

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON POLAND / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 6 November 1946 (founding member)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous term: 2009-2011)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage. Vice-Chairperson (Term expires in 2019), Member (term expires in 2017).
4. **Your visits to Poland: 3**
  - 28 October 2014: official visit on the occasion of the official inauguration of the core permanent exhibition of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews
  - 4-6 September 2012: official visit
  - 1 February 2011: visit to Auschwitz
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Poland: 3**
  - 4-6 June 2007: official visit (Warsaw, Wrocław, Cracow)
  - 22 April 2001: visit to the Auschwitz site and Katowice
  - 26-27 June 2000: Ministerial Conference "Towards a Community of Democracies", Warsaw.
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - Permanent Delegate: Ms Krystyna Zurek (since 22 September 2015)
  - Deputy Permanent Delegate.: Ms Agnieszka Wyżnikiewicz-Mabrouk,
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr Dariusz Karnowski (May 2014 - September 2015); H. E. Mr Krzysztof Kocel (September 2010 – August 2013); H. E. Ms Maria Wodzinska - Walicka (2004-2009); H. E. Ms Małgorzata Dzieduszycka-Ziemilska (2000-2004); H.E. Ms Alicja Ciekowska (1996-2000).
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Poland is covered by the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE).
8. **Polish National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1956
  - Chairperson: Prof. Jacek Purchla
  - Secretary-General: Mr Sławomir Ratajski
9. **Polish personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Ms Urszula Dudziak, Jazz musician, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since October 2014)
  - Prof. Ewa Bartnik, Member of the International Bioethics Committee (2010-2017)
  - Prof. Piotr Bielinski, Member of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 10**
  - UNESCO Chair for Holocaust Education, established at the Jagiellonian University, Cracow (2014).
  - UNESCO Chair on Lifelong Guidance and Counseling, established at the University of Wrocław (2013)
  - UNESCO Chair in Institutional Research and Higher Education Policy, established at the Adam Mickiewicz University (2012)
  - UNESCO Chair for Science, Technology and Engineering Education, established at the AGH University of Sciences and Technology, Cracow (2010)

- UNESCO Chair in Heritage and Urban Studies, established at the Cracow University of Economics (2008)
  - UNESCO/Janusz Korczak Chair in Social Pedagogy, established at the Maria Gregorzewska Academy of Special Education in Warsaw (2004)
  - UNESCO Chair in Quality Teaching and Learning in Higher Education under the Conditions of Systemic Social and Economic Transformations, established at the University of Warmia and Mazury (1996)
  - UNESCO Chair in Women, Society and Development, established at the Warsaw University (1996)
  - UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development, established at the European Institute for Local and Regional Development, University of Warsaw (1994)
  - UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Peace, established at the Nicholas Copernicus University (1993)
- 11. Associated Schools:** 111 (2 nursery and pre-schools, 12 primary, 6 primary and secondary, 82 secondary schools, and 9 vocational and technical institutions). Poland joined the ASP Network in 1956.
- 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres :** 1
- European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (Lodz)
- 13. UNESCO Clubs:** 6 Clubs and 1 Federation
- 14. Biosphere Reserves:** 10
- West Polesie Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Belarus/Poland/Ukraine) (2012).
  - Tuchola Forest (2010)
  - Puszcza Kampinoska (2000)
  - East Carpathians (Poland / Slovakia / Ukraine) (1998)
  - Krkokoň / Karkonosze (Czech Republic / Poland) (1992)
  - Tatra (Poland / Slovakia) (1992)
  - Babia Góra (1976, extension 2001)
  - Białowieża (1976)
  - Łukajno Lake (1976)
  - Słowiński (1976)
- 15. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network:** 1
- Muskau Arch Transnational Global Geopark (Germany and Poland)
- 16. World Heritage Sites:** 14 (13 Cultural and 1 Natural)
- 13 Cultural sites:*
- Wooden Tserkvas of the Carpathian Region in Poland and Ukraine (2013)
  - Muskauer Park / Park Mużakowski (2004), jointly with Germany
  - Wooden Churches of Southern Little Poland (2003)
  - Auschwitz Birkenau. German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945) (inscribed in 1979 as “The Auschwitz Concentration Camp” and renamed at the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2007)
  - Centennial Hall in Wrocław (2006)
  - Churches of Peace in Jawor and Świdnica (2001)
  - Kalwaria Zebrzydowska: the Mannerist Architectural and Park Landscape Complex and Pilgrimage Park (1999)
  - Medieval Town of Toruń (1997)
  - Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork (1997)
  - Old City of Zamość (1992)
  - Historic Centre of Warsaw (1980)
  - Wieliczka Salt Mine (1978)
  - Cracow's Historic Centre (1978)
- 1 Natural transnational site:*
- Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest (1979), transboundary with Belarus
- 17. Tentative List:** 6 properties

- "Krzemionki", prehistoric flint mines (12/01/2016)
- Extension to the Joint World Heritage Property "Primeval Beech forests of the Carpathians (Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and the Ancient Beech forests of Germany (Germany)" (29/01/2015)
- Gdansk - Town of Memory and Freedom (04/11/2005)
- Tarnowskie Gory Lead-Silver Mine and its Underground Water Management System (01/02/2013)
- The Augustów Canal (Kanal Augustowski) (20/03/2006)
- The Dunajec River Gorge in the Pieniny Mountains (20/03/2006)

**18. Intangible Heritage Lists:** no elements

**19. Memory of the World Register:** 14 inscriptions

- Files and library of the Unity of the Brethren (2015)
- The Book of Henryków (2015).
- Peace treaties (ahdnames) concluded from the mid-15<sup>th</sup> century to late-18<sup>th</sup> century between the Kingdom (or Republic) of Poland and the Ottoman Empire (2013)
- Collections of the 19<sup>th</sup> century of the Polish Historical and Literary Society / Polish Library in Paris / Adam Mickiewicz Museum (2013)
- Archive of Warsaw Reconstruction Office (2011)
- Archives of the Literary Institute in Paris (1946-2000) (2009)
- Radzwill's Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection, jointly with Belarus, Finland, Lithuania, the Russian Federation and Ukraine (2009)
- Codex Suprasliensis – Mineiačėtia, Mart (The Supraśl Codex – Menology, March), jointly with the Russian Federation and Slovenia (2007)
- National Education Commission Archives (2007)
- Twenty-One Demands, Gdańsk, August 1980. The birth of the SOLIDARITY trades union - a massive social movement (2003)
- The Confederation of Warsaw of 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1573: Religious tolerance guaranteed (2003)
- Nicolaus Copernicus' masterpiece "De revolutionibus libri sex" (1999)
- Warsaw Ghetto Archives (Emanuel Ringelblum Archives) (1999)
- The Masterpieces of Fryderyk Chopin (1999)

**20. Creative Cities Network:** 2 cities

- Katowice, a UNESCO Creative City of Music (2015)
- Kraków, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2013)

**21. Legal instruments:** 23 ratified and 17 non-ratified

- Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict: accession (3 January 2012)
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (16 May 2011)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (17 August 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (17 January 2007)

**22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017:** 2

- 200th anniversary of the death of Tadeusz Kościuszko, political leader (1746-1817) (with the support of Lithuania, Switzerland and the Kosciuszko Foundation: The American Center of Polish Culture)
- 100th anniversary of the death of Ludwik Zamenhof, physician and linguist (1859-1917) (with the support of Germany and Slovakia)

**23. Participation Programme:**

- 2014-2015: no request submitted
- 2012-2013: 1 request approved for US\$ 26,000 ("The first of a series of workshops for journalists from the Arab countries undergoing the process of democratic transformations")
- 2010-2011: 3 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 62,000.

**24. Fellowships Programme:**

- 2 fellowships awarded to nationals of Poland since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 26,213
- A total of 82 fellowships of six months' duration were awarded in 2014 and 2015 under the Programme "UNESCO/Poland Co-Sponsored Fellowships in Engineering" with an estimated value of US\$ 2,496,000. The contribution of UNESCO towards international travel amounts to US\$ 126,000.

**25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: 1**

*NGOs with Consultative status*

- International Federation Of East-Central European Institutes (1999)

**26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016: total unpaid US\$ 2,701,172**

- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.841%
- Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 2,745,865
- Payment received as at 11 February 2016: US\$ 44,693

**27. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO's extra-budgetary activities (expressed in US\$):**

Year	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total	-	-	60,142	64,289	27,034	27,034	15,807	40,807

**28. Representation within the Secretariat: under represented**

- 3 Professional staff in geographical posts (min. 4, max. 7):