



WISEGRAD YOUTH FORUM 2018



Historical development of Poland and its socioeconomic relations

On November 23, 2018, the fourth and final event prior to this year's Visegrad Youth Forum conference took place at the SGH Warsaw School of Economics in Warsaw, Poland, capping of the historically first cycle of side events preceding the final conference in Banská Bystrica. The event was organized in cooperation with the Foreign Affairs Society (SKN Spraw Zagranicznych SGH) of the SGH Warsaw School of Economics. Titled "Historical development of Poland and its socioeconomic relations", the event was divided into two thematic blocs.

Speaking in the first bloc was **Konrad Hennig** from the *Chancellery of the Polish Prime Minister and analyst at the Visegrad Foundation (Fundacja Wyszehradzka)*. Being one of the co-authors of the report on the Three Seas Initiatives (TSI) called "Inicjatywa Trójmorza. Jeśli razem, to dokąd i jak?", Mr. Hennig focused on said initiative and energy security in the Visegrad region. The TSI provides V4 states with the chance for broader cooperation in terms of energy security, which is beneficial not only for them, but for all countries participating within the framework of the initiative. He further elaborated on the economic growth of Poland and other V4 member states, expressing optimism that the region has come a long way since their totalitarian past. Recently, Visegrad countries have been focusing on coordinated cooperation in terms of infrastructure, with various joint highway projects being planned for the near future, ensuring better interconnectivity within the V4.

Klaudia Klonowska, the *UN Youth Delegate of Poland*, spoke in the second thematic bloc, talking about her experience as a UN youth delegate. She praised the UN for realising that the young generation needs its voice to be heard and for creating the Youth Delegate platform. Additionally, she talked about various projects the youth delegates are involved in, mentioning that in recent years, the focus of said projects were gender equality and sustainable development. Sustainable development has also been a topic she and her colleagues from other V4 states have been very actively involved in, as they are currently organizing conferences in the Visegrad region on said topic. Its thanks to these events that her colleagues and her can make the V4 even more visible globally.

