

2nd Luxembourg-Poland Business Conference **“Luxembourg-Poland Partnership In Space Business”**

This 2nd Luxembourg-Poland Business Conference is organized by the Luxembourg-Poland Chamber of Commerce (LPCC) in cooperation with the Embassy of The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Poland, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Luxembourg and the Polish-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce (PLIG).

On 12 October 2018, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Republic of Poland signed a “Memorandum of Understanding” to start bilateral cooperation on space activities with particular focus on the exploration and utilization of space resources.

The signatories were the Luxembourg Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy, Mr. Étienne Schneider, and the Polish Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Mrs. Jadwiga Emilewicz.

The aim of the conference is to review the state of bilateral cooperation and to bring together companies and experts from the space industry, as well as from the finance and public sectors from Luxembourg and Poland in order to discuss issues related to the development of the space technology as a long-term activity, which however has potential of a short-term implementation in the marketplace.

It will be a great opportunity for Luxembourg and Polish actors from the space sector to exchange their views and experiences and to find partners for cooperation.

Agenda of the Conference

1. Introduction (9:00-9:30)

Welcome by Luxembourg Ambassador Mr. Conrad Bruch

Welcome by Presidents of LPCC and PLIG

Keynote speech by Luxembourg Vice-Prime minister and Minister of the Economy Etienne Schneider

Keynote speech by Polish guest of honor

2. Science and Technology Panel (9:30-10:45)

The future technologies enabling deep space exploration, in-situ resources utilization and colonization of Moon and Mars have a long way to go before they can be implemented practically.

In the meantime, pertinent R&D requires significant financial resources. The panelists will examine the ways of technology implementation into current markets with a vision to future developments.

3. Short presentations by academic institutions (10:45-11:15)

Universities of Technology from Warsaw and Wroclaw

4. Strategy and Investment Panel **(11:15-12:45)**

The panel will examine the roles of state investment, agile private R&D investors as well as venture capital. Discussions will focus on questions such as funding opportunities, compliance with country interests vs. market dynamics demand. Funding opportunities for startups will be illustrated with examples from Luxembourg and USA.

5. Conference Summary and Conclusions: **12.15 – 13.00**

6. Networking Buffet Lunch: **13:00 - 15:00**

Luxembourg-Poland Chamber of Commerce a.s.b.l. was established in the year 2012 in Luxembourg. LPCC has over 60 corporate- and 40 private members. Over 12 yearly business events are taking place in Luxembourg as well as in Poland aiming to connect business partners from both countries.