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## FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

**2 June 2014 (Monday)**

**10.30 – 11.00            Opening ceremony of the 10. Self-Government Forum**

**11.00 – 12.30            Plenary session**

Plenary session agenda

1. 10 years of Poland in the European Union – a summary of the ten-year presence of Poland in the European Union and its influence on the present life of the Poles – Europeans from the cultural, social and economic point of view.
2. The participation of Poland in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation – its significance for the development and strengthening of the position of Poland in the international arena.
3. Poland's road to freedom, the significance of the 1989 political system changes in building Polish democratic structures.
4. The enlargement of the European Union in 2004 with ten new member countries – experience and assessment: an EU member state standpoint.
5. The development of Polish-German cooperation after Poland's joining NATO and accessing the EU – an EU member state's assessment and recommendations.

**12.30 – 13.00            Coffee break/press conference**

**13.00 – 14.30            Panel I  
The results of EU membership – towards the Europe of the Regions**

Issues to be discussed

1. An account of Poland's membership in the EU is it associated with privileges only or with obligations and challenges as well? Has Poland benefited from all the opportunities?
2. An account of the 10-year presence in the united Europe – Poland's place in the EU and how Poland compares with other countries which joined the EU on 1 May 2014 (the Brussels point of view).
3. The experiences of several member states in the implementation of regional policy.

**14.30 – 16.00            lunch**

**16.00 – 18.30            Spare time/touristic attraction**

**19.00                      The gala summarising the implementation of the Regional Operational Programme of the West Pomerania Region for the period 2007 – 2013: honouring the beneficiaries of the most effective projects**

**Formal dinner**

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**3 June 2014 (Tuesday)**

**10.00 – 10.30**                    **Opening of the 2nd conference day**

**10.30 – 12.00**                    **Panel II**  
**Regional government in Europe. The place and role of European regional governments (regional governments' participation) in shaping future EU policy**

Issues to be discussed

1. The most important challenges for the EU regional policy. Indispensable revision's course. Does the EU need to be reformed?
2. The EU budget – the most significant challenges for Europe to face. What does it mean for the regions? The development of regional governments facing financial limitations.
3. The role of regional governments in Poland after 2020.

**12.00 – 12.30**                    **Coffee break/press conference**

**12.30 – 14.00**                    **Panel III**  
**Europe of the Regions and its finances**

Issues to be discussed

1. Investment prospects of the self-governments and entrepreneurs in 2014-2020 UE financial perspective.
2. Self-governments' role in creating regional/local loan and bail funds as the financial intermediaries for the SME sector.
3. The instruments of financial engineering for SME and units of territorial self-government. The barriers of access to repayable funds in new programming period. The role of banks.

**14.00 – 14.15**                    **Summary of the debate and official closing of the 10. Self-Government Forum.**

**14.15 – 15.30**                    **lunch**

### **The 10<sup>th</sup> Self-Government Forum and its Associated Events**

- *Fairs of activities promoting the results of the implementation of the 'Human Resources Development' Operational Programme;*
- *The aerial photography exhibition of the investments financed within the Regional Operational Programme of the Westpomeranian Region and motion-pictures from the above mentioned projects;*
- *The Self-Government Youth Forum*

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