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EFFECTIVE FINANCING OF AGRIBUSINESS IN A SECURE EUROPE

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Republic of Poland



**DAY 1**  
26 February

## EUROPEAN DIMENSION OF EFFECTIVE AND FINANCIALLY SECURE EUROPE

### 10.00 - 10.20 Inauguration, greetings, opening speeches:

Host's Welcome:

- **Tadeusz Białek PhD**, the President of the Polish Bank Association, Member of the Board of the European Banking Federation

Speech of the Honorary Patron and General Partner:

- **Czesław Siekierski PhD**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

### 10.20 - 12.30 **PART I:** Current state and future of agricultural finance in the face of security challenges for the agricultural sector

#### 10.30 - 10.40 Opening speeches

- **Gijs Schilthuis**, Director, DG AGRI, European Commission
- **Anna Kopytowska PhD**, Narodowy Bank Polski

#### 10.40 - 10.55 Current state of financial market for agriculture in Poland

- **Mariusz Cholewa PhD**, President of the Management Board BIK S.A., President of Association of Consumer Credit Information Suppliers (ACCIS)

#### 10.55 - 12.30

**Strategic Debate:**

Participants  
(alphabetical  
order)

- **Czesław Siekierski PhD**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Wiktor Szmulewicz**, President of The National Council of Agricultural Chambers
- **Rūdolfs Pulkstenis**, Vice-President of the European Young Farmers' Organization (CEJA)
- **Waldemar Pawlak**, Senator, Chairman of Senate National Economy Commission and Agriculture and Rural Development Commission
- **Mirosław Skiba**, President of the Management Board of SGB Bank SA
- **Bartosz Urbaniak**, Head of Agro Banking BNP Paribas for Central and Eastern Europe and Africa, BNP Paribas Bank Polska SA

Moderation: red. Maciej Zakrocki, Team Europe, TVP INFO

#### 12.30 - 13.00 Break

### 13.00 - 14.20 **PART II:** Modern instruments for risk management and building resistance in agriculture sector

#### 13.00 - 13.10 Support for actions reducing crisis risks

- **Agnieszka Kłódkowska-Cieślakiewicz**, Director of the Budget Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development



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<b>13.10 - 13.20</b>	<b>Insurance as an instrument of risk management in agriculture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Paweł Warunek</b>, Director of the Agricultural Insurance Office of TUW</li></ul>
<b>13.20 - 14.30</b>	Discussion panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Stefan Krajewski</b>, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</li><li>• <b>Wojciech Legawiec</b>, Chairman of The Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture</li><li>• <b>Henryk Józef Smolarz</b>, Managing Director of National Support Centre for Agriculture</li><li>• <b>Andrzej Gantner</b>, Vice-President of the Polish Federation of Food Producers</li><li>• <b>Piotr Piłat</b>, President of the Management Board of Krakowski Bank Spółdzielczy</li><li>• <b>Marek Radzikowski PhD</b>, Vice President of the Management Board of PKO Bank Polski SA</li><li>• <b>Marek Zagórski</b>, President of the Management Board of National Food Group SA</li><li>• <b>Tomasz Jąder</b>, President of the Management Board of Santander Leasing SA</li></ul> Moderation: <b>Iwona Dyba</b> , Editor-in-Chief of the Farmer.pl portal
<b>14.30 - 15.00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>15.00 - 16.50</b>	<b>PART III: Financial instruments of the EU and the Common Agricultural Policy – time for conclusions and recommendations</b>
<b>15.00 - 15.10</b>	<b>Repayable support for the agricultural sector under the Agricultural Guarantee Fund Plus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ryszard Kogut</b>, Deputy Director of the Technical Assistance Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</li></ul>
<b>15.10 - 15.20</b>	<b>Financing Agribusiness within the Financial Instruments of EU Programmes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Marek Ulman</b>, Coordinator at the NCP for Financial Instruments of EU Programmes</li></ul>
<b>15.20 - 16.50</b>	Discussion panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Adam Nowak</b>, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</li><li>• <b>Joanna Gierulska</b>, Vice President of the Agricultural Restructuring and Modernization Agency</li><li>• <b>Aleksander Mikołajczak</b>, President of the Management Board, Bank Spółdzielczy in Brodnica</li><li>• <b>Damian Ragan</b>, Vice President of the Management Board, Credit Agricole Bank Poland</li><li>• <b>Mateusz Olszak</b>, Member of the Board of the European Association of Guarantee Institutions (AECM), Director of the Guarantee Department, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego</li><li>• <b>Kamil Pruchnik PhD</b>, Regional Representative in Poland, European Investment Fund</li><li>• <b>Eryk Fronczak</b>, Head of Carbon Finance, Heavy Finance</li><li>• <b>Łukasz Dominiak</b>, Director for Public and Government Relations, Animex Holding</li></ul> Moderation: <b>Paweł Minkina</b> , Editor-in-Chief of the BANK Magazine
<b>16.50 - 17.00</b>	<b>Summary and closing of First Day</b>
<b>19.00 - 24.00</b>	<b>VIP Dinner Party, Agri-Awards Ceremony, Concert</b>

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## DAY 2 DOMESTIC DIMENSION OF EFFECTIVE AND FINANCIALLY SECURE EUROPE

27 February

### 10.00 - 10.10 Opening, greeting, Introductory speeches:

- **Agnieszka Wachnicka**, Vice President of the Polish Bank Association

10.10 - 11.55

### PART I:

#### Current state of Polish agriculture and rural areas in the face of current challenges

10.10 - 10.20

The state of Polish agriculture in the face of current national and international challenges

- **Marek Wigier PhD**, President of the Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics

10.20 - 10.35

How geopolitical changes and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have influenced the strategic directions of development of agriculture and rural areas in Poland until 2035.

- **Justyna Cieřlikowska**, Vice director of the Department of Strategy and Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

10.35 - 11.55

### Strategic Debate:

Participants  
(alphabetical  
order):

- **Adam Nowak**, Undersecretary of State w Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Representative of the European Commission (tbc)
- **Agnieszka Maliszewska**, Director of the Polish Chamber of Milk Office, First Vice-President of COGECA,
- **Grzegorz Brodziak**, President of the Polish Agricultural Federation
- **Stanisław Jastrzębski**, Chairman of The Union of Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland
- **Dariusz Rohde**, President of the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund
- **Krzysztof Kokot**, Vice President of the Management Board of Bank Polskiej Spółdzielczości SA

Moderation: **Błażej Prońniewski**, Editor, Head of the Economy Department in the News and Journalism Editorial Office, Polish Radio JEDYNKA

11.55 - 12.15

Break

12.15 - 13.30

### PART II:

#### Research, Innovations, Digitalization and RES as strategic challenges for agriculture sector

12.15 - 12.25

*Activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for the development of research, innovation and digitalization in the field of agriculture*

- **Justyna Cieřlikowska**, Deputy Director of the Department of Innovation, Digitalisation and Knowledge Transfer, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

12.25 - 12.35

What does a modern farmer need? Institute of Modern Agriculture

12.35 - 13:50

### Discussion panel:

Participants

- **Łukasz Czech**, President of AgroWE-Agricultural Consulting
- **Bożena Lublińska-Kasprzak**, First Assistant Director of The National Centre for Research and



(alphabetical order):

Development (NCBiR)

- **Zbigniew Wiśniewski**, Vice President of the Cashless Poland Foundation
- **Marek Szulc**, President of Agro Applications
- **Michał Należyty**, Vice President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska SA
- **Alicja Huczyńska**, President of the Management Board of the Cooperative Bank in Koronowo

Moderation: Karol Bujoczek, Executive Director – Chairman of the Board of Editors of Top Agrar Polska

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13.50 - 14.10

Break

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14.10 - 15.45

**PART III:**

**New National Support with participation of finance market – expectations and prospects for market participants**

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14.10 - 14.20

**New National Aid with the participation of the financial market – expectations and perspectives of market participants**

- Joanna Helmans, Deputy Director of the Department of National Support, Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture

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14.30 - 15.45

**Discussion panel:**

Participants  
(alphabetical order):

- **Stefan Krajewski**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Juliusz Młodecki**, President of the National Association of Producers of Rapeseed and Protein Crops
- **Leszek Szymański**, Vice Chairman of The Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture
- **Mirosław Drygas**, Director of the Agricultural Advisory Center
- **Krzysztof Karwowski**, Chairman of Cooperative Banking Committee, PBA, Chairman of Cooperative Bank, Szczytno
- **Agnieszka Wolska**, Vice President of the Management Board, BNP Paribas Bank Polska SA

Moderation: Robert Lidke, Editor-in-Chief of the BANK.pl Portal

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15.45 - 16.00

**Closing Remarks**

- Speech of Włodzimierz Kiciński, Vice President of the Polish Bank Association

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16.00–

**Networking dinner**

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