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Congresses of Polish Economists are convened every few years and serve as a platform for debating key challenges facing the Polish economy and the role of economics as an academic discipline. (...)

This year's Congress, held under the title "Economics and the Economy in Times of Uncertainty," was intended to identify priorities for the Polish economy, economic strategy, and socio-economic transformation in the face of global economic, geopolitical, and climatic tensions. The Program Council discussed at length whether the proceedings should focus exclusively on economics (economic sciences) or also address the economy. I believe we have reached a successful compromise recognizing that economics cannot be meaningfully discussed without reference to the economy, nor the economy without economics. The term "uncertainty" in the Congress's title is particularly significant capturing, for many of us, the turbulence associated with the civilizational crisis of which we are participants, witnesses, researchers, and analysts. (...)

The proceedings demonstrated that even in times of uncertainty, constructive reflection and collaboration between economists with differing views are possible in the pursuit of stable, sustainable, and equitable development. In the face of growing uncertainty—global and local—the following are crucial for economic stability and development: flexible and resilient financial systems; sustainable development, taking into account the energy transition and environmental challenges; strengthening human capital through education, future-proof skills, and economic education; supporting family businesses and small and micro-enterprises as pillars of the local economy; fostering inclusive development that takes into account areas beyond metropolitan centers; and broad-based


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dialogue between science, business, public administration, and society, which can strengthen Poland's resilience to global turbulence.

The Congress reaffirmed that independent, interdisciplinary economic analysis and open debate are the foundations of informed economic policy and development strategies. The Polish Economic Society and its Congress remain a key forum where diverse perspectives—academic, business, and political—converge with Poland's future in mind. The Congress organizers were not only concerned with occasional, temporary, or exceptional attention to economic issues. I am convinced that this year's Congress, like its predecessors, laid a lasting foundation for the continued development, and broader societal impact of economic thought. A symbolic expression of this was the so-called Poznań Declaration, adopted at the conclusion of the conference (the text is available at the PTE website). It contains eleven recommendations identified during the Congress. I hope it will have a significant impact on the quality of economic discourse in Poland and will also influence the economic policy pursued by the government. Furthermore, we expect the results achieved at the 11th Congress to provide a strong foundation for the ongoing promotion of economic knowledge and the development of economic education in Polish society. From this perspective, we would like the Congress to be not only an intensive two-day event but also a recurring forum that becomes a permanent element of the socio-economic debate in Poland.

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