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POLISH COMMUNITY in NORWAY Opportunities and Challenges

Oslo, 20 November 2014

**Venue: Oslo Science Park (Forskningsparken)
Gaustadalleen 21, N-0349 Oslo**

PROGRAMME:

- 08:30-09:00* *Registration and coffee*
- 09:00-09:10 Welcome by **HE. Mr. Stefan Czum, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Norway**
- 09:10-09:20 **Mr. Anders Erdal**, Director of the Europe and Trade Department, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 09:20-09:30 **Mr. Artur Orzechowski**, Director of the European Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland
- 09:30-11:00*** ***FIRST PANEL: The Poles in Norway - social challenges***
- Moderator: Jakub Godzimirski, PhD**, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- 09.30-09.40 Introduction, **Jakub Godzimirski**
- 09:40-10:00 ***The Poles in Norway – the Polish perspective***, **Prof. Krystyna Iglicka-Okólska**, Rector of the Łazarski University in Warsaw

10:00-10:20	<i>Polish migrants in the Norwegian labour market – opportunities and challenges</i> , Line Eldring, Fafo Institute for Labour and Social Research
10:20-10:40	<i>The Polish migrants' integration into Norwegian health care system</i> , Elżbieta Czapka, <i>PhD</i> , Norwegian Center for Minority Health Research (NAKMI)
10:40-11:00	Q&A
11:00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30-13:20	<i>SECOND PANEL: The Poles in Norway – opportunities for the Polish-Norwegian economic cooperation</i>
	<u>Moderator</u> : Lars-Kåre Legernes, Managing Director, Oslo Chamber of Commerce
11:30-11:40	Introduction, Lars-Kåre Legernes
11:40-12:00	<i>Polish construction company in Norway. Challenges and opportunities as a general contractor</i> , Marcin Krupa, Director General, TORPOL NORGE
12:00-12:20	<i>Polish Companies - Legal challenges when entering the Norwegian market</i> , Lars Berntsen, Partner, Berngaard/Sandbek AS
12:20-12:40	<i>PGNiG in Norway - investing in the Norwegian oil and gas industry</i> , Sławomir Hinc, <i>PhD</i> , Director General, PGNiG Upstream International AS
12:40-13:00	<i>Practical overview on daily Polish entrepreneur business operation in Norway</i> , Krystyna Helińska, Vice President, Managing Director, Polish Connection
13.00-13.20	Q&A
13:20-14.00	<i>LUNCH</i>

14:00-15:50

THIRD PANEL: *The Poles in Norway – cultural aspects of Polish-Norwegian relations*

Moderator: **Marcin Fronia**, Norden Centrum Foundation, Warsaw

14:00-14:10

Introduction: **Marcin Fronia**

14:10-14:30

The Presence of Poles in the Norwegian culture, Aleksandra Janaczyk, "Moja Norwegia" website

14:30-14:50

'Norway would not have been the same without you.' How Norwegians recognize the significance of Polish culture and the value of a cultural interrelationship, Prof. Knut Andreas Grimstad, University of Oslo

14:50-15:10

Polish – Norwegian cultural cooperation in the EEA Grants cultural exchange programme, Håkon Halgrimsen, Arts Council Norway

15:10-15:30

Proximity and distance to Norwegian society: Some observations on the integration processes of Polish post-2004 migrants in Norway, Marta Bivand Erdal, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

15:30-15:50

Q&A session

15:50-16:10

Perspectives on Poland, Concluding remarks by Ingrid Brekke, Aftenposten

16:10-16.40

Informal discussion, coffee

Language of the seminar – English

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