

Maritime economy of Poland

Recent years are marked by a renewed look towards the sea – Poland wants to harness the opportunities given by the Baltic Sea. In November 2015 a separate department is created in the Polish governmental structure – the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation operating in the field of maritime economy, water management, fishery and inland navigation.

The main Polish seaports – Gdańsk, Gdynia and Szczecin-Świnoujście – achieve record-breaking growth in cargo turnover. The first of the above-mentioned ports, Gdańsk, is frequented by the biggest container ships in the world associated in transnational alliances: 2M and Ocean Alliance. Świnoujście gives Central Europe large-scale access to Scandinavia, thanks to a well-developed network of ferry connections. Some of the biggest passenger ships in the world visit Gdynia.

In early 2017 Poland ratifies the AGN Agreement which will give way to modernising the network of inland waterways, mostly the Vistula and the Oder. In the future they will become part of the international transport network TEN-T.

Other significant investment projects are planned. Building the Central Port in Gdańsk should bring growth in cargo turnover and attract even more Asian and European partners. Gdańsk is to become the northern gate that brings the European Union and the markets of the Far East together. The value of investment projects

planned for Gdynia until 2021 amounts to approx. 250 million euros. The outside, deep-water port is the flagship project. Building the container terminal in Świnoujście gives West Pomerania the opportunity of attracting the largest logistics operators.

The Szczecin seaport will be able to service ships with larger draft thanks to the deepening of the fairway. The works have already started, just as the process leading to creating a canal across the Vistula Spit – a strategic investment project connecting the Vistula Lagoon with the Gdańsk Bay that will be completed by 2022.

Polish shipyards use top standards and technologies. Almost all kinds of vessels are built in Poland, including innovative, unique ferries with hybrid and electric drives, vessels meant for building marine wind power plants, modern war vessels and other highly specialised ships. They are made in private companies as well as in shipyards associated in the MARS Shipyards&Offshore group. Polish shipyard business today goes beyond huge companies. There are hundreds of smaller innovative producers of commercial vessels, such as regular and luxury catamarans and yachts. Poland is a world leader in this field. Innovative prototypes of underwater hotels are also designed in Poland.

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Leading Themes of the World Maritime Day Parallel Event 2018

This year's edition of the World Maritime Day 2018 focuses on the future of shipping using the latest technologies and reducing environmental damage.

Green and smart shipping

- ▶ „green technologies” and renewable raw materials, the use of less and zero emission marine fuels,
- ▶ the future of new environmentally friendly solutions,
- ▶ new trends in shipbuilding.

Big data and cyber security in shipping

- ▶ „Big Data” technologies as a trend in shipping,
- ▶ new solutions in the maritime sector, including the use of wireless technologies in communication between ships and the port, the monitoring and control of unmanned vessels,
- ▶ cyber security in shipping.

Shipping in the face of the new transport routes

- ▶ the so-called Arctic Route – the shortest maritime route between China and Europe,
- ▶ existing maritime routes and their prospects, including One Belt – One Road Initiative; and TRACECA (*Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia*),
- ▶ cooperation in the context of international intermodal transport.

The future of maritime labour market

- ▶ new technologies and the labour market, progress in shipbuilding and the issue of significant reduction in the number of crew or even its total exclusion,
- ▶ the role of maritime universities in educating future staff in the maritime industry,
- ▶ adaptation of training programs for future crews of ships, support personnel in sea ports, creation of new professions.

IMO70: looking back/looking forward

World Maritime Day Parallel Event 2018

Agenda:

Day I – June 13, 2018 (Wednesday)

- ▶ The opening concert in the Cathedral Basilica of St. James the Apostle.

Day II – June 14, 2018 (Thursday)

- ▶ The opening ceremony of the World Maritime Day Parallel Event 2018.
- ▶ The opening speeches by the Minister of the Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation and the Secretary-General of the IMO; panel discussions and presentations; the high-level roundtable discussion with the participation of the Secretary-General of the IMO and ministers; bilateral meetings.

Day III – June 15, 2018 (Friday)

- ▶ Second day of the conference and the closing ceremony – official handing over of the World Maritime Day flag to a representative of Colombia, host country of the event in 2019.
- ▶ Inauguration of the „16+1” meeting and the ministerial debate.
- ▶ study visit to the President Lech Kaczyński LNG Terminal in Świnoujście.

Poland hosts The World Maritime Day Parallel Event 2018 – the most important maritime event of the United Nations

Discover Szczecin – the heart of West Pomerania



Poland is the first country in the Central and Eastern Europe to have the honor of chairing this exceptional event, which is the largest maritime event of the United Nations.

In 2018, IMO celebrates 70 years since the Convention establishing the Organization was adopted. The World Maritime Day theme for the year is „IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future”.

The days from 13th to 15th June are an incredible opportunity to learn about the latest trends, perspectives and challenges in the maritime industry. It is also the starting point

Due to the slightly nostalgic climate, Szczecin does not reveal all its secrets at once, but encourages you to discover them slowly on your own. Its economic success was determined by its strategic location – not far from the Polish-German border, on the Oder River and about 60 km from the Baltic Sea. However, Szczecin is not only about ships and ports, but also about amazing and inspiring space for action.

The capital of West Pomerania is famous for its hospitality and openness. The Chrobry Embankment, a meeting place for sailors from all over the world, is a landmark and a social heart of the city. Together with panoramic terraces of the Oder River, the Pomeranian Dukes' Castle and the harbour, they are a characteristic feature of the picturesque landscape of Szczecin.

Szczecin likes to surprise. An ice lump in the middle of the city? Why not! This is what the edifice of the Szczecin Philharmonic (Mieczysław

for a discussion on the role and future of shipping in the world.

The meeting of ministers, experts and scientists will be accompanied by a series of events, thanks to which the participants will be able to get to know Szczecin better, which along with the sea port in Świnoujście forms the largest port complex in the southern Baltic Sea. A sightseeing cruise on the Oder River, a fish market, a visit to the LNG port and the trade fair of the Polish maritime universities are just some of the attractions.

We hope to see you in Szczecin!

Karłowicz Philharmonic Hall) brings to mind. In 2015, the philharmonic hall in Szczecin received the Mies van der Rohe Award, the most important award in Europe and one of the most prestigious in the world. A few steps further there are the interactive exhibition pavilions of the Dialogue Centre “Upheavals”, which in 2016 won the title World Building of the Year.

Culture and nature live here in harmony, thanks to which Szczecin can boast of exceptionally clean air. The close vicinity of the Beech Forest with the Emerald Lake is an ideal base for excursions into the natural surroundings. Speaking of greenery, it is impossible not to mention Jasne Błonie, a square in the city center, which blooms in the spring with thousands of magnolias.

The unmistakable, unique atmosphere of this city makes Szczecin an ideal place for the weekend and for longer trips.