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Event title: Europe - what Europe? Reflecting on the

future of Europe

Event type: Citizens' debate

Date: 2 June 2017

Organiser: Gdynia City Hall

Partners: Europe Direct; Pomorskie Regional EU office; Pomeranian Science and Technology Park

Initiating Member: Stanisław Szwabski (PL/EA)

Audience: around 200 participants including mostly youth (pupils and students), as well as teachers, city councilors, local and regional authorities, employers'

organisations, NGOs and political parties.

Reflecting on Europe is an initiative of the European Committee of the Regions, providing a platform for citizens' participation in the ongoing discussion on the future of the EU. We are committed to make citizens' voice heard!





















Speakers

Janusz Lewandowski, Member of the European Parliament

Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament

Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA), Mayor of Białystok, CoR Member

Stanisław Szwabski (PL/EA), Gdynia City Council, CoR Member

Marzenna Guz-Vetter, Deputy Head of the European Commission Representation Office in Poland

Moderator: Marek Ponikowski

Key Messages

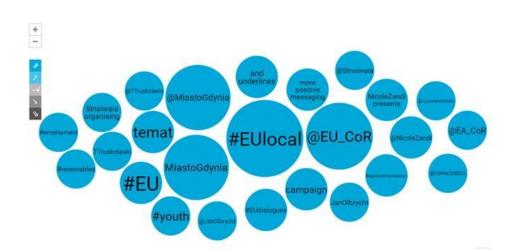
Most participants' concerns revolved around the **employment** prospects in the region, especially for youth and those with vocational trainings. Yet overall, citizens showed their appreciation for their rights stemming from EU membership such as residing and working legally in another EU Member State.

It was underlined that **education** plays a crucial role in preparing young people to play an active part in a society and successfully participate in the changing labour market. Furthermore, citizens were interested in learning more about the measures that are being taken to tackle the **refugee/migrant crisis**. In this context, it was emphasized that more solidarity and 'responsibility- sharing' are needed.

There was also a question about how Poland's can become more innovative in the field of renewable energy technologies, especially given the country's coal-dominated **energy** sector.

Social media impact

Top Themes around #EUlocal





Press/Social Media Coverage

Media coverage - broad coverage by regional media

Samorzad (1)

Samorzad (2)

Samorzad (3)

Samorzad (4)

Samorzad (5)

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Portalsamorzadowy

Informacjaprasowa

Centrum Prasowe

Centrum Prasowe

Website

CoR Local Event Page

Social media

Flickr gallery



Reflecting on Europe: Follow-up

The *Reflecting on Europe* survey, the CoR's feedback mechanism to report the main concerns and ideas of citizens participating in local events, was promoted during the event and on social media in Poland. Around 70 replies from Pomerania Region have been collected.

The outcome of all 'citizens' dialogues' will feed into the CoR's opinion on "Reflecting on Europe: the voice of regional and local authorities to rebuild trust in the EU".

Services supported by the CoR

Moderator's services

Conceptual development of the event including preparation of the programme with the moderator and speakers

Press & Social Media: CoR's events' page, Facebook and Twitter, Flickr gallery, provision of communication material and media partnership

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