



Poland in the ITU

Poland joined the ITU in 1921, being the 49th member of the Union, over 25 years before it became a specialised agency of the United Nations.

Currently, the Ministry of Digital Affairs is the focal institution for the ITU matters in Poland. The Ministry is responsible for substantive, legal, administrative and financial matters, and it closely cooperates with the Office of Electronic Communications (regulatory authority for telecommunications and postal activities), and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland in Geneva.

Alongside these public institutions, there are two active members of the ITU Academia – the National Institute of Telecommunications is one of five ITU Centres of Excellence members for Europe. Additionally, two telecom operators serve as private-sector entities for ITU.



Poland
Candidate for reelection
to the ITU Council
2018-2022





Achievements

We have been a reliable ITU Council member since 2010.

Throughout these two terms, Poland hosted many high-level meetings, including the Global Symposium for Regulators as well as regional meetings such as the Regional Development Forum for Europe and the ITU Region C Meeting.

Poland's accomplishments, projects and innovative solutions were acknowledged and rewarded by the international community at the WSIS Forum. Poland is a four-time WSIS Prize winner.

- Lighthouse Keepers project (2012)
- e-business – web.gov.pl platform (2014)
- Certification Programme for better ICT services (2016)
- OSE - Fast Internet for all schools (2018)

Moreover, Poland has initiated and hosted an Expert group on Mobile Identification within the Regional Initiatives for Europe in 2016 and organised the European Regional Conference on Broadband Services and Infrastructure Mapping.

Poland also provides substantive input in the field of Electromagnetic Field (EMF) levels and the impact of its limits on the roll-out of 5G networks. In 2017, Poland hosted the ITU workshop on 5G, EMF and Health, bringing together experts from ITU, WHO, ICNIRP and academia as well as telecom operators, vendors and equipment manufacturers.

Vision

Poland is in the process of building a modern 21st century state and society with the help of the telecom market and the development of ICT services.

The people's needs and requirements are paramount for us. In order to meet them, we have to contribute to the dynamic growth and sustainability of ICT.

The role of the ITU in this development will be key. We see it as an organisation harnessing the power of ICT for making relations between the state, citizens and entrepreneurs as simple and straightforward as possible.

Goals

We want the ITU to effectively formulate policy and global standards in telecommunication.

Can the ITU improve the quality of telecommunication services? Yes, and it is important, particularly for the digitally underserved.

The developing and developed countries need a common platform to share knowledge and best practices. The Union can and should facilitate this process.

We want all ITU activities to run smoothly, ensuring that the funds are spent in the most efficient way possible.

