



Experiences of the Polish EU Presidency. Current challenges of the Polish foreign policy.

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2011 – a special year
for Poland

Polish EU Presidency

-more Europe

-deepening of European integration

-continuation of the Hungarian

Presidency in majority of topics





Poland's leadership is widely viewed as the best one since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.



- Poland – a reliable and responsible state

- three main priorities -

- European integration as a source of growth
 - Secure Europe
- Europe benefitting from openness





- East of Europe
Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova
- Eastern Partnership Summit
Belarus

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- neighbourhood policy
 - European Endowment for
Democracy
 - Arab states

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- common European objectives
 - Poland's position strengthened
in the EU
 - acting on behalf of the High
Representative
 - Poland's brand awareness raised
globally
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Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-20

as main instrument for completing
European policies

Poland acted on behalf of the EU in
creating the basis for negotiations



- adoption of 'six-pack' by the EP
- „European Consensus on Growth“
 - EU patent
 - accession treaty with Croatia
 - closing six negotiation chapters with Iceland

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EFFICIENCY



Poland was the only country in Europe that achieved significant and stable economic growth in the last few years.

2009 – 1,6%

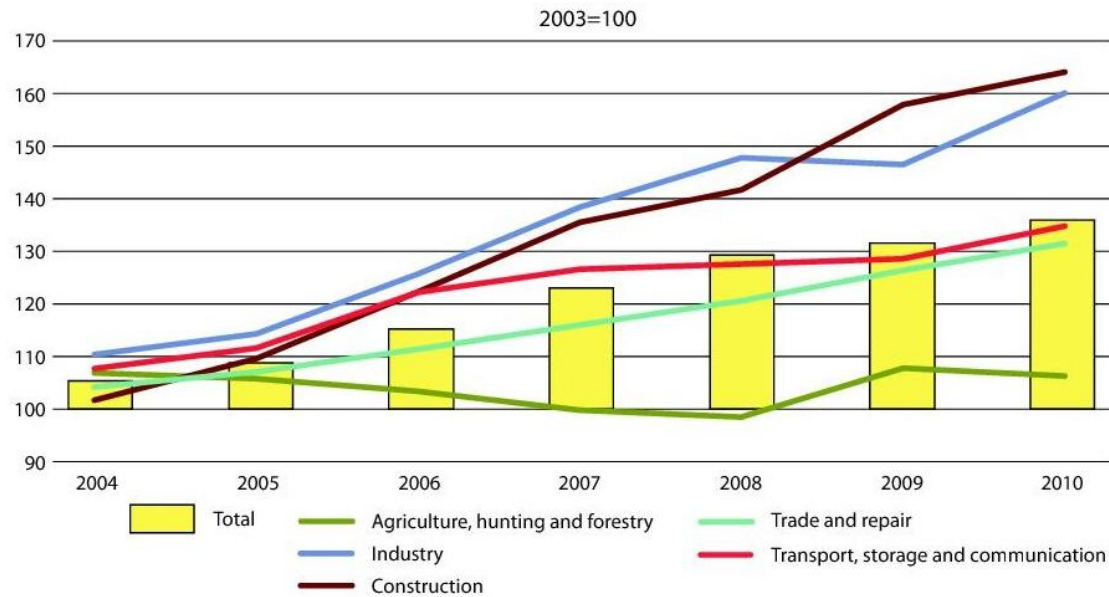
2010 – 3,8%

2011 – 4,3%

2012 – 2,5-3%



Gross value added by selected sections (constant prices)




Gross domestic product



	2010		
	2003=100 ^a	2009=100 ^a	in % of GDP ^b
Gross domestic product	137.2	103.8	100.0
of which gross value added	135.8	103.3	88.0
Domestic demand	138.4	104.4	101.0
final consumption expenditure	131.8	103.3	80.2
of which:			
individual consumption expenditure of households sector	131.1	103.2	60.6
public – general government sector	135.9	104.0	18.8
gross capital formation	167.5	108.5	20.8
of which gross fixed capital formation	164.1	99.0	19.7

^a At constant prices. ^b At current prices.



V4 importance

- 20th anniversary in 2011
 - great economic power
 - Poland's trade turnover with other V4 countries 31 bn EUR
 - „V4 plus” concept successful
 - common infrastructure projects
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- Polish V4 presidency priorities:
- common V4 stance for MFF negotiations (2014-2020)
 - common V4 approach on the EU annual budget procedure
 - deepening the V4 cooperation in the area of security and defence, (calling into being the Visegrad Battle Group)
 - energy security
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- Polish-Hungarian economic cooperation
 - more than 6 bn EUR trade turnover in 2011



The goals of the Polish foreign policy



Foundations of Poland's statehood

- democracy
 - the rule of law
 - respect for human rights
 - solidarity
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Poland's foreign policy priorities

- strong Poland in a strong political union
 - reliable ally in a stable transatlantic order
 - Poland open to different dimensions of regional cooperation
 - strategy for 'development cooperation', promoting democracy and human rights
 - promoting Poland abroad
 - a new quality in relations with the Polish diaspora and Poles living abroad
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- New role of Poland:
- emerging role in EU
 - well prospering economy (20th economy of the world)
 - open society
 - Poland as important member of EU, NATO and other organisations
 - will to use this special moment for Poland and Europe
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Thank you for your attention!

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