

EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023

Press Conference Notice

“One year until EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023”

Date:	Monday 5 September 2022
Time:	10.00 AM – 10.40 AM (CEST)
Location:	University of Gdańsk Library, Wita Stwosza 53, 80-308, Gdańsk, Poland
Hosts	Poland’s Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE), WorldSkills Poland, University of Gdańsk
Livestreaming details:	<p>The press conference will be livestreamed on the following digital channels:</p> <p>Facebook https://www.facebook.com/WorldSkillsPoland https://www.facebook.com/EuroSkills2023Gdansk</p> <p>YouTube https://www.youtube.com/c/WorldSkillsEuropeOfficial https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB7tAcDQDWec0gGIZEE1W4w</p>
Overview:	<p>This is the first official press conference for EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023, which has been organised to mark exactly one year until the start of the eighth biennial EuroSkills Competition.</p> <p>From 5 to 9 September 2023, the EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023 will welcome 600 skilled young professionals under the age of 25 from 31 countries to participate in competitions and demonstrations in 50 different skills and trades. Around 100,000 visitors from across Poland and abroad are expected to attend the event.</p> <p>This press conference will introduce the idea behind EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023 and present the schedule of preparations for next year’s Competition.</p> <p>A panel of distinguished speakers will attend this event, which will be moderated by journalist Marek Zajęc.</p> <p>The press conference has also been organised to coincide with the official opening of the Erasmus+ InnHUB in Gdańsk – a new innovation centre which focuses on European educational programmes and the promotion of the Erasmus+ offer. The centre will support cooperation between Pomeranian universities, local government and companies to make optimal use of EU funding opportunities.</p>

<p>Speakers:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marzena Machałek, Poland’s Deputy Minister of Education • Przemysław Czarnek, Poland’s Minister of Education • Paweł Poszytek, General Director, Poland’s Foundation For The Development Of The Education System (FRSE) • Dawid Solak, Deputy Director General, FRSE, Chair of the Supervisory Board of SkillsPoland • Laurence Gates, Chief Executive Officer, WorldSkills Europe • Representative of the City of Gdańsk Council (to be determined). <p>There will be time for media questions and answers after all panellists have spoken.</p> <p><u><i>Polish EuroSkills and WorldSkills Champions will also be available to answer questions from the media and other guests.</i></u></p>
<p>Moderator:</p>	<p>Marek Zając, Journalist</p>
<p>Spoken language(s):</p>	<p>Polish - some short summaries will be spoken in English by a translator. Speech and interview with WorldSkills Europe CEO will be in English.</p>
<p>Agenda:</p> <p>10.00 - 10.05</p> <p>10.05 - 10.15</p> <p>10.05 - 10.40</p> <p>10.40 – 10.45</p>	<p>Screening of advertising spot</p> <p>Start of the conference Guests welcomed by the moderator</p> <p>Panel speeches and interviews conducted by the moderator</p> <p>Photography opportunities</p>
<p>Additional arrangements:</p>	<p>In addition to main press conference room, there will be a separate room available for short media interviews.</p>
<p>Attendees:</p>	<p>The press conference will be attended by representatives of the Polish press, universities and all co-organisers of EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023.</p> <p>The event will be streamed online for viewers among delegates at Member Countries of WorldSkills Europe, Competitors and other young people, WorldSkills Europe Experts, education and government institutions, media, supporters, Sponsors and Partners of the co-organisers of EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023.</p>

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About EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023

EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023 is the eighth edition of the biennial EuroSkills Competition – the biggest vocational education and skills excellence event in Europe.

Held every two years and organised by WorldSkills Europe together with 31 Member Countries, EuroSkills brings together hundreds of young professionals from countries across Europe to compete for the chance to become the Best in Europe in their chosen skill.

EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023 will take place from 5 to 9 September 2023. The event will welcome 600 skilled young professionals under the age of 25 from 31 countries to participate in competitions and demonstrations in 50 different skills and trades. Around 100,000 visitors from across Poland and abroad are expected to attend.

Visitors to the free-admission Competition will be able to watch the competitors in action and have the opportunity to try hands-on job-related skills at the many 'Try-a-Skill' demonstrations. The tens of thousands of school-aged young people who visit will be encouraged to turn their passions into a profession.

EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023 is organised in partnership by Poland's Foundation For The Development Of The Education System (FRSE), WorldSkills Poland, WorldSkills Europe, the City of Gdańsk and AMBEREXPO Gdańsk.

About WorldSkills Europe

Founded in 2006, WorldSkills Europe is part of the WorldSkills movement – a group of people and organisations, including WorldSkills International, that together advance the shared social objective of increasing the provision and development of skills.

WorldSkills Europe promotes vocational, technological and service oriented education and training across Europe, working with youth, educators, governments, and industries to help prepare the workforce and talent of today for the jobs of the future.

WorldSkills Europe brings youth, industries, and educators together to give young people the chance to compete, experience, and learn how to become the best in their skill of choice.

Together with 31 WorldSkills Europe Member countries, WorldSkills Europe organises EuroSkills – the biggest vocational education and skills excellence event in Europe.

WorldSkills Europe works in close collaboration with European sector organisations to help shape the current and future occupational standards needed by the European continent to compete in the global economy.

From the traditional trades to multi-skilled technology careers in the industry and service sectors, supported by Members, Sponsors, Partners, industries, governments, volunteers, and educational institutions, WorldSkills Europe is making a direct impact on raising the level of skills throughout Europe.

For more information, visit: worldskillseurope.org.

About WorldSkills Poland

Poland officially became a WorldSkills Europe Member Country in 2017, however Poland has a much longer connection with vocational skills, due to the Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE), which has been thriving for 29 years. Since Poland joined WorldSkills Europe and WorldSkills International, structures dedicated to this program have been created within FRSE. These teams work to organise both the WorldSkills Poland championship in 2023 as well as numerous workshops, annual championships and side events.

Earlier, under a different organisation, Poland competed at EuroSkills Rotterdam 2008 and returned again under the direction of FRSE for EuroSkills Budapest 2018, with the team entering eight skills. At EuroSkills Budapest 2018, Poland achieved a Medallion for Excellence in Cooking, and at EuroSkills Graz 2021, Poland achieved its best results so far at a EuroSkills Competition, winning three bronze medals.

For more information, visit: <https://worldskillspoland.org.pl>.

About Poland's Foundation For The Development Of The Education System (FRSE)

Since 1993, the Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE) has managed programmes, projects and initiatives aimed at broadening basic and specialist knowledge and acquisition of new skills and competencies in formal, non-formal and informal education settings.

FRSE is the only institution in Poland that possesses such a broad experience in managing education programmes, especially EU programmes. In the past, it has coordinated the Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius and Grundtvig) and Youth in Action in Poland. The reputation of the Foundation has resulted in entrusting it with the responsibilities of the Polish National Agency for the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Solidarity Corps.

The Foundation for the Development of the Education System organises many educational events. For years, it has organised competitions aimed at promoting project results. Its flagship initiatives include EDUinspirations, European Language Label and Selfie+. Also in 2018, FRSE launched the Mobile Education Centre – a state-of-the-art scientific and teaching space, which visits various parts of Poland. The main target group of the Mobile Educational Centre is teaching staff who participate in training on how to use modern technology in their work with students.

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For more information, visit: <https://www.frse.org.pl/about-the-foundation>

About the City of Gdańsk

Gdańsk is the capital and largest city of the Pomerania Province in Poland. A popular tourist, cultural, business and academic centre, Gdańsk is Poland's principal seaport and the country's fourth-largest metropolitan area.

Gdańsk attracts crowds of tourists throughout the year. There is something for everyone in this city: a famous old town with historical sights and landmarks, beautiful beaches, modern museums, not to mention perfectly preserved fortifications, ranked among the biggest in Europe, and interesting harbour architecture.

Gdańsk is not only a beautiful and attractive city for tourism, but it also has a well-developed infrastructure and innovative approach to landscape management; an ideal place to organise world-class events.

Gdańsk also stands out in terms of its provision of high-quality education. There are many universities, numerous trade and vocational schools with excellent educational results.

A thousand-year history, a location at the crossroads of important commercial and communication routes, an extensive port and mercantile traditions - all this makes Gdańsk a meeting place of many cultures, nationalities and denominations. For more information, visit: <https://www.gdansk.pl>.

About AMBEREXPO Gdańsk

AMBEREXPO Gdańsk is one of the most modern exhibition and congress facilities in Poland, opened in 2012. This huge space, consisting of meeting rooms, integrated exhibition halls, office space, warehouses, VIP areas and restaurants, hosts about 100 events a year. The convenient location in the prestigious vicinity of the Gdansk Stadium and the functionality of the facility create the possibility to organise various high-tech economic, scientific, social and cultural events.

In the last few years, AMBEREXPO has hosted many important events, including Skills Poland 2021. The second edition of SkillsPoland will also be held there in November 2022.

For more information, visit: <https://amberexpo.pl>.