

Post event report

World Nuclear Spotlight Poland

20-21 November 2018

Warsaw, Poland

- Bringing together international industry representatives, Polish government officials and decision-makers
- High-level meeting with 25 key representatives
- Extensive media coverage
- Organized by World Nuclear Association at the invitation of the Polish Ministry of Energy and in collaboration with Foratom

World Nuclear Spotlight is a unique approach to providing support to countries that have plans for new nuclear energy capacity. Spotlight events bring together key national and international stakeholders involved in advancing such plans and provides an opportunity to exchange information and experience.

In November 2018, 125 international industry representatives and Polish decision-makers came together to learn more about the current status of the Polish nuclear energy programme, and to understand better its potential role in the country's future energy mix. Members of the Polish authorities heard from the international nuclear community on lessons-learned, expertise and the support that they can bring for the development of nuclear capacity in Poland.

A high-level meeting was held on the second day of the event with 25 key representatives from the Polish government and the international industry.



Following the event, the Polish Ministry of Energy announced its strategy for 6-9 GWe of nuclear capacity to be in operation in the country by 2043, accounting for about 10% of Poland's electricity generation.

Why Poland?

Poland has a dynamic and growing economy; its electricity needs are expected to increase by 20 to 25% by 2050. Currently Poland produces 80% of its electricity by burning coal. Its future energy strategy aims to reduce its emissions while meeting its current and future energy needs, supporting the country's economic and industrial growth. Nuclear energy is regarded as playing an important role in reaching this goal.

World Nuclear Spotlight was a timely opportunity for Poland to exchange information with the global industry and key stakeholders in order to drive forward the country's nuclear power plans.



“ Nuclear is the most important decision to make, we try to persuade government to stop the debating and start working. ”

Jan Klawiter, Member of the Polish parliament, addressing key representatives in the Spotlight auditorium

“ Poland is expecting a 20-25% increase in energy consumption; this is why we need emission free capacities that can meet this demand. Nuclear is in good position to do so. We want to have nuclear in our energy mix. ”

Krzysztof Tchórzewski, Minister of Energy, Polish Ministry of Energy, speaking during the Spotlight event



Speakers

Agneta Rising, Director General,
World Nuclear Association

Yves Desbazeille, Director General, FORATOM

Helmut Engelbrecht, Vice-Chairman,
World Nuclear Association

Milko Kovachev, Section Head,
Nuclear Infrastructure Development,
Division of Nuclear Power, IAEA

Sama Bilbao y Leon, Head of the Division of
Nuclear Technology Development and Economics,
OECD Nuclear Energy Agency

Kirsty Gogan, Co-founder and Executive Director,
Energy for Humanity

Callum Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Thomas
Thor Associates

Bohdan Zronek, Member of Board of Directors
and Chief Nuclear Officer, ČEZ

Nasser Al Nasser, Chief Executive Officer,
Barakah One Company

Ben Russell, Head of Policy & External Affairs,
Horizon

Mike Waite, Director, New Plant Market
Development, Westinghouse

Patrick Zak, Pre-development and Marketing
Director, EDF

Vladimir Gorn, Deputy Director of Rosatom
Eastern Europe, Rosatom

Yongwoo Yoon, Vice President,
Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company (KHNP)

David Powell, Vice President, GE Hitachi Nuclear
Power Plants Europe

Krzysztof Tchórzewski,
Minister of Energy, Polish Ministry of Energy

Dr Józef Sobolewski, Director of Nuclear Energy
Department, Polish Ministry of Energy

Paweł Zaręba, Vice Chairman of the
Management Board, PGE EJ1

Dr Łukasz Młynarkiewicz,
Director of the Department for Environmental
Impact Assessment, General Directorate for
Environmental Protection Agency

Ziemowit Iwański, Expert of Nuclear,
Association of Polish Electric Engineers / IPS

Prof. Ludwik Dobrzyński,
Head of NCBJ Education and Training Division,
National Centre for Nuclear Research

Jan Klawiter, Member of the Polish parliament

Key topics

- Energy policy and nuclear programme in Poland
- IAEA support for emerging countries
- Economics of nuclear
- Nuclear energy and climate change
- Building a workforce for nuclear power programmes
- Nuclear energy developments and newcomer countries
- Vendors panel on nuclear energy benefits, technology, economics and public confidence

Media coverage

“ Poland is already showing its commitment to cutting CO₂ emissions, having recently joined the Nuclear Innovation Initiative under the Clean Energy Ministerial (NICE Future), and by hosting the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 24). ”

Nuclear Engineering International

“ At November’s World Nuclear Spotlight Poland conference in Warsaw, Poland’s Minister of Energy Krzysztof Tchórzewski affirmed the country’s commitment to nuclear; the Polish energy ministry aims for Poland to have its first nuclear power plant up and running by 2033. ”

Sustainability Times

“ In order to meet increasing energy demand while meeting climate targets, coal-dependent Poland needs to introduce new sources of energy. ”

World Nuclear News



About us

World Nuclear Association is the only industry organization with a global mandate to promote nuclear energy and represent the companies involved in the worldwide industry. We are in a unique position to share and advance best practices, work alongside other organizations across the globe, and provide unrivalled business opportunities for our members.

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