



About the speakers



Janusz Piechociński

Deputy Prime Minister of Poland and Minister of Economy

Mr. Piechociński was born on 15 March 1960 in Studzianki Pancerne (Mazowieckie Voivodeship). He graduated from the Faculty of Trade and Service Economics of today's Warsaw School of Economics (SGH).

Between 1987 and 1999, he was a researcher at the Warsaw School of Economics. His fields of research were economic history of the 20th century, history of economic schools and European integration.

Since 1990, he has been a member of the Polish People's Party (PSL). Deputy to [member of] the Sejm of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th term. Between 1991 and 1997, he was a member of the Sejm Finance and Budget Committee. In the years 1992-1993, he was the chair of the Extraordinary Committee for Preventing Pathology in the Economy. He was also deputy chair of the Economic Centre Reform Committee.

In the years 2000-2001, he was a member of the National European Integration Board to the Prime Minister. In subsequent years, he was a member and chair of the Infrastructure Committee. At present, he is a member of Sejm Infrastructure Committee and the Innovation and New Technologies Committee.

He had been elected deputy of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship Sejmik for two terms. He chaired its Budget and Finance Committee and the Environmental Protection Committee. In the years 1999-2001, he was the President of the Voivodeship Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management in Warsaw.

He was, inter alia, the social president of the Polish Association for Ecology and Society.



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Paweł Smoleń

*President of EURACOAL and President of the Management Board,
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Paweł Smoleń graduated from Warsaw University of Technology – the Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering and post-graduate studies at the School of Economics at the “Marketing and Market Analysis”. He is licensed chartered accountant in ACCA (The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) in the UK and the KIBR (National Chamber of Statutory Auditors) in Poland.

In the years 1992-2001 he worked in international consulting firm Arthur Andersen eventually as a partner, Head of the Energy Group. In the years 2001-2010 he was a member of the board and then CEO of Vattenfall Heat Poland S.A. (Elektrociepłownie Warszawskie – CHPs Warsaw), and from 2010 to 2012 he served on the management board of Vattenfall Europe AG in Berlin. From 2012 to 2013 he was a Vice President, COO in PGE “Polska Grupa Energetyczna (Polish Energy Group)” S.A.

During the work he held also a number of important positions in many Polish and international organizations, including many years in the position of president of Związek Pracodawców Prywatnych Energetyki (Polish Association of Private Employers of Energy Industry).

Currently, among others he holds the position of the President of the European Association for Coal and Lignite (EURACOAL) in Brussels and advisor to the Board of the Lewiatan Confederation of Private Employers in Poland. On October 2013, Mr. Smoleń was appointed to the position of President of the Management Board.