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## **Polish-Swiss Economic Forum Vocational Education – Research Cooperation – Technology Transfer 27 January 2014, Warsaw**

The Ministry of Economy, the Embassy of Switzerland in Poland and the Polish-Swiss Chamber of Commerce invite representatives of business, national and local governments, scientific and research institutions, as well as academic actors, to participate in the Polish-Swiss Economic Forum on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2014 which will take place at the Conference Centre of the National Stadium in Warsaw.

The Economic Forum, organized on the occasion of the state visit of the President of the Swiss Confederation Didier Burkhalter to Poland, will offer an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices between Poland and Switzerland in the areas of vocational and professional education and training, research and science, as well as economic cooperation and business technology transfer.

During the Forum, several already existing private and public initiatives in the mentioned fields of interests will be presented. The discussion will focus on current Polish-Swiss projects and on the prospects for further cooperation. The Economic Forum will provide an opportunity for informal meetings and discussions between Polish and Swiss investors cooperating in the domains of business and research, and high level personalities from Poland and Switzerland.

### **Framework programme**

#### ***10:45-11:30 Registration of participants***

#### ***11:45-12:15 Opening session***

Bronisław Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland  
Didier Burkhalter, President of the Swiss Confederation

#### ***12:15-14:15 Panel sessions (parallel)***

##### **Panel 1: Professional and vocational education in Switzerland and in Poland**

Drawing on experiences of Swiss companies and institutions in vocational and professional education and training as an instrument to improve youth labour market outcomes.

The experts' discussion will be followed by examples of vocational education projects carried out in Poland by Swiss investors and Polish institutions.

##### **Panel 2: Swiss-Polish Scientific and Research Cooperation**

What can Poland and Switzerland learn from each other?

The discussion panel will be followed by case studies of the Polish-Swiss research programme.

##### **Panel 3: Business and Science, Technology Transfer from Science to Industry**

How to improve cooperation and technology transfer between research institutions and the industry, the role of the private sector and international SMEs in research and development, as well as in technology transfer.

#### ***14:15-14:30 Conclusions***

Closing speech by Janusz Piechociński, Polish Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Economy

#### ***14:30 Buffet lunch and networking***

**Attention:** Please note that the Stadium is a very large venue; therefore it is highly recommended to arrive at 10:45 a.m. Simultaneous translation in Polish and English will be provided. The detailed programme can be downloaded as an attachment. The registration form is available on the website of the Ministry of Economy <http://www.mg.gov.pl/node/19754>. Closing date for registration is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2014. For further information, please contact Mr. Jan Szustkiewicz, Department of Promotion and Bilateral Co-operation, Ministry of Economy, tel: (22) 693 50 96, email: [jan.szustkiewicz@mg.gov.pl](mailto:jan.szustkiewicz@mg.gov.pl)