

# HIGHLIGHTS: Polish Presidency of the Council



Poland assumed the rotating presidency of the **Council of the European Union** on 1 January, and will hold the office until 30 June 2025. Poland is the opening member of a new trio, along with Denmark and Cyprus.

'Security, Europe' is the motto of the Polish Presidency, motivated by the geopolitical reality of the erosion of the rules-based international order. In its programme presented on 10 December 2024, the presidency covers seven intertwined facets of security: external, internal, information, economic, energy, food and health. The programme is short on climate and environment pledges, apart from their impact on security.

The Polish programme leans on parts of the 18-month programme of the Poland-Denmark-Cyprus trio. You can follow the developments on their website:

Polish presidency of the **Council of the European Union**:

<https://polish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/>

Here is a summary of some of their main legislative focus and priorities:

## **Economic and Business Environment:**

Poland plans to reduce red tape, foster innovation, and enhance the EU's clean energy transition while ensuring affordable energy to maintain competitiveness. It prioritizes cohesion policies and encourages incentives over penalties in climate-related initiatives.

Key negotiations will include payment services, the digital euro, Union Customs Code, and reforms to late payment directives—important for financial stability and efficiency.

## **Employment and Social Affairs:**

The Presidency will push for progress on the European Works Councils, the Traineeships Directive, and Equal Treatment Directive, alongside restarting talks on coordinating social security systems. These developments align with CEC's interests in enhancing labor mobility and fair treatment for managers.

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## **Digital Transformation and Information Security:**

Efforts to counter disinformation and foreign interference, particularly in environmental and climate policy, highlight the Presidency's focus on protecting democratic processes and information integrity.

## **Energy Security:**

Poland seeks to ensure a full withdrawal from Russian fossil fuels while diversifying energy sources and enhancing the EU's green energy framework.

This will address affordability and sustainability concerns crucial for businesses.

## **Migration and Internal Security:**

The Presidency plans innovative migration strategies, focusing on securing external borders and addressing the instrumentalization of migration—a relevant issue for stability and workforce mobility in Europe.

## **External Relations and Support for Ukraine:**

Poland emphasizes increased EU defense spending, strengthened NATO cooperation, and unwavering support for Ukraine. This includes military, economic, and political aid, coupled with sanctions against Russia—critical for EU stability and values.

## **Health Security:**

Priorities include advancing the digital transformation of healthcare, improving drug security, and addressing the mental health of children and adolescents, supporting long-term workforce well-being.





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