



10TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Mikołajki, March 3-4 2025

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Global Challenges – Local Solutions

The 10th European Congress of Local Governments to Attract Over 2,500 Guests

The 10th European Congress of Local Governments (ECLG), taking place on March 3-4 in Mikołajki, is set to welcome a record-breaking 2,500 participants from Poland and abroad. The event will gather representatives from local and central governments, business, culture, academia, NGOs, and the media. The ECLG is the largest platform for dialogue, collaboration, and exchange of best practices for local government officials and participants in local life across Poland and Europe.

The dynamic registration process for this year's anniversary 10th European Congress of Local Governments indicates that the number of attendees will exceed 2,500, with an especially large representation of local government officials. Last year, the Congress attracted 2,100 guests, nearly 700 of whom were local government representatives, including 37 city mayors, 135 town mayors, 65 district governors, and 131 commune heads. The main partner of the ECLG is the Warmian-Masurian Voivodeship.

International Scope of the Congress

The ECLG is an internationally recognized conference. Nowhere else can you meet local government representatives from nearly all of Europe – in 2024, delegates from 34 countries attended. Among the distinguished international guests were Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions; Gudrun Mosler-Törnström, Chair of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe; Emil Boc, Prime Minister of Romania and Mayor of Cluj-Napoca; Georg Milbradt, Prime Minister of Saxony; Katerina Cadilova, President of the Czech Association of Regional Brands; and Željko Turk, President of the Croatian Union of Cities. The opportunity to learn about innovative solutions for Polish local governments is a key advantage of the Congress.

Author Meetings – A Highlight of the Program

A signature element of the Congress is the author meetings, of which approximately 30 are planned this year. Esteemed speakers include Prof. Jerzy Bralczyk, Prof. Jacek Raciborski, Prof. Przemysław Sadura, Prof. Sławomir Kalinowski, Prof. Michał Brzeziński, Prof. Krzysztof Kubiak, Prof. Justyna Wasil, Dr. Jacek Sokołowski, Dr. Grzegorz Lewicki, Dr. Jerzy Ramert, Mateusz Grzeszczuk, Zbigniew Parafianowicz, and Yakow Schechter.



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The author meetings bring participants closer to key publications from recent years, focusing on local governance but also covering academic, popular science, social, and opinion-shaping topics. Additionally, free copies of selected books will be available at each meeting, with an opportunity to obtain a personalized dedication from the author.

"Polish Local Governments are Strong..."

"Polish local governments are very strong," said Zygmunt Berdychowski, Chairman of the Program Council of the European Congress of Local Governments, summarizing its 9th edition. "Over the past 25 years, they have demonstrated their ability to build what is most valuable – social capital. Today, local governments are the cornerstone of Poland's strength in Europe. Thanks to the dedication of local government officials, we are a dynamically developing economy, resilient to external crises. Local governments are the anchor of stability and efficiency in our economy, driving social capital development in Poland," Berdychowski concluded.

Special Offer for Local Government Representatives – Heading for a Record-Breaking Attendance

Registration figures, just 50 days before the Congress begins, suggest that this year's event will feature a record-breaking representation of local government officials. This year, special discounts are available for local government representatives: the first attendee pays PLN 850, and subsequent participants from the same office pay just PLN 450. This means a 47% discount off the standard rate for every additional participant from city, municipal, district, or voivodeship offices.

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