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BUSINESS AND DEMOCRACY

Open Eyes Economy Summit
17–18 November 2026, Krakow

PROGRAMME

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TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2026

OPENING SESSION

S1	10.00 – 10.15	**Official Opening of the 11th Open Eyes Economy Summit** Mayor of Kraków
	10.15 – 10.30	Voice: **The Polish State in Light of Supreme Audit Office Reports** **Mariusz Hałady**j – President of the Supreme Audit Office (NIK)
	10.30 – 10.45	Voice: **Poland's Financial Security** **Sławomir Dudek** – Chair of the Fiscal Council; Member of the OEES Programme Council
	11.00 – 11.15	Voice: **Wojciech Balczun** – Minister of State Assets
	11.15 – 11.30	Voice: **Jan-Werner Müller** – Princeton University
	11.30 – 11.45	Voice: **Good Governance, Responsible Business, Strong Democracy** **Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram** – Commissioner for Human Rights
	12.00 – 12.05	**Introduction to the Evening Screening of the Film *Until the Last Breath*** **Ewa Ewart** – director and documentary filmmaker & **Dryden Goodwin** – artist and graphic designer; featured in the film *Until the Last Breath*
	12.00 – 12.30	Break

SPECIAL SESSIONS

S1	12.30 – 13.10	OEES:Talks: **How Do Societies Remember, Why, and for What Purpose?** **Piotr Sztompka** – Honorary Professor at the Jagiellonian University & **Andrzej Rychard** – Polish Academy of Sciences
	13.10 – 13.40	OEES:Talks: **Junk Food ≠ Fast Food?** **Robert Makłowicz** – food journalist & **Michał Obiegała** – President of the Management Board, bp in Poland Hosted by: **Piotr Jędrzejek** – Polish Television (TVP)
	13.40 – 14.20	Special session: **What Will the Polish Economy Run Short Of? How Can We Build Competitiveness in a World of Dwindling Resources?** Moderator: **Marek Tejchman** – journalist Polsat News **Michał Bolesławski** – President of the Management Board, ING Bank Śląski S.A. **Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak** – Vice-Rector for Research, SGH Warsaw School of Economics; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Ireneusz Fąfara** – President of the Management Board, Director Generalny, ORLEN S.A. **Piotr Jedynak** – Rector of the Jagiellonian University; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Grzegorz Wrona** – Undersecretary of State, Ministry of State Assets
	14.20 – 15.00	Break

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Poland's Economic Credibility – Launch of the Fifth Edition's Findings

15.00 – 15.05	**Introduction** **Bartłomiej Biga** – Krakow University of Economics; Vice-Chair of the OEES Programme Council
15.05 – 15.45	**An Appetite for Credibility: What Does Polish Business Expect from the State?** Moderator: **Agata Stremecka** – President of the Management Board, Four Reasons **Brunon Bartkiewicz** – banking sector expert **Marek Górski** – President of the Lewiatan Confederation **Zbigniew Jakubas** – President of the Management Board, Multico **Paweł Wojciechowski** – Council Member, Institute of Public Finance; Chief Economist, BCC
15.45 – 16.00	**Can We Afford a Lack of Environmental Credibility?** **Sonia Buchholtz** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics **Zofia Wetmańska** – Co-founder and Vice-President, Reform Institute
16.00 – 16.15	**No More "It Can't Be Done" – AI in Poland's Public Sector** **Piotr Arak** – University of Warsaw **Jakub Głowacki** – Krakow University of Economics
16.15 – 16.30	**What Could Threaten Banks in Poland?** **Włodzimierz Kiciński** – Vice-President of the Management Board, Polish Bank Association **Andrzej Rzońca** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics; Vice-Chair of the OEES Programme Council
16.30 – 17.00	Break
17.00 – 18.00	Special session: **Patronage and Co-Financing of Culture** Moderator: **Piotr Witwicki** – journalist, Polsat News* Opening remarks: **Robert Piaskowski** – Director, National Centre for Culture Poland; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Henryka Bochniarz** – Founding President of the Lewiatan Confederation; Member of the Programme Council **Marta Cienkowska** – Minister of Culture and National Heritage **Artur Dela** – founder of the Eneris Group, creator of the dela.art collection and foundation; recipient of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage 2026 "Patron of Culture" Award **Małgorzata Kidawa-Błońska** – Marshal of the Senate of Poland Session under the patronage of National Centre for Culture Poland

Open Eyes Art Festival

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18.00 – 19.00	**Film screening: *Until the Last Breath*,** dir. Ewa Ewart, co-production OEES
19.00 – 19.30	OEES:Talks: **Discussing the Film *Until the Last Breath*** **Ewa Ewart** – director and documentary filmmaker & **Dryden Goodwin** – artist and graphic designer; featured in the film *Until the Last Breath*

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FIRM – IDEA: ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE – BUSINESS AND DEMOCRACY

Track under the patronage of PKO Bank Polski

Track under the patronage of PZU

12.30 – 12.35	**INTRODUCTION: Can We Speak of True Democracy When More and More People Lack the Economic Freedom to Choose?** **Bartłomiej Biga** – Krakow University of Economics; Vice-Chair of the Programme Council
12.35 – 12.50	Voice: **TBA**
12.50 – 14.00	Inspiration session: **Freedom Begins with Independence** Moderator: Dominika Sikora – journalist, Rzeczpospolita **Irena Herbst** – President of the Management Board, Centre for Public-Private Partnership Foundation **Magdalena Dul-Komosińska** – President of the Management Board, Habitat for Humanity Foundation **Maciej Kuziemski** – President of the Management Board, PKO Bank Polski Foundation **Jan Zwierzchowicki** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics **Representative of PKO BP**
14.00 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 15.30	OEES: IN THE HOT SEAT: **TBC** **Marcin Iwuć** – economist, creator of the channel Finanse Bardzo Osobiste* Hosted by: **Karolina Adamska-Woźniak** – Responsible Business Forum
15.30 – 16.40	In-depth session: **What Kind of Business Does Democracy Need?** **Iga Magda** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics **Joanna Tyrowicz** – Member Monetary Policy Council; GRAPE **Artur Nowak-Gocławski** – President of the Management Board, ANG Odpowiedzialne Finanse; President of the Management Board, Nienieodpowiedzialni Foundation **Representative of Allegro** **Representative of PZU**
16.40 – 17.00	Break

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CITY-IDEA: THE POWER OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

12.30 – 12.35	**INTRODUCTION: Can a Strong Community Be the Best Insurance Against a Crisis?** **Agata Machnik-Pado** – track programme coordinator; President of the Management Board, GAP Foundation; Member of the OEES Programme Council
12.35 – 12.45	Voice: **On Dignity, Community and Partnership** **Barbara Sadowska** – Chair of the Management Board, BARKA Mutual Help Foundation
12.45 – 12.55	Voice: **Social Economy: A Future-Proof Economy** **Sarah de Heusch** – Director, Social Economy Europe
12.55 – 14.00	Inspiration session: **The Economics of Cooperation: How Local Partnerships Create Real Economic Value** Moderator: **Ewa Chromniak** – President of the Management Board, Social Initiatives Bureau Foundation **Mariusz Andrukiewicz** – Foundation for the Development of Social Entrepreneurship „Być Razem" **Władysław Grochowski** – Owner and President of the Management Board, Arche S.A. **Anna Zemanek** – Tytano Foundation
14.00 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 15.30	OEES: IN THE HOT SEAT: **First Line of Defence or Abandoned Heroes? Communities in Times of Crisis** **Marta Majewska** – Mayor of Hrubieszów* & **Zuzanna Komornicka** – Śnieżnik Massif Community Foundation; Federation of Community Foundations in Poland
15.30 – 16.30	In-depth session: **Local Cooperation as a Practical Development Tool: Decisions, Barriers and Recommendations** Moderator: **Agnieszka Pacut** – Council Member, GAP Foundation; Krakow University of Economics **Michał Braun** – Director, National Freedom Institute – Centre for Civil Society Development **Julia Koczanowicz-Chondzyńska** – President of the Management Board, Foundation for Social and Economic Initiatives (FISE) **Paweł Pawłowski** – Lepsze Niepołomice Foundation **Andrzej Radniecki** – Director of the Social Economy Department, Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy **Katarzyna Scheer** – President of the Management Board, Biedronka Foundation
16.30 – 17.00	Break
17.00 – 18.00	Special session: **Kraków 2030–2050: From a Service City to a Diversified Economy** Moderator: **TBC** **Adam Biernat** – Director, Kraków Municipal Labour Office **Jacek Liguziński** – Director of the Department of for Przedsiębiorczości i Innowacji, Kraków City Hall **Łukasz Strutyński** – President of the Management Board, John Paul II International Airport Kraków–Balice Ltd. Event under the patronage of City of Kraków

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BRAND–CULTURE: WOMEN'S STRENGTH – THE POWER OF CHANGE

Track under the patronage of Totalizator Sportowy Sp. z o.o.

11.30 – 11.35	**INTRODUCTION: Can Democracy Be Strong When Half of Society Still Has No Equal Say in Shaping It?** **Aleksandra Karasińska** – track programme coordinator; journalist; Director, Ringier Axel Springer Foundation
11.35 – 11.55	Voice: **What Do Women Want?** **Magda Dziewguć** – SWPS University, Institute of Social Sciences
11.55 – 13.00	Inspiration session: **Power and Algorithms: Who Profits from Divisions Between Women and Men?** Moderator: **Aleksandra Karasińska** – journalist; Director Ringier Axel Springer Foundation **Martyna Jaszczołt** – journalist TVN24 **Marek Rabij** – journalist i commentator **Sylwia Spurek** – President, European Fem Institute
13.00 – 14.00	Break
14.00 – 14.30	Fireside Chat: **When They Go Low, We Rise Higher** **Kata Fredheim** – Stockholm School of Economics in Riga Hosted by: **Aleksandra Karasińska** – journalist; Director, Ringier Axel Springer Foundation
14.30 – 15.30	In-depth session: **Equality = Stability = Growth. Why Is Inclusion the New Currency of a Secure Economy?** Moderator: **Magdalena M. Baran** - Liberté! **Henryka Bochniarz** – Founding President of the Lewiatan Confederation; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Bożena Graczyk** – Vice-President of the Management Board, ING Bank Śląski S.A. **Magdalena Sobkowiak-Czarnecka** – Deputy Minister of National Defence* **Ewa Sowińska** – Member of the Supervisory Board, ORLEN; Member of the OEES Programme Council
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.00	Special session: **Women in Science** Moderator: **Iga Magda** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics **Dominik Antonowicz** – Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń **Pearl Dykstra** – Erasmus University Rotterdam **Magdalena Niemczewska-Wójcik** – Vice-Rector for Research, Cracow University of Technology **Natalia Schmidt-Polończyk** – AGH University of Krakow; President of the Management Board, Bold in Science Foundation Session under the patronage of SGH Warsaw School of Economics

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12.30 – 13.00	OEES:Talks: **Is Artificial Intelligence the Beginning of Digital Feudalism? Who Will Win the Productivity Race?** Moderator: **Marek Klapa** – journalist, deputy head of the current affairs editorial team, Polish Radio 24 **Przemysław Mikus** – President of the Management Board, SoDa; Managing Director, Liki Mobile Solutions **Paweł Wojciechowski** – Council Member, Institute of Public Finance; Chief Economist, BCC Point under the patronage of Polish Radio 24
13.00 – 14.00	Special session: **The 2026 Trilemma: Secure, Affordable and Green Energy amid Geopolitical Threats** Opening remarks: **Krisztián Mészáros** – Senior Vice President Region CEE, VELUX **Katarzyna Harpak** – Director of the European Programme, Energy Forum **Katarzyna Kuczyńska-Budka** – Mayor of Gliwice* **Marek Motyl** – Country Manager, CEO Sunly Polska **Krisztián Mészáros** – Senior Vice President Region CEE, VELUX **Michał Siwek** – Director of the Sustainable Transition Financing Department, BNP Paribas Bank Polska
14.00 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 15.30	OEES:Talks: **“And We Are So Flammable”: Artists and AI. A Conversation with Jacek Cygan** Hosted by: **TBC** Point under the patronage of ZAiKS Association of Authors
15.30 – 16.30	Special session: **The Key That Does Not Exist: Quantum Security and Invisible Sensors That Are Already at Work** Moderator: **Zbigniew Wiśniewski** – Cracow University of Technology **Michał Bereta** – Cracow University of Technology **Paweł Biel** – Member of the Management Board, NEWAG S.A. **Justyna Gorzoch** – Department of Innovation and Space Policy, Ministry of Development and Technology Session under the patronage of Cracow University of Technology
16.30 – 17.00	Break
17.00 – 18.00	Special session: **MISSION SOIL: The Economics of Greed Versus the Source of Survival** **Artistic Intervention: “The Sowers” by the Relict Soil Collective & the Polish Soil Orchestra** Moderator: **Paweł Chmieliński** – European Rural Development Network; Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences; Member of the OEES Programme Council Opening remarks: **Katarzyna Gizińska** – European Rural Development Network; Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences; conductor of the Polish Soil Orchestra **Francesca Bampa** – UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, Science Unit **Michał Moś** – Energene Seeds Ltd. **Nikola Patzel** – International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), Working Group "Cultural Patterns of Soil Understanding" **Anka Wandzel** – MOST Urban Cooperative Farm Session under the patronage of European Rural Development Network and the Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development of the Polish Academy of Sciences, as part of the projects Soilscape, LandShift, Nemesis, SoilTribes (Horizon Europe)

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13.00 – 14.00	Special session: **Innovations for Democracy** Moderator: **Beata Glinka –** Jagiellonian University **Gabriela Konopka-Cupiał** – Director Centrum Transferu Technologii, Jagiellonian University **Krzysztof Kamiński** – Collegium Medicum, Jagiellonian University **Marcin Malecko** – Director of the Whistleblowers Team, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights **Marta Postuła** – First Vice-President, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK) Session under the patronage of Jagiellonian University
14.00 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 15.30	OEES:Talks: **BALTICA + CARPATIA. New Backbone of Europe.** Introduction and moderation: **Mateusz Zmyślony** – Creative Director of OEES **Danuta Hübner** – Coordinator European Observatory, Centre for International Relations; former EU Commissioner for Regional Policy **Liliana Jaroslavska** – Radca for Transportu, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Poland **Magda Vášáryová** – former Slovak Ambassador to Poland
15.30 – 16.30	Special session: **A Nuclear Leap Forward: Certification and Capabilities of Polish Industry.** **Maciej Silarski** – Director of Investor Services at the Pomerania Development Agency S.A. – Invest in Pomerania **Marek Woszczyk** – President of the Management Board, Polish Nuclear Power Plants Sp. z o. o.
16.00 – 17.00	Break
17.00 – 18.00	Special session: **Planning Under Pressure: European Cities Facing Crises.** Moderator: **Maciej Nowak** – West Pomeranian University of Technology; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Julia Dzun** – University College London **Stefano Moroni** – Politecnico di Milano **Mark Tewdwr-Jones** – University College London **Eva Purkarthofer** – University of Vaasa **Felipe Teles** – Universidade de Aveiro

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YOUTH STAGE

12.30 – 12.35	**Opening** **Julia Kurowska** – Youth Stage programme coordinator; President of the Management Board, Zryw Foundation; Member of the OEES Programme Council
12.35 – 13.05	Session: **Shifting Polarities: New Generations, Old Divides** Moderator: **Karolina Wójcicka** – journalist, Dziennik Gazeta Prawna **Józef Bartosz** – coordinator of the Zryw initiative in Lesser Poland, Zryw Foundation **Aleksandra Owca** – Councillor of the Kraków City Council, 9th term; co-chair of the Razem Party
13.05 – 14.00	Session: **Europe – the Best Place to Live?** Moderator: **Krzysztof Nakonieczny** - journalist, Polish Television (TVP) Opening remarks: **Katarzyna Smyk** – Head of the European Commission Representation in Poland **Dominika Lasota** – founder and member of Wschód Initiative **Jan Pałasz** – Chair Polish Council of Youth Organizations **Julia Kelsz** – founder and Vice-President of Ważne Sprawy Foundation **Mateusz Konieczny** – sociologist, trainer and author of the textbook „Praca (w) przyszłości” Session under the patronage of the European Commission
14.00 – 14.45	Session: **Soulless Work or Starving for a Cause – Are These Young People's Only Options?** Moderator: **Przemysław Macholak** – European Parliament, Advisor to the Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy **Aleksander Horyń** – lawyer, Fiscal Council Office **Zofia Kowalczyk** – political assistant, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy **Amelia Cudak** – graduate of Krakow University of Economics; research team BKL
14.45 – 15.30	Session: **I'll Buy a Return Ticket: How Poland's Success Draws People Back.** Moderator: **Monika Pawłowska** – New York University **Aleksandra Kobyłecka** – Université Paris Cité **Julia Kurowska** – President of the Zryw Foundation; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Alex Majewski** – Representative of the West Pomeranian Marshal for Mental Health

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YOUTH STAGE

15.50 – 16.35	Session: **Regional Development: Poland Beyond the Major Cities** Moderator: **Paweł Mastalerz** – Nuclear Economics, Financing and Policy Analysis Consultant, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) **Filip Hornik** – Students' Action **Aleksandra Korzeniewska** – Councillor Kobyłka Municipality **Patryk Radziun** – Young Diplomats' Forum **Karol Wałachowski** – First Deputy Mayor of Kraków
16.50 – 17.00	Launch of the report by the Zryw Foundation and Stocznia Foundation: ***"Young People for the State, the State for Young People"*** examining the position of young people in Poland's central government administration.
17.00 – 17.15	Address: **Before Young People Become a Headline** **Olga Kwiecińska** – founder and President of the Management Board, Cześć Ciało Foundation & **Michalina Popko** – Managing Director, Cześć Ciało Foundation
17.15 – 18.00	Session: **Hacking Free Will – or Just Democracy? How Technology Shapes a New Generation and Its Choices** Moderator: **Agnieszka Gryz** – political adviser **Adrian Matak** – Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC) **Jan Kisielewski** – Brand & Innovation Director, Żabka **Martyna Kułakowska –** Off School Foundation **Krzysztof Szepaniak** – Mistral AI

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INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

S1	9.00 – 9.15	Voice: **Europe Is Not Lost Yet** **Maciej Witucki** – President of BusinessEurope
	9.15 – 9.30	Voice: **Timothy Snyder** – University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy*
	9.30 – 10.15	Session: **Europe's Technological Independence – Security, Space and Strategic Autonomy** Moderator: **Marek Podraza** – creator of the channel „Cztery Strony Świata”; University of Rzeszów **Mario Voigt** – Minister-President of the Free State of Thuringia **Cezary Tomczyk** – Secretary of State, Ministry of National Defence* **Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski** – astronaut, European Space Agency*
	10.15 – 10.45	Fireside Chat: **The Church in the Modern World** **Cardinal Grzegorz Ryś** – Metropolitan Archbishop of Kraków Hosted by: **Jacek Stawiski** – Editor-in-Chief, Tygodnik Powszechny; Member of the OEES Programme Council
	10.45 – 11.00	Voice: **Can Poland Afford Not to Join the Euro Area?** **Marek Belka** – economist; former Prime Minister of Poland and former President of the National Bank of Poland
	11.00 – 11.30	Break

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S1	12.00 – 13.00	Special session: **The National Multiplier: Local Content as a Foundation of Sovereignty and Financial Stability** Moderator: **TBC** **Bogdan Benczak** – President of the Management Board, PZU S.A. **Ireneusz Fąfara** – President of the Management Board, Director Generalny, ORLEN S.A. **Dariusz Lubera** – President of the Management Board, Polish Energy Group (PGE) S.A.
	13.00 – 14.00	Break
	14.00 – 14.40	OEES:Talks: **What Have We Learned About the Polish State in 2026?** **Antoni Dudek** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics & **Jarosław Flis** - Jagiellonian University Hosted by: **Krzysztof Nakonieczny** - journalist, Polish Television (TVP)
	15.30 – 16.00	Break

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FIRM – IDEA: A HEALTHY COMPANY

Track under the patronage of LUX MED Group

11.30 – 11.35	Voice:**Do Employee Benefits Heal a Company, or Merely Relieve Its Symptoms?** **Małgorzata Gałązka-Sobotka** – Rector of Lazarski University
11.35 – 11.50	Voice: **People Always Make Sense** **Julia Izmałkowa** – psychologist and researcher
11.50 – 13.00	Inspiration session: **A Company That Doesn't Burn People Out: How Do We Measure Organisational Health?** Moderator: **TBC** **Agata Chodzicka-Czupała** – SWPS University **Seweryn Krupnik** – Jagiellonian University **Liwia Kwiecień** – HR Director, ING Bank Śląski S.A. **Anna Rulkiewicz** – President of the Management Board, LUX MED Group
13.00 – 14.00	Break
14.00 – 14.30	Fireside Chat: **A Therapy Room for the Company** **Bogdan de Barbaro** – psychotherapist Hosted by: **TBC**
14.30 – 15.30	In-depth session: **From Diagnosis to Change: How to Build a Healthy Company in Practice** Moderator: **Leszek Mellibruda** – Academy of Commerce and Applied Sciences **Joanna Dymna** – Director of the Organisational Culture Department, ING Bank Śląski S.A; President of the Management Board, ING for Children Foundation **Małgorzata Gałązka-Sobotka** – Rector of Lazarski University **Małgorzata Mroczek** – Senior Manager, Employee Relations, Allegro **Anna Panek** – HR Director, Member of the Management Board, Soonly Finance; President of the Management Board, Soonly Foundation
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.00	Special session: **An ESG SOS? Is Sustainability Losing Momentum?** Hosted by: **Arkadiusz Karwacki** – Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Tadeusz Joniewicz** – Sustainability & ESG Expert, Allegro **Artur Nowak-Gocławski** – President of the Management Board, ANG Odpowiedzialne Finanse; President of the Management Board, Nienieodpowiedzialni Foundation **Joanna Sobótka-Klimczak** – Principal Expert – Sustainability, ING Bank Śląski S.A **Anna Panek** – HR Director, Member of the Management Board, Soonly Finance; President of the Management Board, Soonly Foundation

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CITY – IDEA: PREPARING MUNICIPALITIES FOR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN THREATS. RESILIENCE IN PRACTICE.

Track under the patronage of City of Kraków & Magazine Architektura & Biznes

11.30 – 11.35	**INTRODUCTION: Is Your Municipality Ready for a Crisis We Cannot Yet Name?**
11.35 – 11.50	Address: **Ryszard Grobelny** – Director of the Office, Association of Polish Cities*
11.50 – 13.00	Inspiration session: **Can a City Be Designed for the Unknown?** Moderator: **Zbigniew Bartuś** – editor, Dziennik Gazeta Prawna **Marta Smagacz-Poziemska** – Jagiellonian University **Nicolas Pomraenke** – gmp Architecten **Agata Twardoch** – Urbanistka City of Gliwice **Joanna Węgrzynowska** – Management Board Representative for ESG, LUX MED Group
13.00 – 14.00	Break
14.00 – 14.30	Debate: **Should a City Be Afraid of the Future?** **Małgorzata Tomczak** – Editor-in-Chief, Architektura & Biznes & **Arkadiusz Ptak** – Mayor of Pleszew
14.30 – 15.30	In-depth session**: Resilient Local Government: How Can a Crisis Become an Opportunity for Sustainable Local Development?** Moderator: **Paulina Legutko-Kobus** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics **Monika Miłowska** – Head of the Mapuj Pomoc Network Coordination Office; President of the To Proste Foundation **Hanna Obracht-Prondzyńska** – University of Gdańsk **Jacek Sierak** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics **Agnieszka Sobol** – Institute of Environmental Protection – National Research Institute **Aleksandra Stępniak** – Public Affairs Manager, Velux Session under the patronage of SGH Warsaw School of Economics
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.00	Special session: **Resilience of Cities and Residents in the Age of Cyber Threats** Moderator: **journalist Kanał Otwarty*** **Łukasz Fyderek** – Jagiellonian University **Maciej Ogórkiewicz** – Vice-President of the Management Board, CIO, ING Bank Śląski S.A. **Piotr Moskała** – Councillor City of Kraków **Representative of PKO Bank Polski**

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BRAND–CULTURE: AI AND DEMOCRACY

12.30 – 12.35	**INTRODUCTION: Can You Be a Free Citizen While Depending on a Handful of Global Platforms?** **Michał Krzykawski** – track programme coordinator; University of Silesia in Katowice; Member of the OEES Programme Council
12.50 – 13.05	Voice: **It's Not Just Your Imagination: Why and How Our Digital Services Are Getting Worse** **Linn Høgåsen** - Norwegian Consumer Council
13.05 – 14.05	Inspiration session: **From Technology Regulation to Cross-Sector Technology Policy** Moderator: **Michał Krzykawski** – University of Silesia in Katowice; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Jerzy Hausner** – Chair of the OEES Programme Council, GAP Foundation **Katarzyna Szymielewicz** - Panoptykon Foundation **Jan Oleszczuk-Zygmuntowski** - CoopTech Hub, Polish Economics Network
14.05 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 15.30	Fireside Chat: **Reviving the Internet: How Do We Get There?** **Linn Høgåsen** – Norwegian Consumer Council Hosted by: **Katarzyna Szymielewicz** - Panoptykon Foundation
15.30 – 16.30	In-depth session: **What Will Happen to Our Jobs?** Moderator: **Jacek Mańko** – Kozminski University **Agnieszka Dziemianowicz-Bąk** – Minister of Family, Labour and Social Policy* **Magdalena Jelonek** – Krakow University of Economics; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Karolina Kulicka** – ADD | Analizy Dane Dialog **Anna Mlost** – Director of the Regional Development Department, Marshal's Office of the Lesser Poland Voivodeship **Adam Mrozowicki** – University of Wrocław Session under the patronage of Lesser Poland Voivodeship
16.30 – 17.00	Break
17.00 – 18.00	Special session: **AI in the Service of Society – Technology's Humanistic Purpose** **Andrzej Halesiak** – World Bank; co-author of the report *Navigating the Age of AI: Implications for Poland's Economy* **Maciej Góralski** – President of the Management Board, Vasco Electronics **Zuzanna Karcz** – Ministry of Digital Affairs; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Przemysław Lewicki** - Operational Digital Transformation Tribe Lead, Head of Robotics, ING Bank Śląski S.A.

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SPECIAL SESSIONS

12.00 – 13.00	Special session: **Fuel Under Pressure – Regulatory Readiness and Fuel Crisis Management** Moderator: **Jakub Wiech** - Managing Editor of Elektryfikacja.eu **Marek Balawejder** – Vice-President of the Management Board for Consumers and Products, ORLEN S.A. **Piotr Kuberka** – President of the Management Board, Shell **Michał Obiegała** – President of the Management Board, bp in Poland **Tomasz Pawlonka** – Director of the Research and Analysis Team, Polish Bank Association **Konrad Wojnarowski** – Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Energy
13.00 – 14.00	Break
14.30 – 15.30	Special session: **From Farm to Fork: The Future, Innovation and Capital in a New Food System** Moderator: **TBC** **Joanna Kasowska** – Quality Standards & Climate Protection Director, Żabka Group **Agata Kruszec** – CEE Sustainability Manager, Nestlé Polska S.A. **Tomasz Okruszko** – Vice-Rector for Research, Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW)* **Justyna Szymani** – Director of Quality Development and Private Label Quality Control, Jeronimo Martins Polska S.A. **Paweł Wyrzykowski** – Director of Market Relations and Sustainable Transition, BNP Paribas Bank Polska
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.00	Session: **The Responsibility of Art – the Art of Responsibility** Moderator: **Andrzej Bednarczyk** – Rector of the Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts in Kraków **Magdalena Mazurkiewicz** – Councillor City of Kraków **Piotr Voelkel** – founder of the VOX Capital Group; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Hanna Wróblewska** – art historian, former Minister of Culture and National Heritage Session under the patronage of the Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts in Kraków
16.00 – 17.00	Special session: **A Resilient, Secure and Accessible Energy Sector amid Today's Geopolitical Challenges** Moderator: **Artur Cebula** – Cracow University of Technology **Gen. Dariusz Łukowski** – Director of the Strategy and Defence Planning Department, Ministry of National Defence **Paweł Jastrzębski** – Director of Innovation, MPEC Kraków **Anna Ślęzak** – Director Generalny, PGE Dystrybucja Oddział Łódź Session under the patronage of Cracow University of Technology

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	12.15 – 13.00	OEES Roundtable: **Can Poland Afford Not to Join the Euro Area? Marek Belka Talks with Business Leaders** Hosted by: **Marek Belka** - economist, former Prime Minister of Poland and former President of the National Bank of Poland
	13.00 – 14.00	Break
	14.00 – 15.30	OEES Roundtable: **Local Government at a Crossroads: Efficiency, Finance and Development** Hosted by: **Andrzej Porawski** – Adviser to the Management Board, Association of Polish Cities **Hubert Izdebski** – SWPS University **Anna Kudra-Ostrowska** – ZIEMSKI & PARTNERS Law Firm **Anna Kurniewicz** – National Institute of Local Government **Radomir Matczak** – Director of the Regional Development Department, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy **Jacek Sierak** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics **Adam Suraj** – GRAPE **Mateusz Walewski** – Chief Economist, Director of the Research and Analysis Department, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK) **Jakub Wygnański** – President of the Management Board, Stocznia Foundation Event under the patronage of Association of Polish Cities
	15.30 – 16.00	**Meet the Author: Julia Izmałkowa, Author of *Rich Mind First*.** Hosted by: **TBC**
	16.00 – 16.30	**Book Discussion: *Let's Imagine: Space and Imagination in Social Change*, published by Scholar** **Anna Giza** – University of Warsaw **Michał Krzykawski** – University of Silesia in Katowice; Member of the OEES Programme Council **Michał Możdżeń** – Krakow University of Economics
	16.30 – 17.00	**Meet the Author: Mark Leonard, Author of *Surviving Chaos: Geopolitics in a World of Rules,* published by Kultura Liberalna** Hosted by: **Jarosław Kuisz** – Editor-in-Chief, Kultura Liberalna

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CLOSING SESSION

S1	17.00 – 17.30	Session: **Innovation Policy in Europe** Moderator: **Andrzej Sławiński** – SGH Warsaw School of Economics **Dan Breznitz** – University of Toronto **Uri Gabai** – Founder, RISE Israel
	17.30 – 18.00	Session: **The Price of Freedom: Business, Democracy and European Security** **Swiatłana Cichanouska** - Leader of the Belarusian Democratic Opposition & **Mark Leonard** – Director of the European Council on Foreign Relations Hosted by: **Jarosław Kuisz** – Editor-in-Chief, Kultura Liberalna; Member of the OEES Programme Council
	18.00 – 18.15	Address: **Does Business Shape Democracy? On Leadership, Values and Responsibility** **Piotr Wachowiak** – Rector of SGH Warsaw School of Economics; Member of the OEES Programme Council
	18.15 – 18.25	**Summit Summary** **Bartłomiej Biga** – Krakow University of Economics; Vice-Chair of the OEES Programme Council
	18.25 – 18.35	**Closing of the Summit** **Kinga Tućkiewicz** – Director General of OEES; Vice-President of the Management Board, GAP Foundation

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