

**INNOVATION PROGRAM FRAMEWORK
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Poland:

Desiring to enhance the bonds of friendship and spirit of cooperation and to strengthen economic relations between them;

Recognizing the importance of fostering an open and transparent environment for innovation;

Recognizing the benefits that both countries derive from increased collaboration;

Seeking to promote scientific and technological cooperation to support innovation and the exchange of information and best practices to foster entrepreneurial partnerships;

Recognizing the essential role of public leadership in private investment, both domestic and foreign, in furthering growth, creating jobs, improving technology, and enhancing economic development;

Desiring to ensure that innovative economic policies promote social responsibility;

Desiring to encourage and facilitate contacts between enterprises and other private sector groups in each other's territory;

Expecting to use this Framework to pursue initiatives on specific innovation projects, with a view to highlighting best practices and fostering enhanced opportunities for entrepreneurs;

Intend to establish a United States - Poland Innovation Program and a United States - Poland Innovation Council to manage that program, providing the necessary guidance for further development of this bilateral initiative. The above-mentioned Council is expected to start its work in the Fall of 2014 and would be chaired by the U.S. Department of State (Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs) and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland (Undersecretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation). The Council intends to meet and operate in accordance with a Statement of Intent that is expected to be completed later this year.

Signed at Warsaw, this 3rd day of June 2014, in the English and Polish languages.


**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**


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REPUBLIC OF POLAND**

Council Members**U.S.-Poland Innovation Program (PLUS-IP)**

U.S. Council Members	Polish Council Members
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of State 2. Department of Commerce 3. Department of Defense 4. OPIC 5. Activity for Innovation and Economic Growth 6. American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) 7. American Councils for International Education 8. AMCHAM Warsaw 9. National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) 10. U.S. Chamber of Commerce 11. U.S. – Poland Business Council 12. U.S. – Polish Trade Council 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Science and Higher Education 2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs 3. Ministry of Economy 4. National Center for Research and Development 5. Polish Agency for Enterprise Development 6. Scientific Policy Committee 7. Ministry of Defense 8. Polish Academy of Sciences 9. Polish Confederation Lewiatan 10. Employers of Poland 11. Association of TOP 500 Innovators 12. Polish Chamber of Commerce



U.S.-Poland Innovation Program (PLUS-IP)

Fact Sheet

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The U.S.-Poland Innovation Program (PLUS-IP) is a collaborative initiative between the U.S. Department of State and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland. The program will strengthen Poland's innovation ecosystem through the nexus of government, business, and academia and will benefit both countries by promoting innovation through U.S.-Polish joint ventures and joint research and development projects.

PLUS-IP was established through a framework signed by Secretary of State John Kerry and then-Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski in June 2014. PLUS-IP will hold its inaugural meeting and a signing of a statement of intent Monday, November 17, 2014, in Los Angeles, California.

Poland: An Economic Success Story

Poland is the United States' largest commercial partner in Central Europe, and the United States is one of the top sources of foreign investment in Poland. Over the past ten years, our bilateral trade quadrupled, American companies invested more than \$20 billion in Poland, and more than 180,000 Poles gained employment directly from U.S. companies.

Poland is the sixth-largest economy in the European Union and has witnessed economic growth every year since the fall of communism in 1989. Poland experienced GDP growth of over 20 percent from 2008 to 2013. Its highly educated work force, structural reforms, infrastructure development, and improved competitiveness have contributed to this strong growth.

PLUS-IP Opportunities

PLUS-IP will advance innovation and research and development collaboration between the United States and Poland. The two countries will share best practices and expertise to bring successful innovation models such as the Research Triangle and Silicon Valley to Poland. This effort provides opportunities for joint research and joint ventures aimed at promoting access to capital, more rapid and effective commercialization of technology, strengthening and expanding regional innovation clusters, improving collaboration in key economic sectors, and fostering the innovation ecosystem. Defense, energy, health, and science and technology are sectors of particular emphasis.

To foster innovation opportunities through PLUS-IP, the Government of Poland plans to establish several 10-year venture capital funds to finance identified projects. The United States Government will jointly conceptualize with the Poles the best means to provide financing for these initiatives. Poland's National Center for Research and Development plans to provide 50-55 percent of each fund's initial capital, valuing each fund from \$100 to \$250 million.

PLUS-IP Partners

To manage PLUS-IP, the two countries have established a U.S.-Poland Innovation Council that is co-chaired by the U.S. Department of State and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland.

U.S. council members also include U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Defense, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), Activity for Innovation and Economic Growth (AEIG), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), American Chamber of Commerce in Poland, American Council for International Education (ACIE), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S.-Poland Business Council, and U.S.-Polish Trade Council.

Additional Polish council members include the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of National Defense, Association of TOP 500 Innovators, Employers of Poland, National Center for Research and Development, Polish Academy of Sciences, Polish Agency for Enterprise Development, Polish Chamber of Commerce, Polish Confederation Lewiatan, and Scientific Policy Committee.

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Poland–United States Innovation Council

	Institution	Position	Representative as of 1 October 2014
1	Ministry of Science and Higher Education (http://www.nauka.gov.pl/en/)	Under-Secretary of State	Prof. Włodzisław Duch
2	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (http://www.ms.gov.pl/en/ministry_of_foreign_affairs)	Director, Department of the Americas	Mr. Grzegorz Kozłowski
3	Ministry of Economy (http://www.mg.gov.pl/)	Deputy Director, Department of Innovation and Industry	Ms. Otylia Trzaskalska-Stroińska
4	Ministry of National Defense (http://en.mon.gov.pl/)	Chief Expert, Science and Military Education Department	Dr Michał Wierciński
5	National Center for Research and Development (http://www.ncbir.pl/en/)	Deputy Director	Mr. Leszek Grabarczyk
6	Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (http://www.parp.gov.pl/index/main/)	President	Ms. Bożena Lublińska-Kasprzak
		Director, Economic Promotion Department [deputy]	Mr. Michał Polański
7	Scientific Policy Committee (http://www.nauka.gov.pl/komitet-polityki-naukowej-nauka/ [in Polish])	Member of the Scientific Policy Committee	Dr hab. Beata Czarnacka-Chrobot, Professor of the Warsaw School of Economics
8	Polish Academy of Sciences (http://www.english.pan.pl/)	Director, Institute of Fundamental Technological Research	Prof. Tadeusz Burczyński
9	Polish Chamber of Commerce (http://en.kig.pl/)	Deputy Director General	Mr. Jerzy Bujok
		Director of the Office of International Cooperation [deputy]	Mr. Jerzy Drożdż
10	Polish Confederation Lewiatan (http://konfederacjalewiatan.pl/en/)	Advisor	Dr. Jacek Adamski
11	Employers of Poland (http://www.pracodawcyvp.pl/en/)	Advisor	Prof. Andrzej Rabczenko
12	Association of TOP 500 Innovators (http://top500innovators.org/english)	President	Ms. Katarzyna Walezyk-Matuszyk
		Treasurer [deputy]	Mr. Dariusz Kotoda

Sub-committee leads (Polish side)

- Financing Innovation (Mr. Leszek Grabarczyk, National Center for Research and Development, Deputy Director)
- Commercialization of Technology (Mr. Leszek Grabarczyk, National Center for Research and Development, Deputy Director)
- Promoting collaboration in key sectors (Mr. Krzysztof Gulda, Scientific Policy Committee)
- Regional innovation clusters (Mr. Krzysztof Krystowski, Kłustry Polskie/Polish Clusters, President)

Poland U.S. Innovation Program (PLUS-IP) **U.S. Council Member Guidelines**

Purpose of PLUS-IP

The purpose of the Poland U.S. Innovation Program (PLUS-IP) is to expand bilateral innovation cooperation, and facilitate links between our industry, high-tech companies, academic community, other non-governmental agencies, and governments. Researchers, project managers, business leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, government officials and others on both sides are to identify respective counterparts and jointly develop specific research and innovation projects and initiatives with the intent of leading this cooperation to commercial projects.

Role of Poland U.S. Innovation Council (PLUS-IC) Members

The Poland – United States Innovation Council (PLUS-IC), comprised of 12 members per country, is responsible for managing the PLUS-IP and providing the necessary guidance for further development of this bilateral initiative. The two governments convene PLUS-IP, but the initiative is to be governed by a “bottom up” approach to cooperation.

Council members participate in the PLUS-IC meetings held twice annually, once face-to-face, and once virtually via video conference. Face-to-face meetings rotate between Poland and the United States, with the first taking place in the United States. The PLUS-IC will operate in accordance with PLUS-IP Framework Agreement (signed on June 3, 2014), and the Statement of Intent, which will be signed at the first PLUS-IC meeting. The Council provides guidance on the work plans developed by the PLUS-IP sub-committees. Each council member participates in the work of at least one sub-committee; every sub-committee is to have at least one council member participant.

Role of PLUS-IP Sub-Committees

Four sub-committees (SCs) are being established under PLUS-IP, where work will continue throughout the year. The four SCs are: 1) Technical Sub-Committee for Establishing the Fund(s); 2) Promotion of Collaboration in Key Sectors (Defense, Health, Energy, and Science and Technology); 3) Promoting Regional Innovation Clusters; 4) Access to Financing and Commercialization of Technology. Each sub-committee will be co-led by a U.S. and Polish representative. The SC co-leads are to facilitate and coordinate the work of the SCs by reaching out to and convening (by phone or otherwise) interested participants from the council and its membership and others with relevant expertise. The SCs are to prepare a work plan that promotes the PLUS-IP objectives including collaboration on the development and commercialization of innovative products and services. Coordination between the U.S. and Polish co-leads and other SC members will be essential to the SCs’ success. Co-leads are to follow-up with SC members as often as required throughout the year to ensure sufficient progress is being made on the work plan initiatives. The SCs will report on their work plans and achievements at each PLUS-IC meeting. SCs may consider the establishment of working groups

on specific SC sub-topics if both sides agree. Finally, SCs should keep in mind that the initiatives may result in the establishment of a fund(s) under PLUS-IP.

Sub-Committee Membership

While participation in PLUS-IC meetings generally is to be limited to council members, SC participation should extend beyond council members and their organizations' membership to include others from the public and private sector whose expertise would benefit the work of the SCs. Requests by non-council members for SC participation should be directed to the SC co-leads, who can consult, as necessary, with the U.S. government representative to said SC. Participants are to be individuals and organizations committed to the advancement of the PLUS-IP goals.