



Polish Science Contact Agency
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- European Commission DG RTD;
- European Parliament.

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3 min. walk from *Place de Luxembourg*

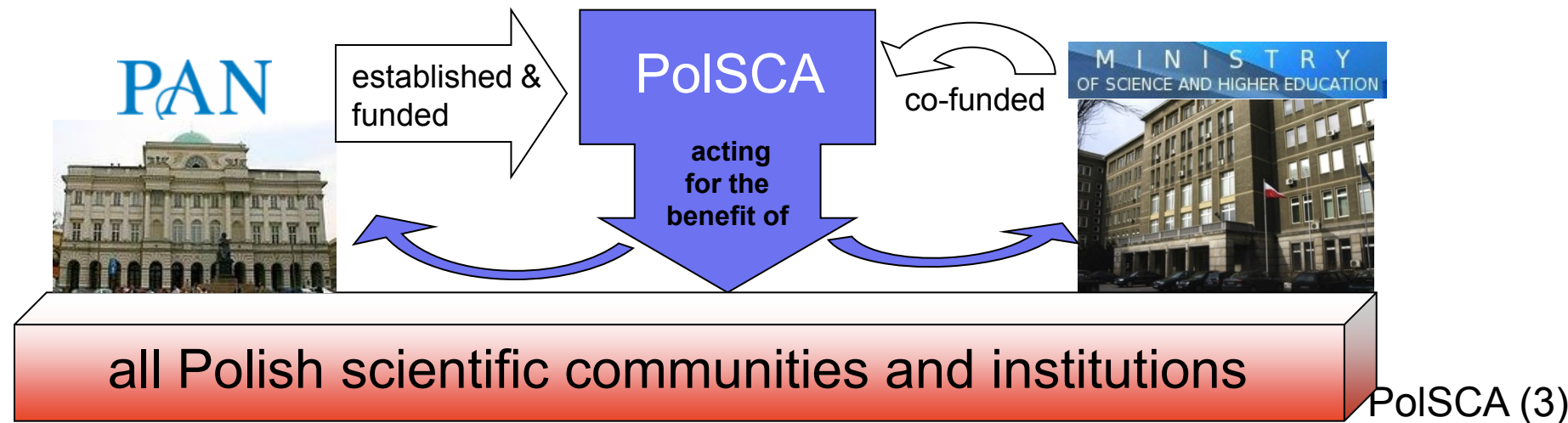
(end stop of the bus line no 12 to/from the airport).

Mission

To promote, facilitate and foster participation of the Polish R&D community in European programs, projects or initiatives, and in particular - to reinforce the position of Poland in EU framework programs

Main stakeholders

- Scientists and researchers; scientific, educational, industrial and other R&D institutions, organisations and units - public and private - participating or planning to participate in the European R&D actions
- Polish Academy of Sciences,
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education,
- National Contact Point for EU framework programmes



The PoISCA Office

- Site: 1st floor in the 8-floor building; another 12 RTD liaison offices are located in the building
- Office space 272 m² ; six office rooms; three of them sub-rented (Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation; Polish National Contact Point for EU Research Programmes)
- Shared facilities: conference room for up to 16 persons, reception space, toilets, small kitchen



Basic principles for the PoISCA's activities

- Focus on issues relating to Poland's participation in FP7 – due to its essential importance to Polish science and its financial significance,
- Optimal usage of the localisation of the Office in Brussels – in the immediate vicinity of EU institutions and numerous other offices fulfilling similar goals,
- Optimal usage of the existing contacts and the establishment of new ones, both official and personal, of significance to accomplishing the mission of the Office,
- Undertaking activities that cannot be accomplished more effectively and less costly in Poland, particularly by the National Contact Point (NCP), with which the Office shall closely cooperate,
- Undertaking certain activities, also performed by Polish establishments, provided that they do not increase costs but improve the effectiveness of those activities (e.g. the acquisition and distribution of information)



PolSCA tasks in 2009 (1)

- General promotion – in scientific circles and EU institutions dealing with science – of the Polish units and research teams and cooperating units
- Promotion and support to the most significant FP7 projects, with Polish coordination or participation,
- Assistance in searching for partners to significant cooperation projects, consultation and expertise support, in the stage of initiation and preparation of FP7 proposals and contract negotiations,
- Consultations to Polish participants in FP7, invited experts and those working in the respective advisory bodies of the European Commission (EC) and the European Parliament (EP), and exceptionally, with proper authorisation their representation in meetings,
- Participation in advisory bodies of the EC or suggesting candidates – depending on the needs filed by the EC and Polish stakeholders and within our means

PolSCA tasks in 2009 (2)

- Working contacts with the EC and EP administrations, respective representations of other countries and other bodies or experts relating to FP7,
- Monitoring the course and results of the EC and EP proceedings, their administrations, advisory bodies and outside experts, relating to the planning of activities (work programmes, modified procedures) and the implementation of FP7
- A new task shall encompass finding relative events organised in Brussels, with the aim of inviting or initiating invitations of Polish speakers who would promote Polish research and win partners for cooperation
- Another new task should encompass the preparation for Poland's presidency of the EU (second half of 2011) – in the field of science, adequately to the needs filed by respective institutions

PolSCA priorities 2009

- Organisation of meetings and seminars that promote Polish science („*PolSCA Meetings*” i „*PolSCA Seminars*”), with the extended participation of experts from other countries – with the aim of more productive initiation of consortia participating in FP7,
- Cooperation with the respective Polish institutions and scientific establishments in the process of preparation and promotion of Polish stance on the coming work programmes within FP7,
- Finding FP7 calls for proposals, that the Academy could respond to (its Chancellery, foreign stations or other supporting units); preparation of such proposals, within our means,
- Providing strong support, mainly in cooperation with the NCP, to the preparation of significant proposals coordinated by Polish partners.



PolSCA Meetings, 15 in 2006

- „Polymers”, January 17th
- „Nanotechnologies”, March 15th
- „New and renewable energy sources”, March 21st
- “Sustainable transport development – RTD strategy and policy”, April 7th
- “Plant biotechnology – plants for the future”, May 5th
- “GALILEO (global navigation satellite system)”, May 23rd
- “Food quality – food for health”, May 31th
- “Brain diseases”, June 7th
- “Cardiovascular diseases”, June 8th
- “Cancer diseases”, September 26th
- “New, advanced materials”, October 2nd
- “Biodiversity and ecosystems”, October 10th
- “Hydrogen and fuel cells”, October 24th
- “Animal health”, October 26th
- “Emissions and climate change”, November 22nd

PolSCA Meetings, 16 in 2007

- “Nutrition-related health problems”, March 15th
- “Aquaculture”, March 21st
- “Population change and migration in Europe”, March 23rd
- “Demography affecting economic growth”, April 19th
- “Flight physics, aerostructures, propulsion”, April 26th
- “Noise and vibration reduction”, May 25th
- “Short sea shipping and intermodality”, May 29th
- “Organic farming: plants and animals”, May 31st
- “Forestry”, October 16th
- “Clean coal technologies, carbon capture and storage”, October 24th
- “Digital libraries and content”, November 9th
- “Sustainable management of natural resources”, November 14th
- “Energy production: economics and prognosis”, November 20th
- “Sustainable non-food products and processes. Improved biomass and plant based renewables”, December 3rd
- “Environmental technologies for protection, conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage, including human habitat”, December 7th,
- “Bioprocesses for use of waste and by-products”, December 10th

PolSCA Meetings, 29 in 2008 (1)

“Marine research in EU Framework Programmes”, January 31st

“Micro and nanotechnologies in ICT”, March 17th

“ICT for safety and security”, March 28th

“ICT for health”, March 31st

“Intelligent surveillance/detection of dangerous materials”, April 2nd

“Environment-friendly surface transport”, April 10th

“Secure transport infrastructures”, April 15th

“New technologies and new organisation systems for surface transport”, April 17th

“Geothermal energy”, May 20th

“Social inequalities and social exclusion, their implications and policy options”, May 29th

“Flood prevention methods and technologies”, June 3rd

“Hybrid bus vs. climate change”, June 4th

„Sustainable urban development”, June 11th

“Stress and psychosocial factors in brain disorders and somatic diseases”, June 12th

“Natural hazards in Europe: assessment and management, impact of climate change”,
June 13th

PolSCA Meetings, 29 in 2008 (2)

“Smart energy networks”, June 18th

“Environment and health”, June 25th

“Basic and clinical research in pediatric liver cancer”, September 9th

“CollabEURaction: biofuels”, September 17th

“Human development and ageing”, October 13th

“Nano-materials based on graphene”, October 23rd

“Crisis prevention and management”, October 30th

“Environmental aspects of forestry topic”, November 13th

“Nanobiotechnology”, November 20th

“ICT tools for energy efficiency”, November 21st

“ICT tools environmental simulation and monitoring”, November 25th

“Lightweight composite materials”, November 26th

“ICT tools for patient safety”, December 1st

“ICT for independent living and inclusion”, December 8

PolSCA Meetings, over 20 in 2009

- “Membranes for Catalytic Reactors”, May 12th
- “Photovoltaics”, May 13th
- “Biodiversity”, May 27th
- “Marine Life Changes”, May 29th
- “Human Development: Early-Life Events”, June 4th
- “Zero Emission Coal Energy”, June 9th
- “Future Internet: Architectures, Network Technologies and Services”, June 23rd
- “ICT for Green Cars”, July 9th
- “Hepatic Encephalopathy”, July 14th
- “Quality, Efficiency and Solidarity of Healthcare Systems”, September 22nd
- “Agro-Biotechnology: Risk Assessment Indispensable for the Implementation of GM Crops and the Follow-up Research on Agriculture Sustainability” (PM), September 23rd
- “Agricultural Biodiversity for Nutrition and Health, Round-table Meeting”, October 16th
- And more ...

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