

## POLAND AT A GLANCE

### *Poland-Canada Relations:*

- Over 800,000 Canadians claim Polish ancestry, making the Polish community the 11<sup>th</sup> largest ethnic group in Canada.
- Canada was the first country to ratify **Poland's** membership in NATO.
- After Russia, **Poland** is Canada's largest market in Eastern/Central Europe.
- Seven Polish universities offer courses in Canadian Studies including four Centres for Canadian Studies and 2 graduate programs.
- Canada and **Poland** are exploring partnership agreements with officials and NGOs that would allow for internships, work, study, travel, apprenticeships, coop programmes, etc.
- Canada's new Embassy in Warsaw has been the recipient of numerous architectural awards.
- Many Canadian companies have established themselves in **Poland** including McCain, Pratt & Whitney, Bombardier and Royal Technologies Group bringing the total of actual and committed Canadian investment in **Poland** to \$646 million CAD.

### *Canada, Poland and the European Union:*

- Canada and **Poland** will work together on advancing the mutual priorities identified in the Canada-EU Partnership Agenda adopted at the March 2004 Canada-EU Summit. This will shape the course of future relations in areas such as people to people links, prosperity, global governance, and international security.
- Canada and **Poland** will work together in areas where we share common goals such as United Nations reform, implementation of the Kyoto Protocol and the protection of cultural diversity.
- Canada and **Poland** share a common interest in EU policy towards Eastern Europe particularly as it relates to migration, democratic development and international security.
- Canada and **Poland** will explore European collaboration in the area of Research and Development, and Science and Technology.
- Canada and **Poland** will both benefit from an innovative, forward-looking Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement (TIEA) that will focus on regulatory barriers to trade and investment, trade facilitation and sustainable development.

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