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Monday, 8 June 2026

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Registration |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Official opening of the conference |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | Keynote address
<i>prof. UW, dr hab. Marta Witkowska</i>
<i>Department of European Union Politics, University of Warsaw</i>
<i>Editor-in-chief of scientific journal Przegląd Europejski - European Studies Quarterly; Expert Team EUROPE DIRECT - European Commission network</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Panel 1. Governance, Democracy and EU Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Good governance in the European Union and the "unfinished" construction of the European Parliament
<i>prof. UW, dr hab. Dobrochna Bach Golecka (on-line)</i>
<i>University of Warsaw</i>▪ The role of the European Supervision Authorities on the law making process from the perspective of the principle of institutional balance in EU
<i>dr Agnieszka Wicha (on-line)</i>
<i>Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw</i>▪ The EU's Accession to the Istanbul Convention and Its Political Challenges
<i>Aurelia Gierlicka (on-line)</i>
<i>Jagiellonian University, Krakow</i>▪ Tax Competition and Tax Governance in the European Union: Between Fiscal Sovereignty and Harmonisation
<i>dr Bogusław Balza</i>
<i>University of the National Education Commission, Krakow</i>▪ European Union and International Court of Justice. New Frontier?
<i>prof. UKSW, dr hab. Łukasz Kułaga (on-line)</i>
<i>Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw</i> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Discussion |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Coffee pause |

13:00 – 14:30	Panel 2. Digital Governance, AI and Technological Challenges in the EU ▪ Judicial Guardianship or Political Interference? The Preliminary Ruling Procedure as a Tool for Correcting Governance Deficits: The Case of Hungary <i>Adam Szypulski (on-line)</i> <i>Kozminski University, Warsaw</i> ▪ Ethics and AI Governance in the European Union: Role of European Institutions in Shaping Global Standards <i>dr Martyna Kaczmarczyk (on-line)</i> <i>University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn</i> ▪ Suwerenność cyfrowa - wyzwania dla instytucji UE i państw członkowskich / Digital Sovereignty - Challenges to the EU and MS Institutions <i>Prof. Uła, dr hab. Paweł Borkowski (on-line)</i> <i>Lazarski University, Warsaw</i> ▪ The limited flexibility of algorithms and a new dimension in digital security <i>dr Jolanta Cichosz</i> <i>Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin</i> ▪ Algorithmic discrimination in public health emergencies - selected cases <i>Alicja Radomska</i> <i>Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce</i> ▪ Ekonomia uzależnień cyfrowych jako wyzwanie dla wielopoziomowego współrzędzenia (governance) w Unii Europejskiej <i>dr Piotr Wojnicz & PhD Candidate Vladyslav Budnyk</i> <i>University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn</i>
14:30 – 14:50	Discussion
14:50 – 16:00	Lunch break
16:00 – 17:00	Panel 3. Migration, Mobility and Security Governance ▪ Hacked Hospitality: Digital Apartheid as a Challenge for EU Mobility Governance <i>Prof. Rui Aurelio De La Cerda Badarò (on-line)</i> <i>Universidade Paulista (UNIP), Brazil</i> ▪ Digital mobility apartheid? A critical analysis of the European travel pre-authorization system from a Polish-Brazilian perspective <i>Karolina Pruchniewicz (on-line)</i> <i>Sustainability Law Group, University of Oslo</i> ▪ Dostępność i wykorzystanie danych o imigrantach w kształtowaniu regionalnej polityki zatrudnienia w Polsce <i>PhD Candidate Kamila Wojciechowska-Łapszo (on-line)</i> <i>Warsaw University of Life Sciences</i> ▪ From Peace Project to Security Actor: Is the EU Still an SDG 16 Power? <i>PhD Candidate David Shakarishvili (on-line)</i> <i>Klaipeda University, Lithuania</i> ▪ Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) jako narzędzie zapewnienia odporności strategicznej autonomii Unii (Critical Raw Materials Act [CRMA] as a tool to ensure the economic resilience and strategic autonomy of the Union) <i>dr Marek Rzotkiewicz</i> <i>Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw</i>

17:00 – 17:30	Discussion
17:30 – 17:35	End of day one
19:30	Official Conference Dinner <i>for speakers, invited guests and members of the Organizing Committee</i>

Tuesday, 9 June 2026

08:45 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:00	Panel 4. Regional Governance, Territorial Cohesion and Cross-Border Cooperation ▪ Cross-border Cooperation in the European Union - The Role of Euroregions in European Integration <i>Oliwia Zera (on-line)</i> <i>University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn</i> ▪ Bridging the Development Gap: The EU Growth Plan and Territorial Cohesion in the Western Balkans <i>Dragana Delić (on-line)</i> <i>University of Banja Luk, Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> ▪ Regional governance w XXI wieku – szansa na rozwój czy zagrożenie dla spójności <i>Emilia Jarzęb</i> <i>Jagiellonian University, Krakow</i> ▪ Reforma finansowania samorządów <i>PhD Candidate Maria Urbaniak</i> <i>Jan Kochanowski University of Kielce</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee pause
11:00 – 12:15	Panel 5. Regional Identity, Autonomy and Multi-Level Governance ▪ Cultural Heritage as a Driver of Regional Autonomy and Community Cohesion in Rural Europe <i>Prof. UJ, dr hab. Kinga Anna Gajda</i> <i>Jagiellonian University, Krakow</i> ▪ Regional Identity under Pressure: Corsican Party Strategies in the Context of French and European Multilevel Governance <i>Zofia Bizan (on-line)</i> <i>Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań</i> ▪ Dewolucja w Zjednoczonym Królestwie Wielkiej Brytanii i Irlandii Północnej - historia, ocena i perspektywy <i>dr Michał Krawczyk (on-line)</i> <i>University of Siedlce</i> ▪ The Association of Serb Municipalities: Governance without Constitutional Closure <i>dr Aleksa Nikolić (on-line)</i> <i>University of Belgrade, Serbia</i>

- The Rule of Law Crisis and the Emancipation of Regions. Local Government as an Independent Actor of Multi-Level Governance in the European Union in the Face of the Conditionality Mechanism
Bartłomiej Zimny
Academy of Justice

12:15 – 12:45 Discussion

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 14:30 Panel 6. Participatory Governance and Civic Engagement

- Budżet obywatelski jako narzędzie lokalnego governance – szanse i ograniczenia
Hanna Cedzyńska
University of the National Education Commission, Krakow
- Social media and Web 2.0 Tools as Communication Support for Local Participation in Participatory Budgeting: Evidence from Polish Cities
Aleksandra Laska, Dominika Wojnar
University of the National Education Commission, Krakow

14:30 – 14:45 Discussion

14:45 – 15:00 Concluding Remarks and Official Conference Closing