



PROGRAM

2nd Forum of Rectors of Poland and Türkiye

Gdańsk, 8 May 2026

Venue:

Main Library of the University of Gdańsk, Oliwa Campus

Organizers:

University of Gdańsk

Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Poland)

Council of Higher Education in Türkiye (YÖK)

Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (CRASP)

Perspektywy Education Foundation

Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA)

Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE)

09:00 - 09:30

Participant registration and networking

(simultaneously)

09.00 - 09.15

A press conference with the participation of Minister Marcin Kulasek and President Erol Özvar, President of CRASP, Rector UG and representatives of NAWA, Perspektywy and FRSE

09:15 – 09:20

Official opening of the Polish - Turkish Studies Centre at the University of Gdańsk by Minister Marcin Kulasek and President Erol Özvar in the presence of the rectors of Istanbul University, Istanbul Technical University, and Gazi University in Ankara

09:30 – 11:00**Opening Session: Political and Strategic Frameworks for Polish–Turkish Cooperation in Higher Education**

(Language: English and simultaneous interpretation: Polish / Turkish)

- National anthems
- Welcome address by the host: Prof. PIOTR STEPNOWSKI, Rector of the University of Gdańsk
- Dr MARCIN KULASEK, Minister of Science and Higher Education of Poland
- Prof. EROL ÖZVAR, President of the Council of Higher Education of Türkiye (YÖK)
- RAUF ALP DENKTAŞ, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Poland
- Prof. BOGUMIŁA KANIEWSKA, President of CRASP
- Prof. UĞUR ÜNAL, Rector of Gazi University (host of the 1st Forum)
- Dr WOJCIECH KARCZEWSKI, Director of NAWA
- Dr BIANKA SIWIŃSKA, President of the Perspektywy Education Foundation
- MIROSŁAW MARCZEWSKI, Director of FRSE

11:00 – 11:10**Ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation in Science and Higher Education**

Minister MARCIN KULASEK and President EROL ÖZVAR

11:10 – 11:15

Photo session

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:15

Panel I: Development of Dual-Use Technologies at Technical Universities in Poland and Türkiye

(Language: English)

Moderator:

Prof. MAREK PAWEŁCZYK, Rector of Silesian University of Technology

Panelists:

Prof. HASAN MANDAL, Rector of Istanbul Technical University

Prof. ARKADIUSZ WÓJS, Rector of Wrocław University of Science and Technology

Prof. NACI ÇAĞLAR, Rector OF Bursa Technical University

Prof. KRZYSZTOF JÓŻWIK, Rector of Łódź University of Technology

12:15 – 13:00

Panel II: Perspectives for Polish–Turkish Cooperation in Social Sciences and Humanities

(Language: English)

Moderator:

Prof. OSMAN BÜLENT ZÜLFİKAR, Rector of Istanbul University

Panelists:

Prof. RAFAŁ MATERA, Rector of University of Łódź

Prof. HÜSEYİN DALGAR Rector of Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University

Prof. ROMAN CIEŚLAK, Rector of SWPS University

Prof. MUSTAFA HATİPLER, Rector of Trakya University

13:00 – 13:15

Intervention I: Cooperation between NCBR and TÜBİTAK in joint research projects - CEZARY BŁASZCZYK, National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)

13:15 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 14:30

Intervention II: (comparative analysis) NCN's experience to date in organizing and funding bilateral programmes - JUSTYNA WOŹNIAKOWSKA, National Science Centre (NCN)

14:30 – 15:15

Panel III (under the patronage of NAWA): **Institutional Partnerships, Language Support and Research Centres as Bridges for Cooperation**

(Language: English)

Moderator:

Dr DAMIAN SYJCZAK, Deputy Director of NAWA

Panelists:

Prof. HACI ALI MANTAR, Rector of Gebze Technical University

Prof. MARTA KOSIOR-KAZBERUK, Rector of Białystok University of Technology

Prof. HACER TOPAKTAŞ ÜSTÜNER, Istanbul University

Prof. JAN KAZAK, Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences

Dr. Mariusz CZECH, NAWA

15:15 – 16:00

Panel IV

Opportunities for Polish–Turkish Cooperation in Medical and Natural Sciences

(language: English)

Moderator:

Prof. Dr. HAMIT EMRAH BERİŞ, Rector of Çukurova University

Panelists:

Prof. BAYRAM YILMAZ, Rector of Ankara University

Prof. KAROLINA PAWLAK, Vice-Rector of Poznań University of Life Sciences

Prof. AHMET HACI MÜFTÜOĞLU, Rector of Dokuz Eylül University

Prof. LUCYNA WOŹNIAK, Vice-Rector of the Medical University of Łódź

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 17:15

Panel V:

(under the patronage of FRSE): Polish-Turkish academic cooperation – from Erasmus mobility to partnerships

(language: English)

Moderator:

RENATA DECEWICZ, FRSE Deputy Director

Panelists:

Prof. BOGUMIŁA KANIEWSKA, Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University

Prof. SAMBOR GRUCZA, Vice-Rector of University of Warsaw

EMRE CAN ALPTEKIN Ph.D., University of Wrocław

HATICE KÜBRA ÖZ, student of Adam Mickiewicz University

17:15 – 17:30

Summary and closing of the Forum

17:30 – 18:15

Time for signing inter-university agreements

18:30 – 22:00

Gala dinner