

PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE



DIGITAL SUMMIT

17-18.06 **GDAŃSK**

European Solidarity Centre

INCLUDING ADDITIONAL EVENTS ON 16 JUNE

Welcome note

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Deputy Prime Minister
Krzysztof Gawkowski would like
to invite you to Gdańsk on 17 and 18
June for the Digital Summit

Krzysztof Gawkowski, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Digital Affairs. Politician and social activist. Holder of a PhD in Humanities and a postgraduate diploma in Labour Law at the University of Warsaw. Member of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland from the Bydgoszcz electoral district since 2019. Member of the Parliamentary Committee on Digitisation, Innovation and Modern Technologies. Author of many scientific articles and monographs on new technologies, digitalisation, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, including "Cyberkolonializm" [Cybercolonialism], awarded an honourable mention by the Polish Information Technology Society.



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AGENDA

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- 8:00-9:00 Registration & a welcome coffee session
- 9:00-9:10 Welcome remarks
- 8:10-9:30 Digital Dimension of the Single Market Strategy
- 9:30-10:30 Use of digital technologies by SMEs*
- 9:30-10:30 Quantum applications for the economy
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:00 Simplification of law and reduction of administrative burdens *
- 11:00-12:00 High-level introductory session
The future of digital infrastructure
- 12:00-13:00 Networking lunch
- 13:00-13:30 Opening Keynote Speech by Deputy PM Gawkowski
- 13:30-14:30 High-level plenary session 1
Innovation & Competitiveness in Developing Digital
Single Market Opportunities and Challenges for Growth
- 14:30-15:30 High-level plenary session 2
What Needs to be Done to Enable ICT Talents to Bloom
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-17:00 High-level plenary session 3
AI Continent – What Needs To Be Done
- 19:00 Evening programme

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- 8:00-9:00 Registration & a welcome coffee session
- 9:00-10:00 EC presentation
Report on the state of implementation
of Digital Decade + Fireside Chat
- 10:00-10:15 Launch of the Industry
Academia Network of the Cybersecurity
Skills Academy
- 10:15-10:30 Keynote speeches – ahead of the
Commission's AI Apply Strategy
- 10:30-11:30 Session on the Commission's
AI Apply Strategy
- 11:30-12:00 Coffee break
- 12:00-13:00 Plenary session 1
Breaking Barriers: How the Digital Markets
Act Opens Doors for SMEs
- 13:00-14:00 Plenary session 2
How to attract private investments and capital
into European tech companies
- 14:15-14:30 Closing remarks
- 14:30-15:30 Networking lunch

*separate dedicated hall

Agenda is still under development – changes may occur.

Side events and additional activities during the Digital Summit

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Chief Information Officers meeting,
European AI Forum,
European Business Wallets

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Towards European Technological
Sovereignty and Resilient Public Sphere,
European E-Commerce Forum,
Reports session,
Launch of the CEE AI Campaign

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Digital Decade Board

Digital Summit Venue



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CENTRE

Welcome to the birthplace of Solidarity, the greatest peaceful revolution movement of the contemporary world. The European Solidarity Centre is a state-of-the-art cultural institution and an open city space where people, values and ideas come together. Its permanent exhibition is a fascinating and modern take on how communism was overthrown. The tour takes about 2 hours, and each guest is provided with an audio guide (multiple language versions available). Visitors can also enjoy the beautiful view of the shipyard and the Old Town from the observation deck. Be sure to join us!



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Hotel recommendations



Radisson hotel and suites

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Puro Hotel

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Holiday Inn

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Hampton by Hilton Gdańsk Old Town

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Welcome to Gdańsk

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**Proximity to Key
European Cities**



Warsaw



1h



3h

Frankfurt



1,5h

Copenhagen



1h

Amsterdam



1,5h

Stockholm



1h



24h

Berlin



5,5h

Nynäshamn



18h

London



2h

Gdańsk is a dynamic business hub strategically located in northern Poland, on the Baltic Sea coast. As part of the Tricity metropolitan area, together with Gdynia and Sopot, it forms one of the country's most economically and culturally significant regions. The city is a key trade and logistics centre, offering access to international business opportunities through its modern port, road, rail, and air networks. The region is home to numerous business centres, international companies, universities, and innovation hubs, making it an attractive destination for conferences, trade fairs, and corporate events.

Getting to Gdańsk



BY PLANE

The Gdańsk Lech Walesa Airport is one of Poland's most important and most modern international airports. It is located 16 kilometres from the centre of Gdansk. The historic Old Town is accessible either by bus or train service. The journey by public transport takes around 40 minutes.

The Airport offers around 90 air connections to European destinations, operated by several carriers like Eurowings, Finnair and KLM.

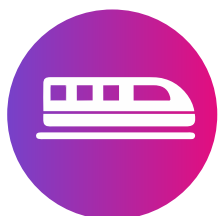
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BY BUS/CAR

If you decide to arrive by car, you may use the A1 motorway (AmberOne) connecting the city with the international road transport corridors. Dual carriageways link Gdańsk with Warsaw and a number of Poland's other major cities.

[Flixbus](#)



BY TRAIN

The city is easily and directly accessible by an extensive railway network and long-distance domestic and international bus services, Gdańsk is a vital railway hub, with dozens of trains passing through each day. High-speed trains will get you to Gdańsk directly not just from all major Polish cities but also from Berlin and Prague.

[Intercity](#)



BY FERRY

Gdańsk's seaport and nearby Gdynia offer regular ferry connections to Sweden (Karlskrona & Nynäshamn). These services are an excellent option for business travelers from the Nordic region, combining comfort with seamless access to the city.

Gdańsk - Where History Meets Modernity



Situated on the Baltic coast of northern Poland, Gdańsk is a city rich in history, full of charm, and buzzing with energy. With over a thousand years of heritage, Gdańsk has long been a gateway for trade, culture, and innovation. Its beautifully restored Old Town, with colourful façades and cobbled streets, tells stories of Hanseatic merchants, maritime power and resilience after WWII destruction.

Gdańsk is also known as the birthplace of the Solidarity movement — a pivotal force in ending Communist rule in Central and Eastern Europe. Today, the city proudly honours its past while embracing a future of creativity, sustainability, and dynamic development. In Gdańsk, everything is within easy reach, making it an ideal destination for seamless and sustainable events. Whether you arrive by train, plane, or car, you are never far from your hotel or conference venue. The city's compact and well-connected layout allows visitors to explore its vibrant atmosphere with historic landmarks, cultural attractions, and amazing restaurants — all just a short walk away.



From the iconic Neptune Fountain and the majestic St. Mary's Basilica to the buzzing Long Market and scenic riverside promenades, Gdańsk invites you to discover its unique character at your own pace. Be sure to take a stroll along the Motława River, sample local delicacies like fresh fish or traditional pierogi, and visit the European Solidarity Centre for a powerful insight into the city's role in shaping modern Europe. Whether it is your first time here or you are returning, Gdańsk welcomes you with open arms and unforgettable experiences.

Interesting facts



Birthplace of Solidarity — Gdańsk is where the Solidarity movement began in 1980, led by Lech Wałęsa. It played a major role in ending communist rule in Eastern Europe.

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Home to the World's Largest Brick Church — St. Mary's Basilica in Gdańsk is the world's largest brick church, with space for over 20,000 people.

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Westerplatte — Where WWII Began — The first shots of World War II were fired at the Westerplatte peninsula in Gdańsk on 1 September 1939. Today, it is a historic site and memorial.

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European Capital of Gastronomic Culture 2025 — Gdańsk is proud to be one of Europe's top culinary destinations, where traditional flavours meet modern creativity. From fresh seafood to craft bakeries and Michelin-star restaurants, the city is a true feast for the senses.

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Notable sights



Museum of the Second World War — One of Europe's most modern and striking museums, it offers a comprehensive and moving overview of World War II, with a special focus on the war's impact on civilians.

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St. Mary's Basilica (Bazylika Mariacka) — The world's largest brick church, known for its stunning Gothic architecture. Climb the tower for panoramic views of Gdańsk's rooftops and the Baltic Sea in the distance.

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