

**Sustainable development in Poland, the Czech Republic, and the V4 region:  
separately or together?**

**A “gateway to development” via being a Chinese “gateway to Europe”?**

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**AGENDA**

**9:30 – 10:00 Networking breakfast**

**10:00 – 10:30 Introduction**

How to secure sustainable development in Poland and the Czech Republic (as well as the other V4 countries) in the XXI century: strategies, ideas and new trends. Areas of competition and cooperation: foreign investments, tourism and expansion to foreign markets. New opportunities and challenges resulting from enhancing relations with China.

- Dr Małgorzata Bonikowska, CIR, president
- Dr Jiří Schneider, Aspen Institute Prague, executive director

**10:30 – 11:00 Presentations**

- Czech economic relations with foreign partners. Czech (and Slovak) economic and political relations with China.
- Polish economic relations with foreign partners. Polish (and Hungarian) economic and political relations with China.

**11:00 - 12:30 Development through doing business with foreign partners, esp. China.**

- Polish and Czech companies on foreign markets: global expansion vs. sustainable development.
- “En bloc” approach or individual beauty contest: does Poland, the Czech Republic (and other V4 countries) compete or cooperate in building their relations with foreign partners, esp. China?
- Chinese investments in Poland, the Czech Republic (and other V4 countries): is it an opportunity for new technologies and job creation or threat of massive acquisitions by a foreign power in Europe?

Chair: Jiří Schneider

**12:30 – 12:50 Coffee break**



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### **12:50 – 14:20 Beyond economy**

- Cooperation among Poland and Czech Republic and foreign cities from our region and the outside – including China. Tourism. Models and objectives, sustainable development projects.
- Cultural and civil society cooperation: constraints and opportunities.

Chair: Małgorzata Bonikowska

### **14:20 - 14:45 Summary and conclusions**

Are we more likely to obtain sustainable development via competition or cooperation? In which fields? Should we strive to develop our region harmoniously, or go for our country's interest only?

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### **14:45 – 15:30 Networking lunch**

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