

BUSINESS PRECOP 2026
30 September – 1 October 2026
International Congress Centre, Katowice

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INAUGURATION SESSION

Europe after a wave of green enthusiasm. How to find the right balance between climate, the economy, and competitiveness?

The energy transition has entered the stage of economic and political verification. Simultaneously, Europe is facing a rising regulatory burden, stiff competition from the US and China, and the urgent need to safeguard its economic security. How can it reconcile its environmental goals with the protection of industry and investments? How has the approach of business to the Green New Deal changed? The opening session will be devoted to a new model of transition – a more pragmatic one, based on economic resilience, safety, and current possibilities of introducing changes.

Opening (15')

- **Waldemar Bojarun**, Member of the Board, Silesian Voivodeship
- **Wojciech Kuśpiak**, President of the Management Board, PTWP Group
- **Jarosław Makowski**, Deputy Mayor of Katowice
- **Igor Śmiałowski**, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, Upper Silesian-Zagłębie Metropolis
- **Kamil Wyszowski**, Executive Director and National Representative, UN Global Compact Network Poland

Speech (3')

- **Franciszek Niemczewski**, Member of the Management Board, Friends of the Youth Climate Strike Foundation

Speech (4')

- **[video] Niclas Svenningsen**, Manager for Climate Action, UNFCCC

1:1 Conversation (10')

- **Inge Jonckheere**, Head of the Green Solutions Division, Department of Climate Action, Sustainability and Science, ESA
- **Adam Sierak**, Journalist, WNP.pl

Hosted by:

- **Natalia Rasiewicz**, Journalist, WNP.pl

Debate (50')

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Maria Andrzejewska**, Director General, UNEP/GRID-Warsaw Vice-President, National Environmental Protection Foundation
- **Wanda Buk**, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland
- **Maciej Nowicki**, Minister of the Environment (2007–2010); President of COP14
- **Michał Orłowski**, Vice-President of the Management Board for Asset Management and Development, TAURON Polska Energia SA
- **Konrad Wojnarowski**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Energy, Poland
- **Katarzyna Wrona**, Director, Department of Air Protection and Climate Negotiations, Ministry of Climate and Environment
- **Kamil Wyszowski**, Representative and Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network Poland

Moderated by:

- **Aleksandra Ptak-Iglewska**, Journalist, Rzeczpospolita

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ETS, CBAM and competitiveness. Is Europe regulating too much?

In 2015, the signatories to the Paris Agreement undertook to implement ambitious emission reduction policies in Europe. It means developing the ETS and the CBAM, as well as enacting additional legislation supporting the decarbonisation of the economy. At the same time, similar market mechanisms are being developed by other of the world's leading economies, including China, which is consistently developing its own emissions trading system. European climate legislation is increasing the costs incurred by industry and limiting the competitiveness of the continent's economy. How are businesses preparing for the new requirements? Can Europe marry its climate goals with protecting its own economy and jobs? Is legislation the problem, or is it the pace of its adoption and the lack of a level playing field on the global market? A debate on the competitiveness of Europe's industry and the boundaries of legislation in a world of accelerating transition.

1:1 Conversation

- **Katarzyna Wrona**, Director, Department of Air Protection and Climate Negotiations, Ministry of Climate and Environment

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Kaja Jedlińska**, Management Board's Plenipotentiary for Regulatory Affairs, Tauron Polska Energia
- **Zbigniew Liptak**, Partner, EY; Head of Regulatory Advisory and Defence Teams, EY Poland
- **Piotr Mikusek**, Director of the Regulatory Office, Grupa Azoty SA
- **Ryszard Pawlik**, Head of the Brussels Office, Polish Energy Committee
- **Mariusz Wawer**, Director of Government Relations, 3M CEE; Member of the Management Board, AmCham Poland
- **Katarzyna Wrona**, Director, Department of Air Protection and Climate Negotiations, Ministry of Climate and Environment

Moderated by:

- **Justyna Piszczatowska**, Editor, GreenNews

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ESG adjusted. How to run a responsible business today?

ESG is undergoing a stage of redefinition. Companies are increasingly focusing not on mere declarations, but on the tangible management of environmental and social risks, as well as integrated reporting based on key indicators and hard data. How are the expectations of investors, regulators, and clients shifting? How can environmental initiatives be communicated responsibly while avoiding greenwashing? The discussion will also cover an update on the proceedings of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection and the Polish implementation of the legislation enacting the EmpCo directive. A debate on the new approach to ESG, transparency, and corporate responsibility.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Jan Domanik**, Director of Strategy, Chief Sustainability Officer, Polski Fundusz Rozwoju
- **Piotr Glen**, Secretary of the SGH Sustainable Development Committee, Director, Sustainable Development Centre, SGH Warsaw School of Economics
- **Agnieszka Maciejowska**, President of the Management Board, Plan Be Eco
- **Tomasz Michalak**, Partner, EY, ESG Reporting and Assurance Team, EY
- **Michał Okuń**, Director, Business Strategy and ESG Department, Alior Bank
- **Irena Pichola**, President of the Management Board, Responsible Business Forum; Chair of the Steering Committee, Chapter Zero Poland
- **Justyna Przybył**, Head of Responsible Business Development, Agora Group
- **Aleksandra Robaszkiewicz**, Director of Corporate Affairs, Lidl Poland
- **Zofia Roguska**, Project Manager, New Business Streams Development Department, ORLEN S.A.

Moderated by:

- **Mirella Panek-Owsiańska**, Director of International Affairs, PTWP

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Circular economy without the slogans. Can recycling in Poland actually pay off?

A circular economy is designed to reduce resource consumption, costs, and the economy's dependence on imports. In practice, however, the Polish market continues to face volatile demand for recyclates, limited processing capacities for certain types of waste, and competition from primary raw materials. What needs to change for recycling to become a stable and profitable component of the economy? How can we create demand for secondary raw materials and set the stage for new investments? Where can companies genuinely turn circularity into a profitable model? A debate on the economics of the circular economy, the recyclates market, and the conditions for developing modern recycling in Poland.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Łukasz Goździk**, Deputy Director, Department of Agricultural Markets and Energy, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Andrzej Grzymała**, Managing Director, RLG Polska
- **Anna Kozłowska**, President of the Management Board, Polski System Kaucyjny
- **Andrzej Kubik**, President of the Management Board, Polish Association of Tyre Recyclers
- **Joanna Kulczycka**, Professor, Faculty of Management, AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow; Member of the International Resource Panel; Member of the Climate Council of the UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Zuzanna Lulińska**, Head of the Circular Economy Division, Department of Sustainable Economy, Ministry of Development and Technology
- **Michał Mikotajczyk**, Commercial Proxy, Director of Sales and External Relations, Rekopol Packaging Recovery Organisation

Moderated by:

- **Donata Chruściel**, journalist, PortalSpozywczy.pl

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District heating: the great decarbonization

Polish district heating is entering a critical stage of key investment decisions. The direction of the transformation is set by growing regulatory requirements and the first draft of the Strategy for the Transformation of the District Heating System until 2040, but there is no single technology or single decarbonization model. How can we achieve the status of efficient district heating systems, reduce emissions, and at the same time maintain security of supply and acceptable costs for consumers? How can local resources be leveraged, district heating integrated with the power grid, and stable financing for investments ensured? A debate on the future of Polish district heating and practical pathways for its transformation.

REPORT (10')

Expert Introduction: Premiere of the Recommendations Charter for the Transformation of District Heating in Poland

- **Dariusz Kryczka**, Lead Expert, UN Global Compact Network Poland

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Magdalena Bezulska**, President of the Management Board, General Director, Veolia term
- **Jacek Chodkowski**, President of the Management Board, General Director, Dalkia
- **Adam Kampa**, President of the Management Board, Szczecińska Energetyka Ciepła
- **Marcin Laskowski**, Vice-President of the Management Board for Regulatory Affairs, PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna
- **Mateusz Pindel**, President of the Management Board, Voivodeship Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management in Katowice
- **Marcin Staniszewski**, President of the Management Board, TAURON Ciepło Sp. z o.o.
- **Konrad Wojnarowski**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Energy

Moderated by:

- **Dariusz Kryczka**, Lead Expert, UN Global Compact Network Poland

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Nature has its price. Is business ready to pay it?

According to IPBES reports, the loss of biodiversity and degradation of ecosystems have become one of the primary threats to economic growth. Poland, as a country involved in IPBES and committed to developing solutions that benefit the environment, participates in implementing recommendations that exert an increasing influence on public policies and investors' decisions. More than ever, concern for biodiversity impacts the decisions made by investors and legislators. Businesses will have to account for the impact of their activity on the environment and the risks related to resource depletion. How to price natural capital? Can environmental protection become an element of business strategy? A debate of the new meaning of nature to the financial market and the economy.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Maria Andrzejewska**, Vice-President, National Environmental Protection Foundation; Director General, UNEP/GRID-Warsaw
- **Tamara Bińczak**, Conservation Finance Officer, Eurosite, Biodiversity Expert, UN GCNP
- **Katarzyna Frankowiak**, Head of the Biodiversity Coordination Team, Environment Area, ORLEN SA
- **Bartosz Kwiatkowski**, Director, Frank Bold Foundation
- **Aleksandra Robaszkiewicz**, Director of Corporate Affairs, Lidl Polska
- **Prof. Piotr Skubała**, Expert, University of Silesia; Member of the Climate Council, UN Global Compact Network Poland; Member of the State Council for Nature Conservation, Ministry of Climate and Environment
- **Barbara Skuła-Dąbek**, Director, Strategic Partnerships Department, WWF Poland

Moderated by:

- **Kalina Olejniczak**, Journalist, PortalSamorządowy.pl

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Sustainable investments after the boom. Who is financing the transition today?

Since COP26 in Glasgow, sustainable finance has been one of the key tools in pursuing the UN Sustainable Development Goals. At the same time, the world is not on track to reach the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 – the financial gap is estimated at around 4 trillion dollars each year, while curtailing global developmental aid has added pressure on private and institutional funding. Who is financing the green transition today? What is the role of development banks and international financing institutions? How has the global balance of power changed, given that China accounts for 40% of investments in the energy transition? Will Europe remain the leader of legislation and investment? A debate on the future of sustainable finance, transitional capital, and new investment priorities in the economy.

Report (10')

Green Finance in Poland 2026

- **Katarzyna Szwarz**, Lead Expert, UN Global Compact Network Poland

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Patryk Darowski**, Managing Director, Industry Risk and ESG Division, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego
- **Marta Goś**, Coordinator for Programmes and Business Environment, Polish Bank Association
- **Marta Mossakowska**, Expert, Strategy Department, Polski Fundusz Rozwoju
- **Jarosław Rot**, Senior Advisor, UN Global Compact Network Poland; Senior Advisor, World Bank Group
- **Bożena Ryszawska**, Lecturer, Department of Corporate and Public Finance, Wrocław University of Economics and Business; Member of the Climate Council, UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Tomasz Tomasiak**, Managing Director, Investment Office, ARP Towarzystwo Funduszy Inwestycyjnych
- **Marcin Tomaszewski**, Lead Economist for Central Europe and the Baltics, Policy, Strategy and Delivery Department, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Moderated by:

- **Katarzyna Szwarz**, Lead Expert, UN Global Compact Network Poland

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New rules of the game in the packaging market. Deposit return system, EPR, PPWR

The packaging market is entering a period of profound regulatory changes. The deposit return system, new rules for extended producer responsibility, and the PPWR regulation taking effect in August 2026 are reshaping how packaging is designed, collected, and recycled. How is the deposit return system performing after its initial implementation? Who should finance the entire system, and on what terms? How will the new regulations impact producers, retail, operators, and recyclers? A debate on the costs, responsibility, and the future of the packaging market under the new legal framework.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Andrzej Gantner**, Vice-President of the Management Board, General Director, Polish Federation of Food Industry Employers' Union
- **Agata Juzyk**, President of the Management Board, Reselekt
- **Piotr Kryszewski**, Managing Director for Green Gdańsk, City of Gdańsk Municipal Office
- **Gabriela Lenartowicz**, Member of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
- **Paweł Lesiak**, Vice-President of the Management Board, Interzero Polska
- **Michał Mikołajczyk**, Commercial Proxy, Director of Sales and External Relations, Rekopol Packaging Recovery Organisation
- **Tomasz Suligowski**, President, OK Operator Kaucyjny

Moderated by:

- **Paulina Piwowarek**, Editor-in-Chief, Portalspozywczy.pl

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Circular fashion. How will new regulations change the textile industry?

The apparel industry is entering a period of the most significant regulatory changes in years. New regulations concerning producer responsibility, textile waste, and ecodesign will impact the entire value chain—from manufacturers and importers to retail and recycling. How can companies prepare for the upcoming changes? Which business models will gain traction? A debate on the future of the textile sector in a circular economy.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Ewa Janczukowicz-Cichosz**, President of the Management Board, Textile Voice; Sustainability Expert, LPP
- **Dominika Lenkowska-Piechocka**, President of the Management Board, Founder, Who Will Save The Planet

- **Zuzanna Lulińska**, Head of the Circular Economy Division, Department of Sustainable Economy, Ministry of Development and Technology
- **Agnieszka Oleksyn-Wajda**, Director, Institute of Sustainable Development and Environment, Lazarski University; Expert, UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Agnieszka Wąsowska-Telęga**, Member of the Management Board, Fashion Revolution Poland
- **Martyna Zastawna**, Founder, Wosh wosh startup

Moderated by:

- **Aleksandra Nagel**, Editor-in-Chief, Well.pl

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Energy for cities of the future. How are local governments building their energy resilience?

Rising energy prices, climate pressure, and the need to enhance infrastructure security are changing the way local governments approach local energy. Increasingly, cities are investing in energy efficiency, local energy sources, building retrofits, and smart infrastructure management. The adoption of new European legislation has become especially important. Nuclear power – including SMRs, which are moving from the pilot phase to commercial deployment – is increasingly central to debates on energy security. Can they complement local energy systems and become a source of stable, low-emission energy for industry and district heating networks? What will district heating look like a few years from now? What solutions best address the needs of residents and local governments? A debate on the role energy plays in the resilience and development of modern cities.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Andrzej Hołda**, President of the Management Board, Katowickie Inwestycje SA
- **Dominik Skrobacz**, President of the Management Board, OVOO Energy
- **Agnieszka Wasilewska-Semail**, Chief Growth Officer (CGO), PreZero Polska
- **Konrad Wojnarowski**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Energy, Poland
- **Dorota Zawadzka-Stępnia**, President of the Management Board, National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management

Moderated by:

- **Kalina Olejniczak**, Journalist, PortalSamorządowy.pl

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Transport of the future. How is human and economic mobility changing?

Transport remains one of the key areas of economic, infrastructural, and environmental transformation. Growing climate requirements, the development of rail, airport modernization, electromobility, and alternative fuels are altering how people and goods move. What role will regional and long-distance rail, air transport, and modern logistics play in a sustainable transport system? How can different modes of transport be integrated, and infrastructure developed that meets the needs of residents, business, and the economy simultaneously? Which technologies and investment models will shape future mobility? A debate on the development directions of transport, its decarbonization, accessibility, and competitiveness in Poland and Europe.

1:1 Conversation (10')

- **Agnieszka Czajka**, Vice President Motors Professionals Europe, OLX Group/OTOMOTO

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Agnieszka Czajka**, Vice President Motors Professionals Europe, OLX Group/OTOMOTO
- **Monika Krajewska**, Director of Strategy and Development Office, Polskie Porzy Lotnicze
- **Jakub Lubiński**, Director, Hydrogen Technologies Office, ORLEN SA
- **Maciej Mazur**, Managing Director, Polish New Mobility Association (PSNM); President, E-Mobility Europe
- **Igor Śmiateński**, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, Upper Silesian-Zagłębie Metropolis

Moderated by:

- **Adrian Ołdak**, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, WNP.pl

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Crisis-resilient cities and regions. Who is responsible for the transition?

Today, cities, local governments and regions are, more often than ever, the arena for environmental and economic transition. Heatwaves, droughts, and extreme weather events are increasingly frequent, highlighting the fact that adaptation to climate change is not only an environmental challenge but a matter of public health, public safety, and local economic competitiveness. Managing transport, water resources, waste, air quality, and spatial planning have become an everyday struggle for local

authorities. At the same time, local governments are grappling with increasing costs of infrastructure maintenance as well as financial and social limitations. How to finance the green transition of cities? How to build resilience to climate and economic crises? What solutions and investments do actually increase the residents' quality of life? A debate on the role of local governments, businesses, and local communities in creating modern, resilient, and sustainable cities and regions.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Marian Błachut**, Mayor of Czechowice-Dziedzice
- **Ryszard Gajewski**, President of the Management Board, Gdańskie Wody Sp. z o.o.
- **Gabriela Lenartowicz**, Member of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
- **Michał Marcinkowski**, Acting Head of the Climate Change Adaptation Department, Institute of Environmental Protection – National Research Institute
- **Beata Urych**, Head of the Climate and Energy Division, Katowice City Hall
- **Michał Zastrzeżyński**, First Deputy Mayor of Sosnowiec

Moderated by:

- **Tomasz Klyta**, Journalist, PortalSamorzadowy.pl

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Energy transition of the economy. How are businesses preparing for a new reality?

Energy has become one of the key factors in industry and business competitiveness. The energy transition is one of the most critical mega trends influencing business. Businesses are increasing their investments in energy efficiency, on-site generation and resilient infrastructure. The increasing costs of energy require businesses and local government to modernize their energy and district heating systems. How is the approach of businesses to energy security changing? What technologies and energy management models will prove crucial for the economy in the foreseeable future? A debate on the energy sector as an element of business transition and modern economy.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Mateusz Lewandowski**, Executive Director for Investments, TAURON Polska Energia SA
- **Jacek Parys**, Electointensive EUs & Channels Sales Director, Schneider Electric
- **Marcin Popkiewicz**, megatrend analyst, journalist, Nauka o klimacie; Member of the Climate Council, UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Aleksandra Redzisz**, Director, Department of Strategic Analysis, Ministry of Energy
- **Karolina Roszyk**, Member of the Management Board, Chief Financial Officer, Veolia Group in Poland
- **Karolina Sikorska**, Marketing Director, Unimot SA
- **Sebastian Urbanek**, Sales Director for the Energy Sector, 3M Central Europe
- **Kamil Wyszowski**, Executive Director and National Representative, UN Global Compact Network Poland [Ania Sz.]

Moderated by:

- **Marcin Piasecki**, Managing Editor, Rzeczpospolita

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Sustainable construction and technologies of the future. How is the real estate market changing?

The real estate and construction sector now faces the necessity of a profound technological and environmental transformation. Rising energy costs, new regulations, and the expectations of investors and users are transforming the way buildings are designed and managed. Increasing importance is being placed not only on energy efficiency but also on a building's environmental footprint across its entire life cycle – from material production, construction, and operation, to material reuse in line with circular design principles. How is the market for smart, energy-efficient, and low-emission real estate evolving? What technologies and materials will shape construction in the coming years? A debate on innovation, the real estate market, and technologies of the future.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Dorota Bartosz**, Director of Sustainable Construction, Polish Green Building Council (PLGBC)
- **Miroslaw Czarnik**, Vice-President of the Management Board, GPP S.A.
- **Agnieszka Kalinowska-Sołtys**, COO, Member of the Management Board, Sustainable & ESG Expert, UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Agnieszka Kamińska**, Marketing and Communications Director, CRH Materials Polska Sp. z o.o.
- **Bartłomiej Kisielewski**, Architect, Partner, Horizonte Studio
- **Aleksandra Stępnia**, Public Affairs Manager, VELUX Polska; Chair of the Management Board, Fala Renowacji Association

Moderated by:

- **Michał Wroński**, Journalist, WNP.pl

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Climate adaptation. What is the price of not being prepared?

Floods, droughts, and extreme weather events generate ever-increasing costs for the economy, infrastructure, and local governments. This year, the effects of global extreme weather events driven partly by super El Niño have once again demonstrated how deeply weather disruption affects food security, water access, urban functioning, and supply chain stability. Is Poland ready for a new climate reality? What sectors of the economy are most vulnerable to climate change? How to finance adaptation efforts and the development of resilient infrastructure? A debate about the economy of adaptation, business risk, and the price of inactivity.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Michał Lejk**, Special Representative for the New Center of Warsaw, Deputy Director of Traffic Management, City of Warsaw
- **Michał Okuń**, Director, Business Strategy and ESG Department, Alior Bank
- **Michał Purol**, Chief Sustainability Officer, UNEP/GRID-Warsaw
- **Agnieszka Rzeńca**, Assistant Professor, Department of Regional and Environmental Economy, Institute of Spatial Management, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, University of Łódź
- **Ewelina Siwiec**, Climate Change Adaptation Expert, Institute of Environmental Protection – National Research Institute
- **Mariusz Staboń**, Vice-President of the Management Board, Katowickie Inwestycje

Moderated by:

- **Aneta Kaczmarek**, Editor-in-Chief, PortalSamorzadowy.pl

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House, building, city. How does architecture respond to climate crises?

Buildings and urban spaces are feeling the increasing impact of climate change, alongside the rising costs of energy, materials, and infrastructure maintenance. Architecture and urban planning are no longer just about aesthetics—they have become critical components of environmental resilience and residents' quality of life. How can we design buildings that are more energy-efficient, heat-resilient, and user-friendly? What role will low-emission materials, water retention, greenery, and circular design play in this transition? Furthermore, the environmental footprint of buildings across their entire life cycle – from material extraction, construction, and operation, to demolition and material recycling – is becoming increasingly important. Should buildings with a low, and ultimately near-zero, environmental footprint become the new real estate market standard? Can the ESCO model accelerate the energy retrofit of schools and universities by reducing investment barriers for local governments and public institutions? And how can we effectively align climate goals with improved user comfort and the economic viability of investments? A debate on the future of architecture, urban planning, and responsible city design.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Dorota Bartosz**, Director of Sustainable Construction, Polish Green Building Council (PLGBC)
- **Magdalena Błądek**, Business Development Director, ESG Officer, Apsys Polska
- **Tomasz Bradecki**, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Department of Urban Planning and Spatial Planning, Silesian University of Technology
- **Tomasz Konior**, Architect, Urban Planner, Founder, Konior Studio
- **Jan Ruszkowski**, Managing Director, Fala Renowacji Association

Moderated by:

- **Grażyna Kuryłto**, Editor, Propertynews.pl

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Water as a strategic economic resource.

Water is becoming a critical resource for economic resilience, business stability, and food security. Drought, rising consumption, and pressure on water systems are elevating risks for industry, energy, cities, and infrastructure. How can companies reduce their water footprint and protect resources across entire river basins? Is a cross-sector water protection program needed? What investments in retention, infrastructure, and closed-loop systems will be necessary? A debate on water security, corporate responsibility, and the costs of inaction. The session will be preceded by the launch of the publication "Business and Nature: A Guide to Impacts on Water and Biodiversity," prepared by UN Global Compact Network Poland.

Presentation – Report Launch (10')
Business and Nature – A Guide to Business Impacts on Water and Biodiversity

- **Tamara Bińczak**, Eurosite, Biodiversity Expert, UN GCNP

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Jan Grygier**, Director, Regional Water Management Authority in Gliwice, Polish Waters National Water Holding
- **Andrzej Mikulski**, Head, Department of Hydrobiology, Institute of Ecology, Faculty of Biology, University of Warsaw; Member of the Climate Council of the UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Tadeusz Rzepecki**, Chair of the Council, Polish Waterworks Chamber of Commerce

- **Izabella Siurdyna**, Sustainability Manager, L'Oréal Poland and Baltic States
- **Kamil Wyszkowski**, Executive Director and National Representative, UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Małgorzata Woźnicka**, Deputy Head, Groundwater Exploration and Protection Department, Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute

Moderated by:

- **Tamara Bińczak**, Eurosite, Biodiversity Expert, UN GCNP

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Food, agriculture, resource security, and biodiversity protection. How is the green transition reshaping the food sector?

Agriculture and the food sector are increasingly feeling the impact of climate change, regulatory pressure, and consumer expectations. One of the critical challenges is the progressive loss of biodiversity – including the decline in pollinator populations – which directly affects agricultural productivity and the stability of food supply chains. Drought, food security, emissions reduction, and new environmental requirements are transforming production methods and the way supply chains operate. How can we reconcile food security with climate ambitions? Which technologies and production models will develop the fastest? A debate on the future of agriculture, food, and the transformation of the agro-food sector.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Marcin Hydzik**, President of the Management Board, Polish Dairy Processors Association
- **Katarzyna Kucisz-Rostoń**, Sustainability Lead, McDonald's Polska
- **Marcin Lechowski**, President of the Management Board, Pfeifer Langen
- **Jerzy Plewa**, Team Europe Expert; Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission (2013–2020)
- **Krzysztof Stańkowski**, Agro Purchasing Manager, PepsiCo
- **Agata Szczybyło**, Senior Food Systems Specialist, WWF Poland

Moderated by:

- **Adam Tubilewicz**, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, PortalSpozywczy.pl

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Clean air in cities. What's next for smog?

Smog remains one of the most serious environmental challenges facing Polish cities. Replacing obsolete boilers, modernizing heat sources, anti-smog resolutions, and clean transport zones are intended to curb low-stack emissions, yet the pace and effectiveness of these changes continue to spark debate. Which measures genuinely improve air quality? How can environmental targets be balanced with the costs borne by residents and local governments? What role should transport, district heating, and new technologies play? A debate on effective tools for combating smog and improving the quality of life in Polish cities.

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Patryk Białas**, Director, Innovation and Competence Centre, Euro-Centrum Science and Technology Park in Katowice
- **Andrzej Guła**, President of the Management Board, Polish Smog Alert
- **Fabian Lesner**, Sales Director, Airly
- **Krystyna Pawlas**, Professor, Department of Environmental Health and Occupational Medicine, Wrocław Medical University
- **Paweł Ścigalski**, Plenipotentiary of the Mayor of Krakow for Climate and Air Quality, Krakow Municipal Office
- **Igor Śmietanski**, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, Upper Silesian-Zagłębie Metropolis
- **Barbara Toczko**, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Monitoring, Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection

Moderated by:

- **Piotr Wiewióra**, Journalist, PortalSamorzadowy.pl

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Climate education and new skills for the transition economy.

The environmental transition requires new competences, occupations, and models of cooperation between business, education, and academia. How can we prepare the labour market for economic and technological shifts? Which skills will be crucial for the future of businesses and local governments? A debate on climate education, developing a new workforce for the transition, and cooperation between science and business.

10-min. Introduction:

Update Following the Opening and Closing Reports: Roundtable on Climate Education

- **Ewa Całus**, Co-Chair of the Climate Council, UN GCNP

The discussion, which were invited to participate (in alphabetical order):

- **Anna Grygierek**, Mayor of Strumień
- **Damian Jabłeka**, Director, Planetarium – Silesian Science Park
- **Agnieszka Oleksyn-Wajda**, Director, Institute of Sustainable Development and Environment, Lazarski University; Expert, UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Marek Pawełczyk**, rector, Silesian University of Technology
- **Paulina Piechna-Więckiewicz***, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of National Education; Plenipotentiary of the Minister of National Education for Students' Mental Health
- **Marcin Popkiewicz**, megatrend analyst, journalist, Nauka o klimacie; Member of the Climate Council, UN Global Compact Network Poland
- **Robert Tomanek**, Professor, University of Economics in Katowice; ESG and Logistics Decarbonisation Expert, Ecogreen

Moderated by:

- **Ewa Całus**, Chair of the Climate Council, UNGC Poland