for collaboration within the Polish-Canadian business community.

Guided by its long-standing motto, “Safeguarding your business in Poland,” ARPI Accounting has been supporting international companies entering and operating in the Polish market for two decades. Thanks to its international background, strong compliance standards, and exceptionally high liability insurance coverage, ARPI continues to set itself apart in the local market.

ARPI Accounting's patronage of PCCC events creates new opportunities to transform this anniversary momentum into meaningful and growth-oriented initiatives, supporting our member companies in building partnerships, acquiring new clients, and expanding their businesses.



New PCCC Members



Genetec is a leading global provider of technology solutions for business intelligence, unified physical security, public safety, and operations. The company develops open-platform software, hardware, and cloud-based services designed to help organizations protect people and assets, improve operational efficiency, and gain valuable insights from their security data.

The company's flagship product, Security Center, unifies IP-based video surveillance, access control, and automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) into a single, comprehensive platform.

Founded in 1997 and headquartered in Montreal, Canada, Genetec serves enterprise and government organizations in more than 159 countries through a global network of resellers, integrators, and consultants.

We are delighted to welcome Genetec to our community of members and look forward to fruitful collaboration that will strengthen innovation and technological advancement within the Polish-Canadian business ecosystem.



KW KRUK AND PARTNERS LAW FIRM LP is a Warsaw-based boutique firm specialising in high-stakes disputes, white-collar defence, asset recovery, and cross-border enforcement. The team also has strong expertise in international trade, customs law, sanctions compliance, and matters involving export controls and dual-use goods.

The firm regularly advises multinational companies and financial institutions on complex, multi-jurisdictional matters across Europe and beyond, and is recognised for delivering clear, strategic, and effective solutions.

We are delighted to have them join our community. Welcome on board!



New PCCC Members



Magellan Aerospace is a global aerospace company delivering advanced components, assemblies, and system solutions for leading aircraft and engine manufacturers as well as space agencies.

With expertise in aeroengines, aerostructures, specialty products, and worldwide repair and overhaul services, Magellan supports both civil and defence sectors.

As a long-term strategic partner to major aerospace leaders, the company is known for innovation, strong global integration, and a commitment to building lasting industry relationships.

We look forward to the collaboration and the opportunities this partnership will bring to the Polish-Canadian business community.



Export Development Canada (EDC) is Canada's Export Credit Agency, fully owned by the Government of Canada. Its mandate is to support Canadian exporters and investors in navigating, managing, and taking on risk, enabling them to grow and succeed in global markets.

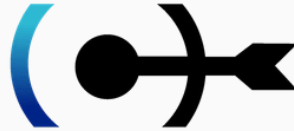
Through its unique trade expertise and financial solutions, EDC develops and strengthens trade between Canada and international partners while enhancing Canada's competitiveness worldwide. From financing and insurance to market intelligence and global connections, EDC provides the tools Canadian companies need to grow beyond borders.

By enabling international trade, EDC creates opportunities for Canadian businesses and contributes to building a stronger, more resilient economy. With offices across Canada and around the world, EDC remains close both to the Canadian companies it supports and to international buyers integrating Canadian exporters into global supply chains.

We are proud to have EDC within our Chamber community and look forward to fostering even stronger Poland-Canada business ties together.



New PCCC Members



**Crudus
Consulting**

Crudus Consulting is a Poland-based strategic advisory firm specializing in defence and security market entry, industrial cooperation, and high-level stakeholder engagement. The firm supports international defence and technology companies in successfully navigating the Polish market — one of Europe's fastest-growing and most strategically significant defence ecosystems.

Their expertise includes strategic business development, stakeholder mapping across the Ministry of National Defence and the Armed Forces, industrial partnership structuring, and alignment with EU funding frameworks, including SAFE requirements. Crudus Consulting helps clients position their capabilities in line with Poland's long-term modernization priorities for 2025–2039, enabling effective engagement with both government and industry partners.

Operating at the intersection of defence policy, military capability development, and industrial execution, Crudus Consulting translates strategic intent into practical and executable market success in Poland.



We are pleased to welcome an innovative company that is redefining how people learn, grow, and make decisions. AdaptalQ has developed a pioneering adaptive intelligence engine that builds a dynamic, continuously evolving understanding of how each individual learns across multiple cognitive dimensions. This allows learning experiences to be personalized in real time — adjusting pace, format, tone, and complexity to truly fit the individual.

Going far beyond education, AdaptalQ's technology has the potential to transform how organizations train employees, reskill workforces, develop leaders, and engage with clients in an increasingly fast-changing world. At a time when continuous learning is critical, their approach offers a powerful new layer of intelligence to support human development at scale.

Founded by Canadians Sebastian Skwarek and Michel Gaudreau, and built by an international team of experts across North America and Europe, AdaptalQ will soon launch its first product, Kidaro — launching in May 2026 — dedicated to supporting children's learning journeys.



Past Events

Back to Business Speed Mixer_September 17, 2025



Numerous PCCC members once again took the opportunity to join the IGCC Back to Business Speed Mixer. This recurring event is co-organized by the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce together with ten other IGCC chambers of commerce.

Guests were officially welcomed by:

- Bernhard Otterstein – President of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and
- Professor Grażyna Aniszewska Banaś – Director of the Canadian Executive MBA (CEMBA) program at SGH.

The SGH Warsaw School of Economics was the strategic partner of the event, and its Canadian Executive MBA (CEMBA) program is a distinguished member of PCCC.

The opening panel discussion, “From Campus to Boardroom: Future Competencies for Business Success,” led by Academic Software Polska, drew remarkable interest and attracted an exceptionally large audience.

Following the panel, three dynamic networking sessions took place, further energized by the strong turnout of this year’s CEMBA alumni, whose presence brought a special vitality to the evening. Conversations continued well into the late hours during the cocktail reception.



Past Events

PCCC participates in CEUTIA Canada-Europe CanChams of Europe Meeting, October 15-17, 2025



The President of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Bernhard L. Otterstein took part in the annual meeting of the Canada-EU Trade and Investment Association (CEUTIA), a key gathering of the CanChams of Europe network, held in Brussels.

The event brought together:

- 16 Canadian bilateral Chambers of Commerce and business associations from across Europe
- Canadian Trade Commissioners from 14 embassies and missions as well as from GAC HQ in Ottawa
- Provincial representatives from Québec, Alberta, British Columbia, and Manitoba
- Export Development Canada (EDC).

Convened by Brussels-based CEUTIA President Mark Camilleri, the meeting focused on strengthening collaboration, exchanging best practices, and identifying new ways to enhance the Canada-Europe business network. The program opened with a welcome reception, co-hosted by CanCham BeLux, where Nicholas Brousseau, Ambassador of Canada to Belgium and Chargé d’Affaires at the Canadian Mission to the EU, delivered opening remarks.

The next day featured a productive working session involving the CanChams, Global Affairs Canada, provincial representatives, and EDC, during which participants discussed strategies to deepen cooperation and support Canadian business initiatives across Europe.

The event concluded with the Canada-Europe Business Forum, which broadened the dialogue to include policymakers and industry stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic. Discussions focused on key policy areas such as:

- Industrial policy and innovation
- Defence trade and technology
- Trade diversification and investment opportunities

The Forum included keynote remarks by Rob Stewart, Canadian Deputy Minister of Trade, along with contributions from John Hannaford, the Prime Minister’s Personal Representative to the European Union (pictured above with Bernhard Otterstein), and Sara Wilshaw, Canada’s Chief Trade Commissioner. CEUTIA emphasized the growing potential for Canadian companies to expand and succeed in Europe, leveraging the extensive network of bilateral Canadian Chambers of Commerce operating throughout the region.



Past Events

PCCC celebrates Fieldfisher Poland Grand Opening: October 21, 2025



We were honored to have the Board of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce participate in a truly spectacular event last week: the grand opening celebration of our Patron, [Fieldfisher Poland](#)!

Nearly 300 guests gathered at LookUp Skyevents in Warsaw for a milestone evening that illuminated the strong commitment of Fieldfisher to Poland and the broader European market. The evening was a masterclass in elegance and emotion, including speeches from Fieldfisher Managing Partner, Robert Shooter, and Poland Co-managing Partners, Rafal Stroinski and Piotr Szelenbaum, celebrating the vision behind the new offices in Warsaw and Krakow.

The PCCC extends its warmest congratulations to the entire [Fieldfisher Poland](#) team of over 45 professionals. Your dedication to making cross-border business easier, faster, and more human perfectly aligns with the PCCC's mission to foster thriving partnerships between Poland and Canada.

PCCC represented at the 5th Economic Forum in Starachowice_November 5

In early November, Bernhard L. Otterstein, President of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce, represented our Chamber at the Economic Forum in Starachowice, where he actively engaged in a panel discussion on current bilateral business challenges and opportunities.



The Forum gathered representatives from chambers of commerce, special economic zones, regional development agencies, local government, banks (including the Vice President of BGK), and the private sector to examine Poland's transition toward green energy, technological development, and available financial support mechanisms. The programme offered a wide-ranging view of the policies and partnerships needed to accelerate the country's energy and innovation transformation.

The discussion was an inspiring exchange of ideas and experiences — a timely reminder that collaboration and diversity of perspectives are essential drivers of progress. The Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce remains committed to fostering international cooperation and supporting initiatives that promote sustainable economic growth.



Past Events

International Speed Business Mixer_November 6, 2025 another successful edition!



On 6 November, the PCCC, together with 13 other chambers of commerce within the IGCC, had the pleasure of organizing yet another edition of the International Speed Business Mixer.

Once again, the format of short, dynamic speed-networking sessions proved highly effective and well-received by participants. This year's event gathered over 200 professionals, creating an excellent platform for new business connections and cross-chamber cooperation.

We are proud to share that 20 of our member companies took part, actively engaging in conversations and broadening their international business networks.

PCCC strongly represented at the North American Networking Night in Rzeszów_November 7

Another successful edition of the North American Networking Night—held as part of the Rzeszów Networking Autumn—is now behind us.

We extend our sincere thanks to Konrad Fijołek, Mayor of Rzeszów City and his great team from Doing Business with Rzeszow for organizing this year's event, and to all invited guests and participating companies, including our members from Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce, American Chamber of Commerce in Poland and the Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH). We also appreciate the support of Move One, our member company.

We value the active engagement of other PCCC members, including Pratt & Whitney Rzeszów, Fracht Group Poland, ARPI Accounting, KKG Legal and Kanbud.

The evening enabled participants to establish numerous new business connections. We were pleased to see dynamic discussions not only about opportunities in Poland, but also in Canada and the United States.



Past Events

Networking Reception ahead of ReBuild Ukraine 2025_November 12



Representatives of the Canadian delegation to the 5th International ReBuild Ukraine Exhibition and Conference hosted a networking reception at BUFFO Restaurant in Warsaw, Poland.

The event gathered officials from the Government of Canada, Export Development Canada, the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, and numerous Canadian business delegates as well as PCCC representatives.

The reception served as a platform to prepare for meetings and discussions during the upcoming ReBuild Ukraine conference. Participants focused on identifying key areas of Canadian engagement related to both the current challenges posed by the war in Ukraine and future reconstruction efforts once the conflict ends.

Canada strengthens commitment to Ukraine at ReBuild Ukraine 2025_November 13-14

The PCCC was represented at the 5th International ReBuild Ukraine Exhibition and Conference in Warsaw by President Bernhard L. Otterstein and Vice President Areta Kempinska. The delegation joined the official opening of the Canada Pavilion, standing alongside Embassy of Canada to Poland, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and other members of the Canadian delegation.

The presence of government and private-sector representatives highlighted Canada's continued commitment to Ukraine's recovery and long-term resilience.



The conference was aimed at shaping concrete reconstruction projects — from strengthening energy security to supporting economic revival.

This event underscored the close collaboration between public and private partners and reinforced Canada's readiness to support Ukraine's reconstruction. The Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce remains dedicated to fostering partnerships and creating opportunities that will help build a prosperous future for Ukraine.



Past Events



Celebrating Thanksgiving with the AmCham community_November 26

Thank you, American Chamber of Commerce in Poland, for the wonderful invitation to join the AmCham Thanksgiving Business Mixer sponsored by Sheraton Grand Warsaw.

It was a pleasure to celebrate together with our friends from the American Chamber of Commerce community. The Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce was represented by our Board members — Vice President Areta Kempieńska and Andrzej Siess — who were delighted to take part in this warm and collaborative gathering.

Going Global at Kozminski University_November 27



Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce is pleased to take part in the first edition of the International Business Student Summit - Going Global, organized and hosted by Akademia Leona Koźmińskiego (Kozminski University), where PCCC President Bernhard Otterstein delivered his presentation to an international audience during the final day of the event. The Summit combined interactive activities with inspiring discussions dedicated to helping students and recent graduates explore the opportunities and pathways within Polish companies and organizations expanding into international markets.

Participants engaged in crucial topics — from the internationalization process and adapting to local markets abroad, to Poland's role in fostering innovation, shaping the country's image as a reliable global partner, attracting foreign investment, and building long-term competitive advantages.

It is truly motivating to see the strong engagement of young people in the growing success of Polish companies and institutions that together are shaping a dynamic ecosystem of globally-oriented business emerging from Poland.

We are proud to contribute to this important conversation, and look forward to continued collaboration in supporting Poland's global economic footprint.

Past Events

Celebrating the Season: PCCC Christmas Luncheon December 12

We had the great pleasure of hosting the PCCC Christmas Luncheon at the Embassy of Canada — a truly special occasion filled with warmth, goodwill, and the spirit of the season.

It was a time for heartfelt pre-Christmas conversations — not only about business — but also about what truly matters. We reflected on the past year, shared insights, and looked ahead with optimism as we begin planning for the year to come.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Her Excellency Catherine Godin, the Ambassador of Canada for her kind and inspiring Christmas address, and to all our members and friends who accepted our invitation and joined us for this wonderful gathering.

A very special thank-you goes to our Gold Sponsors: [Air France-KLM](#) and [Fieldfisher Poland](#), our Silver Sponsors: [Bausch Health Companies Inc.](#), [CGI](#), and [Wardyński & Partners](#) as well as our valued in-kind partners: [ARPI Accounting](#), [BIRETA Professional Translations](#), [CGI](#), [Perła Browary Lubelskie S.A.](#) and [PLAY](#) whose support made this event possible.

The luncheon was accompanied by a festive raffle featuring exciting prizes — including a double airline ticket to any destination worldwide — adding even more joy and holiday cheer to the afternoon.



Past Events

Christmas Business Mixer in Katowice – an Inspiring Evening! December 17



December 17, Katowice once again became a vibrant meeting point for the business community during the latest edition of the Christmas Business Mixer. The event was hosted by Katowice City – live, work & invest and co-organized with the International Group of Chambers of Commerce (IGCC) Poland, under the honorary patronage of the Mayor of Katowice.

Each year the Mixer continues to grow, and this edition was no exception—bringing together over 250 participants for an evening full of meaningful conversations, new connections, and a truly festive atmosphere.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our supporting partners: Katowicka Specjalna Strefa Ekonomiczna S.A., Konfederacja Lewiatan and Śląski Klub Biznesu, whose involvement contributed greatly to the success of the event.

Special appreciation also goes to our sponsors PKO Bank Polski, Katowice Gaming & Technology Hub, and LEBEK Law Firm, whose support helped create such a memorable holiday setting. The evening began with an address from the Mayor of Katowice and concluded with a Christmas raffle featuring exciting prizes, including those generously provided by the Katowicki Hub.

Welcoming 2026 Together: International Speed Business Mixer in Łódź

Representatives of PCCC welcomed 2026 in an exceptional atmosphere during the New Year's Reception – International Speed Business Mixer, held at the renowned Przystanek mBank S.A. in Łódź. The event gathered over 180 guests, including strong 15 representatives of IGCC member chambers, as well as partners and sponsors, creating a vibrant space for networking and cooperation. The reception took place under the honorary patronage of the President of the city of Łódź.

Our sincere appreciation goes to our Partners:

Invest in Lodz, Konfederacja Lewiatan, LODZistics Logistyczna Sieć Biznesowa Polski Centralnej, Łódzka Specjalna Strefa Ekonomiczna / Lodz Special Economic Zone, Łódzki Klaster ICT, Politechnika Łódzka, and the Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH). We are also thankful to our Sponsors for their valuable support: LEBEK Law Firm, Łukasiewicz – Warszawski Instytut Technologiczny, MCKB S.A., mBank S.A. Raben Group and TIGGES Law Firm.



Past Events

Diplomatic Opening of the Year_February 19



Bernhard Otterstein, President of the PCCC, had the honour of attending the Diplomatic Opening of the Year organized by the Krajowa Izba Gospodarcza (Polish National Chamber of Commerce) on 19 February 2026 in Warsaw — one of Poland's most prestigious platforms for dialogue between diplomacy, business and international economic cooperation.

The event brought together representatives from the diplomatic corps, public administration and the business community to discuss Poland's role in the global economy, explore strategic partnerships, and support the internationalisation of Polish enterprises.

We are proud to have been part of this key moment of exchange and engagement that strengthens connections between Polish and international economic actors.

A fantastic Business Mixer celebrating St. Patrick's Day! March 16

We were delighted to see such a strong representation of members from the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce at the St. Patrick's Day Business Mixer hosted by The Westin Warsaw. With over 300 guests in attendance, the event created an exceptional space for networking, inspiring conversations, and strengthening business relationships.

Organized in cooperation with the American, British and Irish chambers of commerce, the evening truly reflected the power of international collaboration.



Guests enjoyed a vibrant atmosphere filled with green light, excellent dishes and Irish beverages—adding a festive touch to every conversation. The night was further elevated by beautiful live music and an energetic Irish dance performance on stage, which recreated the true spirit of Ireland.

A highlight of the evening was the raffle, featuring prizes generously provided by sponsors—thank you for your support and contribution to making this event so memorable.



Past Events

Kick-off meeting of the PCCC Energy Circle_March 17



We are proud to share that we recently held the kick-off meeting of the PCCC Energy Circle.

The discussion clearly confirmed a shared ambition: to move from dialogue to concrete projects. We focused on building real business partnerships, strengthening the supply chain, and enabling early engagement of companies in energy transition projects in Poland and the region.

A strong emphasis was placed on collaboration within “Team Canada” and creating project-based configurations that combine Canadian technology, Polish execution, and international financing. This is just the beginning—but a very focused one.

Soirée Francophone celebrating the French language and the spirit of Francophonie_March 19

Did you know that French is one of Canada’s two official languages and a cornerstone of equal rights and cultural identity in the country?

It is a powerful example of how linguistic diversity can shape inclusive societies—something not everyone is aware of.

It was a pleasure for the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce to be part of inspiring Soirée Francophone 2026 in Warsaw, bringing together a vibrant and open-minded community. The evening was filled with engaging conversations, new connections, and a shared appreciation for culture, dialogue, and collaboration.



Events like this remind us how important language is—not only as a tool for communication, but also as a bridge between people, perspectives, and business communities.

Past Events

Memorable Winter Reception at the Embassy of Canada March 18



March 18 saw a truly memorable evening at the Winter Reception, which was jointly hosted at the Embassy of Canada in Warsaw and brought together a remarkable group of guests, creating a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere filled with meaningful conversations and a genuine spirit of collaboration. It was inspiring to see such strong engagement and openness to building new partnerships between Poland and Canada.

A highlight of the evening was the address by H.E. Ambassador Catherine Godin, who emphasized the importance of the Poland–Canada Strategic Partnership announced last year by Prime Ministers Mark Carney and Donald Tusk. Her remarks clearly underlined the growing strength and future potential of bilateral relations.

We were also honored by the presence and welcoming words of Parliamentary Secretary Yasir Naqvi, who expressed great enthusiasm and appreciation for Poland as a key partner. The event was officially opened by Bernhard L. Otterstein, President of the PCCC, who warmly welcomed all guests with a toast.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors for their strong support and presence:

Gold Sponsors – [AtkinsRéalis](#), represented by President & CEO Ian L. Edwards, and [CGI](#), PCCC Patron Member represented by CGI Senior Vice-President, Bartłomiej Niescierowicz

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Past Events

Canada–Poland Defence Industry Day_March 20



We are proud that the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce can actively contribute to strengthening relations and fostering closer cooperation between our business communities.

PCCC President Bernhard L. Otterstein, Vice Presidents Areta Kempieńska and George Havaris, as well as PCCC member companies from the defence sector participated in Friday's Canada–Poland Defence Industry Day, held at the Embassy of Canada in Warsaw. The event marked another important step in strengthening bilateral cooperation following the Strategic Partnership announced last year.

The discussions were concrete and forward-looking, focusing on areas where Polish and Canadian companies can join forces—particularly in supporting Poland's Armed Forces Development Plan for 2025–2039 and reinforcing NATO's deterrence capabilities.

Key topics also included industrial partnerships and innovation in the defence sector, highlighting the strong potential for collaboration between our countries.

The event set the stage for upcoming milestones, including CANSEC in Ottawa—where Poland will be the Featured Country—and MSPO in Kielce, where Canada will be the Leading Nation.

We also welcome the important announcement at the event by Export Development Canada regarding the provision of \$1 billion in financing to support Canadian defence companies operating in Poland.

The G7's search for unity in a fragmented world

*President Bernhard Otterstein
for TVP World_November 2025*



The G7 foreign ministers have gathered in Canada for a two-day summit focused on Ukraine, the Gaza ceasefire, and transatlantic cooperation. As these crucial discussions unfold, Canada's leadership and international partnerships play an important role in shaping global security and economic resilience.

We invite you to watch an insightful interview with Bernhard Otterstein, President of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce, who joined TVP WORLD to share his perspective on what this meeting means for Canada, Poland, and the global community.

[Watch the full conversation here.](#)

Executive summary

In his remarks, Bernhard Otterstein highlights the increasing difficulty of maintaining cohesion among leading economies in a rapidly fragmenting global landscape.

He points out that the international system is moving away from a predictable, rules-based order toward a more complex and multipolar environment, shaped by geopolitical tensions, economic competition, and regional instability. In this context, Otterstein emphasizes that forums such as the G7 remain essential—but their effectiveness depends on the ability of member states to align interests and act collectively despite growing internal divergences.

From the perspective of the Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, he underlines the importance of strengthening transatlantic cooperation, particularly between Europe and North America, as a foundation for economic resilience and security. He also stresses that strategic sectors—such as energy, defence, and advanced technologies—should be at the core of this collaboration.

Otterstein further notes the critical role of the business community in supporting these efforts. Cross-border partnerships and private sector engagement are key to translating geopolitical alignment into tangible economic outcomes.

He concludes that in today's fragmented world, unity among like-minded partners cannot be taken for granted—it must be actively built, nurtured, and supported through both institutional frameworks and business-driven cooperation, areas in which the Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce plays an active role.



Canada, U.S., and Poland: trade, tariffs, and middle powers

President Bernhard Otterstein for TVP WORLD January 2026



Bernhard Otterstein, President of Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, explains how Canada maintains strong ties with the U.S. while expanding its relationship with China and Poland. The interview highlights energy security, military cooperation, and the role of middle powers in global trade.

[Watch the video here.](#)

Executive summary

In this interview, Bernhard Otterstein presents a business-focused perspective on the evolving Poland-Canada relationship, emphasizing its growing strategic and economic importance in an increasingly uncertain global environment.

Otterstein underlines that bilateral relations between Poland and Canada have strengthened significantly in recent years, particularly following the implementation of the CETA, which has led to a substantial increase in trade and investment flows between the two countries.

A central theme of his remarks is the strategic role of Canada in supporting Poland's energy transition and security. He highlights Canada as a reliable, like-minded partner with strong capabilities in energy resources, technology, and know-how—making it particularly relevant in the context of Europe's need to diversify energy sources and strengthen resilience.

From the perspective of the Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Otterstein stresses the importance of deepening sectoral cooperation, especially in key areas such as energy, natural resources, and advanced technologies. These sectors are not only economically significant but also aligned with broader geopolitical priorities.

He also points to the increasing role of business and investment as drivers of bilateral relations. According to Otterstein, private sector engagement—facilitated by organizations such as the PCCC—is essential in translating political agreements into tangible economic outcomes and long-term partnerships. At the same time, he acknowledges that global disruptions, including geopolitical tensions and shifts in international trade dynamics, create both challenges and opportunities. In this context, strengthening partnerships between stable, trusted economies like Poland and Canada becomes even more important.

Otterstein concludes that the Poland-Canada relationship is entering a more mature and strategic phase—one that goes beyond traditional trade and increasingly focuses on resilience, security, and long-term cooperation in critical sectors, with the Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce actively supporting and enabling this process.



Upcoming Events

***International Speed Business Mixer
April 14, Gdańsk***



***SAFE: Security Action for Europe – Industrial Readiness
and Transatlantic Partnerships 12–13 May, Budapest***



Upcoming Events

International Speed Business Mixer May 19, Poznań



Krakowski Business Mixer June 10

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PROGRAM
Rejestracja 17:00
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Networking 18:00 – 21:00



Upcoming Events

*Canada Day PCCC Family Picnic
June 28*



*Canada Day Celebration
July 1*



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If you have any news or successes that you would like to share with the PCCC community, do not hesitate to let us know!

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