



Outline

9th EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

"The Future of the Idea of Decentralisation in a Changing World"

6-7 March 2024
MIKOŁAJKI



The high level of local government is one of the greatest achievements of democratic systems. The delegation of responsibilities to local authorities and society has paid off in the development of regions. The serious turbulence we have faced in recent years has left its mark on the process of globalisation and decentralisation. Pandemics, inflation and war in Ukraine have encouraged countries to consolidate power.

But is centralisation the right path forward?

New times set tasks and challenges, one of the answers to which should be a revolutionary approach to the idea of decentralisation. During the 9th European Congress of Local Governments, we will try to build a vision of local government for the third decade of the 21st century – an effective, modern and proactive local government.

„The Future of the Idea of Decentralisation in a Changing World”

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The 9th European Congress of Local Governments will be held on 6–7 March 2024 in Mikołajki.

The European Congress of Local Governments organized by the Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies is a platform for the exchange of views and a meeting place for leaders of local governments, representatives of regional elites, members of the state administration, NGOs and business.

The debates of the Congress will cover, among others, the problems of contemporary urban planning, mechanisms of city and regional development, investment financing, city management, environmental protection, health policy and the activities of local governments in the new reality.

The programme of the Economic Forum includes over 150 debates, 2 plenary sessions, conversations with the most important guests, workshops and presentations.

Debates proposed this year will cover the following topics:

- Decentralisation – How to Strengthen European Self-government?
- What Investments can Local Governments Afford?
- Campaign Barometer – What Are Poles Interested In?
- Regional Perspective on the Fight against Drought and Water Shortages
- New Reality Requirements – an Interview with the Leaders of the Financial Ranking of Local Government in Poland
- Energy Security of Local Governments
- Digital Awakening of Local Governments
- Cities in the Face of Migration
- Enlargement of the European Union – Prospects and Threats
- How to Effectively Promote Cities and Regions Abroad?
- A Good Mayor – an Efficient Manager. How to Effectively Manage a Municipality?
- Local Governments – Constant Evolution or the Need for a Revolution?
- Health Care in Small Localities. How to Prevent Exclusion?
- The Impact of Tax Reliefs and Preferences on Local Development
- Cohesion Policy – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
- Local Governments in the Face of Depopulation
- Unbridled Landfills – How to Solve the Waste Problem?



conference days

2



debates

150+



guests

2500+



Date and place



6-7 march 2024

Gołębiewski Hotel in Mikołajki
34 Mrągowska Street, 11-730 Mikołajki



Opening: 6 March at 12:00
Closing: 7 March at 21:00



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