



Polish Presidency of the EU Council

1 July 2011 – 31 December 2011

Meeting of Steering Platform on Research
for Western Balkan Countries

Sarajevo, 1 December 2011

Motto of the Presidency

Full use of Europe's intellectual capital
as a main factor of EU economic growth
and competitiveness

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The main objective of the Presidency

Leading the European Union towards
faster economic growth, and an enhanced
political community.



Three fundamental priorities of the Presidency

European integration as the source of growth

Secure Europe – Food, Energy, Defence

Europe benefiting from openness

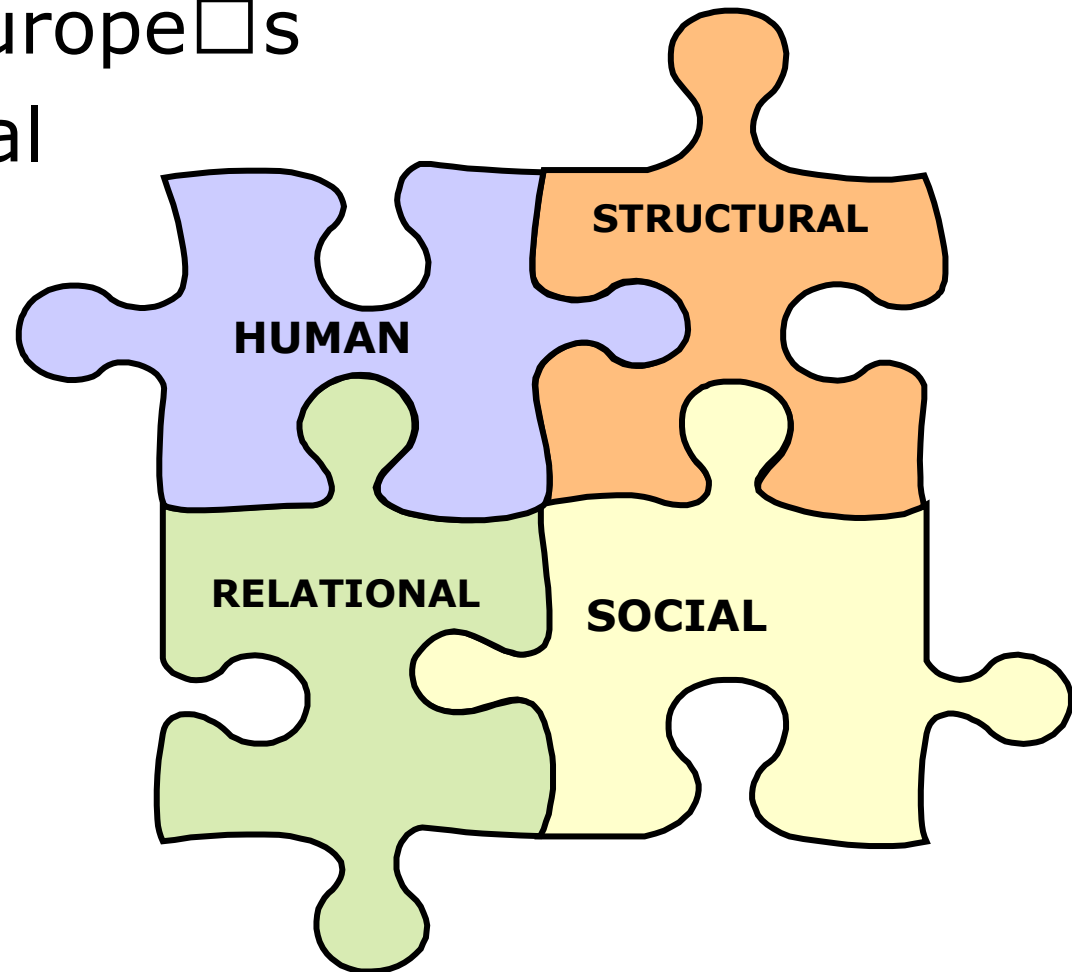
Poland in the EU – basic facts

- Accession in 2004
- 6th largest country in the EU
- The only EU MS which was not touched by the last economic crisis
- One of the highest economic growth in the EU (current GDP growth more than 3%, EU27 – 1%)
- Jerzy Buzek – President of the EP



General priority

The full use of Europe's
intellectual capital

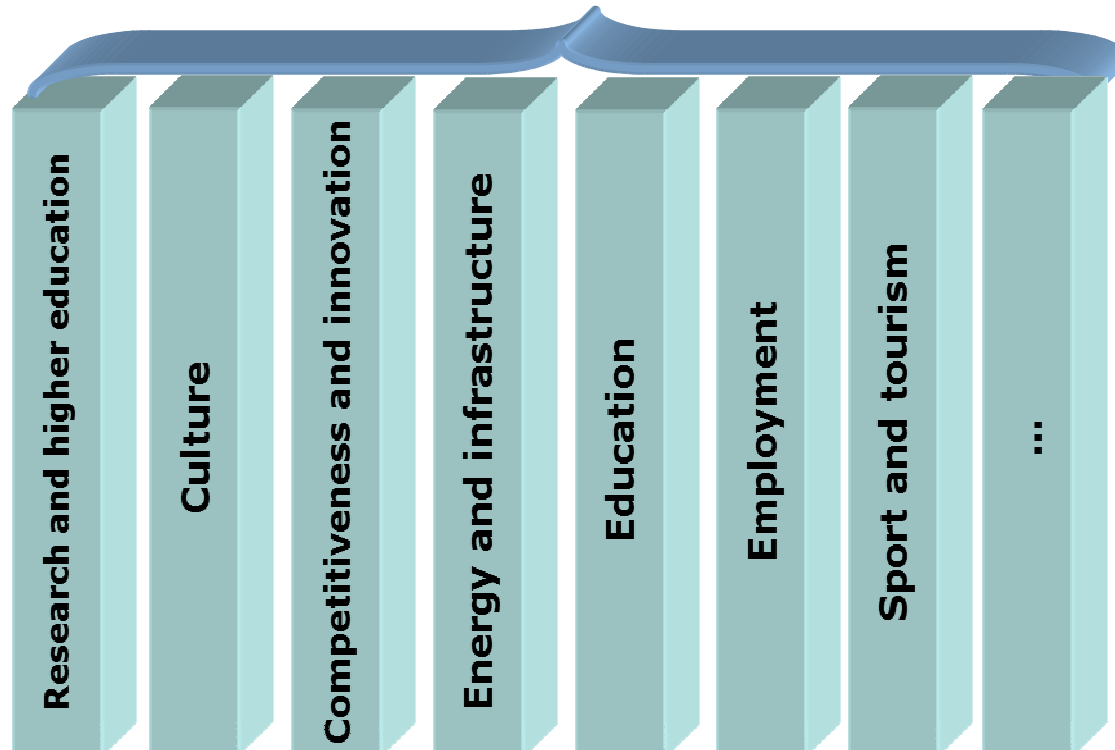


Horizontal approach to sectoral policies...

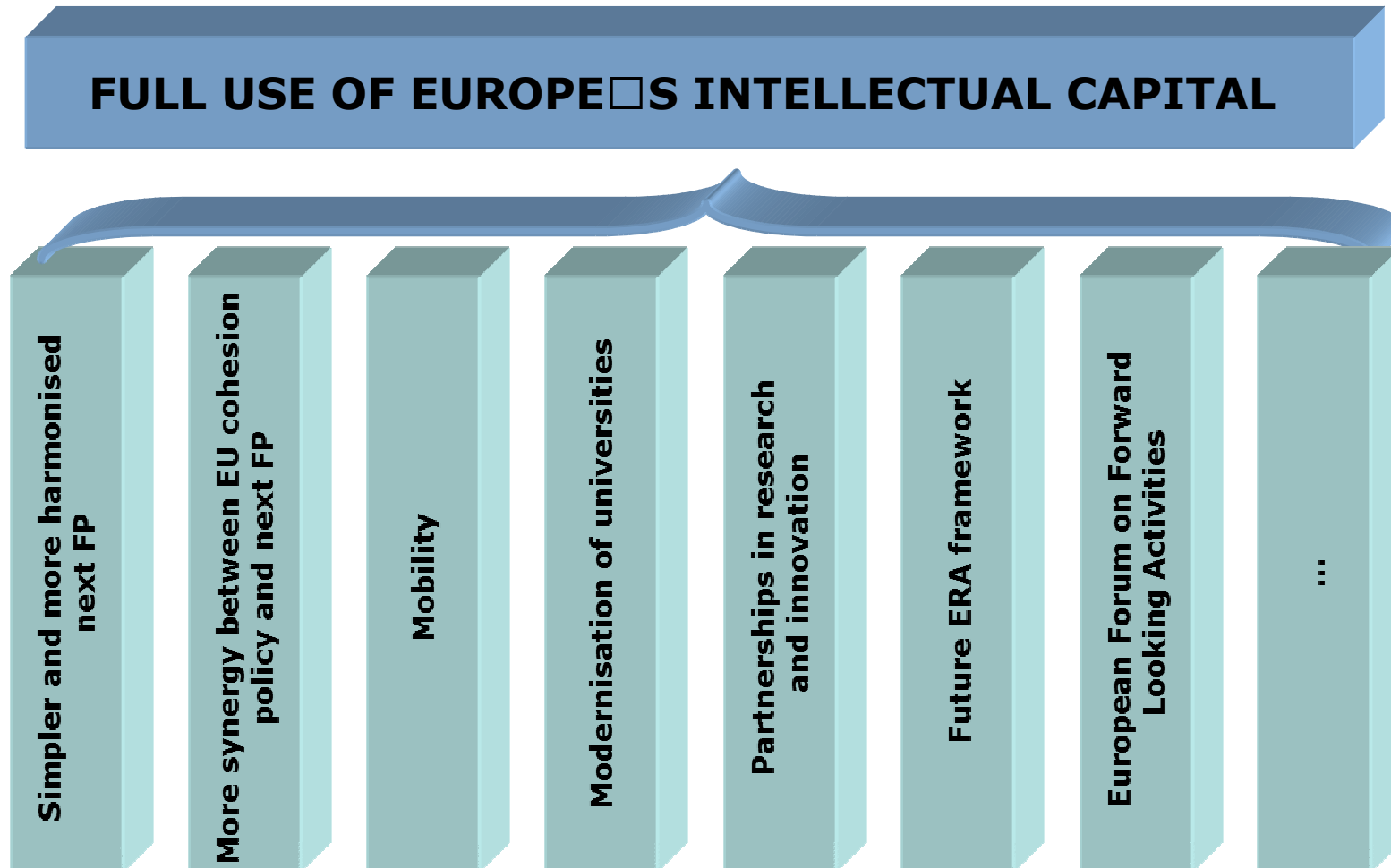
Horizontal priority



FULL USE OF EUROPE'S INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL



... and to research and higher education issues



Research-related priorities

1. Simpler and more harmonised next Framework Programme for research and innovation - Horizon 2020
2. More synergy between EU cohesion policy and Horizon 2020

Simpler and more harmonised Horizon 2020

- make Horizon 2020 more accessible for **small scientific teams** as well as **small and medium-sized enterprises**
- **simplification of administrative and financial** rules relating to the participation in Horizon 2020

More synergy between EU cohesion policy and Horizon 2020

- supporting the necessary **structural reforms** and striving to raise the excellence through appropriate orientation of Cohesion Policy funds
- introduction of **similar rules of participation** and implementation of research and innovation projects funded under Horizon 2020 and the Cohesion Policy
- **direct use of the Cohesion Policy funds** to increase the participation of Polish entities in the European research programmes
- supporting the creating of Knowledge Partnerships

Priorities in the area of higher education

1. Modernisation of Universities
2. Mobility, in particular young researchers

Modernisation of Universities

Objectives:

- achieving by Universities excellence in teaching and research activities
- linking higher education with business
- endeavour to educate graduates in such a way that their skills respond to the needs of the labour market
- emphasizing the role of universities in shaping social and civil attitudes

Activities:

- Commission Communication on Modernisation of Universities and Council conclusions on Communication
- Conference on Modernisation of Universities

Mobility, in particular young researchers

Objectives:

- increasing mobility of students and researchers, especially young researchers
- increasing funding for programmes enhancing international mobility of young researchers

Activities:

- report on "Lifelong learning"
- debate on the future generation of the EU programmes
- conference on „Eastern mobility dimension“ in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, Ministry of Sport and Tourism

International cooperation

- supporting the EU's foreign and security policy to boost the Union's position internationally
- development of co-operation with neighbouring countries and supporting EU's enlargement
 - Eastern Partnership - Summit, 29 September
 - signing association agreements (i.a. the finalisation of and/or progress in negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova)
 - to encourage Belarus to co-operate with the West, provided it respects the fundamental rules of democracy
 - support EU-related aspirations of the Western Balkans
 - finalising/ continuation of accession negotiations (Croatia/ Turkey, Iceland)
- development of EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation
- liberalisation of the visa regime

Competitiveness Council – research –

- 2 formal meetings in BXL
(29-30 September 2011r., 5-6 December 2011r.)
- 1 informal meeting in Sopot (20-21 July, 2011)

Competitiveness Council – research –

Expert meetings:

- Research Working Party meetings once a week (12-14 October 2011, Cracow)
- European Research Area Committee ERAC (12-14 October, Cracow)
- Informal Ministerial Working Group on **Simplification** – 3 meetings in Brussels (14 July, 21 September, 8 November 2011)

Draft agenda of formal COMPET 5-6 of December, 2011

Legislative deliberation

- Horizon 2020 – presentation of the proposal by the Commission and (poss.) and exchange of views
- Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION concerning the Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy – council decisions and regulation on EUROATOM – Political agreement/Adoption

Non legislative documents

- Launching of Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs) “Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans”, “The microbial challenge – An emerging threat to human health”, “Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (Clik'EU)”, “Urban Europe – Global Challenges, Local Solutions”, “Water Challenges for a Changing World” – Adoption of Council Conclusions

AOB

- On the way towards inclusive excellence: how to achieve a balanced participation within CSF? – Commission’s report following of Council Conclusion of 9th March 2011 – Presentation by the Commission
- European Strategy and Action Plan towards a sustainable bio-based economy by 2020 – Information by the Commission
- Research priorities and work programme of the Danish Presidency – Information from the Danish delegation

Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council – specificity

- 1 formal meeting - 28-29 November 2011 r.
- lack of informal meetings
- Education Committee meetings every 3, 4 weeks

Presidency conference calendar related to research priority

- ERA related ministerial conference – 20 of July, Sopot
- 3rd European Innovation Summit – 10-11 of October, Warsaw
- Eastern mobility dimension – Warsaw, 6-7 July
- Modernisation of Universities – Sopot, 24-25 October
- expert meetings:
 - Meeting of Directors General for Higher Education – Cracow, 11-12 October
 - Bologna Follow-up Group Meeting – Cracow, 13-14 October
 - Education Committee – Warsaw, 8-9 December
 - High level Group on Education and Training – Warsaw, 8-9 June

FP7 Presidency events

6-8 September 2011, Gdańsk:
Environmental (Bio) Technologies
and EU-FP7 Environment Brockerage Event

22-23 September 2011, Warsaw:
European Industrial Technologies Conference
on Materials – FUMAT 2011

26–27 September 2011, Warsaw:
Marie Curie Researchers Symposium
„SCIENCE – Passion, Mission, Responsibilities

FP7 Presidency events

19-20 October 2011, Warsaw

EUintegRATIO „European integration process
in the new regional and global settings”

15-16 November 2011, Warsaw:

Policy Stakeholders Conference „EU-EECA
Cooperation in Research and Innovation:
The way towards 2020”

28-29 November 2011, Warsaw:

Strategic Energy Technology Plan Conference
SET-PLAN 2011

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Organized within the IncoNet EECA project funded under the 7th Framework Programme.

Conference was organized in the framework of the Polish Presidency in the Council of the European Union

The patronage of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland

PSC objectives

- to present and discuss the White Paper on Opportunities and Challenges in View of Enhancing the EU Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus
- to provide the floor for an exchange between policy makers and stakeholders from the science community and industry in order to increase the mutual understanding and to develop joint scenarios for enhanced cooperation in research and innovation between EU and EECA countries
- to conclude the White Paper's recommendations

PSC participants - 90

- Policy stakeholders as well as EU policymakers at national, regional and Community level
- Stakeholders from the scientific community and S&T intensive industry

from the EU Member States/ Associated Countries and Eastern European and Central Asian Countries (EECA).

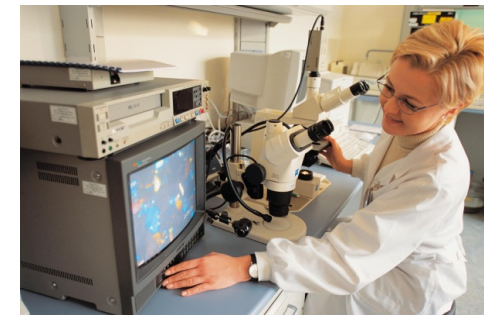
PSC local organizer

National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU, Warsaw

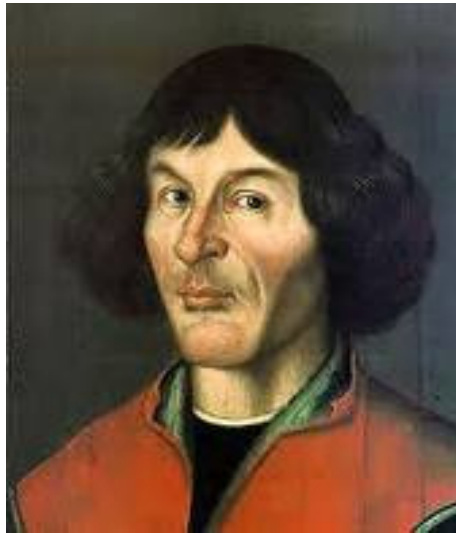
appointed in 1999 by the Ministry responsible
for scientific research

- the coordinator of a country-wide network
dealing with European Programmes
- **10 regional** Consortia of Contact Points
- **23 Thematic** Contact Points dedicated to
Polish Technology Platforms

<http://en.kpk.gov.pl/>



International dimension of Polish science and culture



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**Young people from Poland and other European countries to the east of the EU:
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldavia and Ukraine**

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Thank you for your attention!

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