

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 – member and Chair (term expires in 2017)
 - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires in 2017)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Poland: 4**
 - 10 June 2016: official visit to receive the 2016 Global Women's Leadership Award
 - 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 to Warsaw, Wrocław and 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: H.E. Ms Krystyna Zurek (since 6 October 2015)
 - Deputy Permanent Delegate.: Ms Agnieszka Wyżnikiewicz-Mabrouk
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. 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 Malgorzata Dzieduszycka-Ziemilska (2000-2004); H.E. Ms Alicja Ciezowska (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
 - President: Prof. Jacek Purchla
 - Secretary-General: Mr Sławomir Ratajski
 - Deputy Secretary-General: Ms Aleksandra Waclawczyk
9. **Polish personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Ms Urszula Dudziak, Jazz musician, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since February 2016)
 - 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: 9**
 - 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)
- 11. Associated Schools:** 111 (2 pre-primary schools, 1 pre-primary to secondary school, 9 primary, 7 primary and secondary, 83 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
- Muskauer Faltenbogen / Łuk Mużakowa UNESCO Global Geopark, transnational with Germany
- 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 Malopolska (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 and Bochnia Royal Salt Mine (1978)
 - Historic Centre of Krakow (1978)
- 1 Natural transnational site:*

- Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest (1979), transboundary with Belarus

17. Tentative List: 6 properties

- "Krzemionki", prehistoric flint mines (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)" (2015)
- Gdansk - Town of Memory and Freedom (2005)
- Tarnowskie Gory Lead-Silver Mine and its Underground Water Management System (2013)
- The Augustów Canal (Kanal Augustowski) (2006)
- The Dunajec River Gorge in the Pieniny Mountains (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-15th century to late-18th century between the Kingdom (or Republic) of Poland and the Ottoman Empire (2013)
- Collections of the 19th 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 – Mineiačetia, 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 28th 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 (2017)
- 100th anniversary of the death of Ludwik Zamenhof, physician and linguist (1859-1917), with the support of Germany and Slovakia (2017)

23. Participation Programme:

- Since 2014: no requests 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 120 fellowships of six months’ duration were awarded from 2014 to 2016 under the Programme “UNESCO/Poland Co-Sponsored Fellowships in Engineering” with an estimated value of US\$ 2,717,000. The contribution of UNESCO towards international travel amounted to US\$ 183,000.

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 2016/2017: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.841%
- Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US\$ 5,491,730

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

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	-	-	-	60,142	64,289	27,034	27,034	15,807

28. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented

- 3 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 4, max. 6)