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## URE's new website on the upcoming Polish Presidency in the European Council.

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Today, the Energy Regulatory Office is launching a new website on the upcoming Polish Presidency in the European Council. We would like to introduce you to the issues and activities we are going to target in this important period of the Polish Presidency. Therefore we would like to invite you to visit the new URE website - [www.prezydencja.ure.gov.pl](https://www.prezydencja.ure.gov.pl)

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# Polish Presidency of the EU Council

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Every six months a different member state of the European Union holds the Presidency presiding over the work of the Council of the European Union. At the same time the state holding the Presidency becomes the host of most of the Union's events and plays a key role in all the fields of activity of the European Union. From 1 July 2011 Poland will hold the Presidency in the Council of the European Union.

Poland is taking over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 1 July 2011, for the first time in its history.

Poland is among those countries for whom the issue of the European energy sector policy is of utmost importance. Therefore, one of the priorities of Poland's Presidency is strengthening of the external EU energy policy.

Our country will take over the Presidency of the European Council at an important moment for the energy policy. On the one hand, it is the entry into force of the III Energy Package and the launch of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) in March 2011 and on the other hand a common challenge that is the completion of an integrated European energy market by 2014.

The Energy Regulatory Office wants to actively participate in the Presidency. Our goal is to promote energy security in Europe not only through the development of competition but also by supporting projects in the field of energy efficiency including smart grids and reducing energy consumption. We want to take full advantage of the Polish Presidency to promote the knowledge about the Polish energy sector in Europe. We would like to reinforce the idea of creating a competitive and integrated energy market in the European Union.

Marek Woszczyk  
President of the Energy Regulatory Office

Conference in Cracow

Polish-Danish Energy Efficiency Workshops

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## Six months of energy

EU Member States take over the Presidency in the European Council every six months, consecutively. During the Presidency a Member State hosts most of the EU events and plays a key role in all of the European Union's activities. Poland will take over the Presidency in the EU Council on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

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## URE's involvement in the Presidency

The Energy Regulatory Office will organize and co-organize the events connected with the six month Polish Presidency in the European Council. In September 2011 the Polish Regulator will host the meeting of the CEER working group for Retail Market and Consumers. In October 2011 URE, together with the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of

Treasury, will organize a two day event that will include the ministerial conference *Competitive and integrated market as the guarantee of energy security*, with the participation of many prominent guests, as well as the General Assembly of The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and the newly created Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER). In November URE is planning a workshop on energy efficiency organized in cooperation with Danish Embassy.

The information on these and other events of the Polish Presidency concerning the energy sector can be found on the new URE website.

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For more information on what the Presidency is, what the responsibilities of Poland as the presiding country are and on the priorities of the Polish Presidency go to the official governmental website - [www.prezydencjaue.gov.pl](http://www.prezydencjaue.gov.pl)

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## Polish Presidency of the EU Council

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### Presidency in the media

184 days - that is how long it will take to hold the Presidency of the European Union Council  
4416 hours - for negotiating and resolving challenges  
264 960 minutes - for reinforcement of the EU's global position due to the Polish Presidency

But before 1 July 2011 we have to be well prepared, and here you can find vital information on this arduous process...

#### What is the Presidency

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##### EU 'trio' meet in Warsaw

09.05.2011



Prime Minister Donald Tusk will chair a meeting of the EU 'trio' presidency in Warsaw today, where the head of government will meet with Danish PM Lars Løkke Rasmussen and Cypriot president Dimitris Christofias.

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##### Poland pledges support for Croatia EU bid

09.05.2011



Prime Minister Donald Tusk concluded his three day visit to the Balkans with a trip to Croatia on Saturday, with Zagreb close to finalising negotiations on joining the EU.

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##### Polish Airlines LOT has joined the Friends of the Presidency Club

22.04.2011



Pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement signed on April 15, 2011, Polish Airlines LOT is to provide press publications of the information concerning the Polish Presidency and the whole of the accompanying events planned from June until December 2011 in a bilingual in-flight magazine called "Kaleidoscope".

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