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POZNAŃ  
POLAND  
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# POLAND'S APPLICATION FOR IAC 2026

Poznań as the host city

## A combined experience of the involved parties:

**European Space Foundation** (IAF member) - an experienced organiser of space related events such as European Rovery Challenge, **POLSA** (IAF member) - Polish Space Agency, **Poznań Convention Bureau** representing Poznań City Authorities, **Poznań Congress Center - MTP GROUP** - the venue provider with a proven track record of hosting international congresses of up to 12 000 delegates, **THE WAY** - the company that deals with comprehensive event production and **COTI CONFERENCE** - a DMC company.

## ACCESS TO POZNAŃ

Direct motorlinks to Berlin (250km) and Warsaw (310km). A2 motorlink is a part of the European route E30.



Poznan Główny railway station is the main railway hub for the railway routes in Europe. It is located only 3 minutes on foot from Poznan Congress Center.

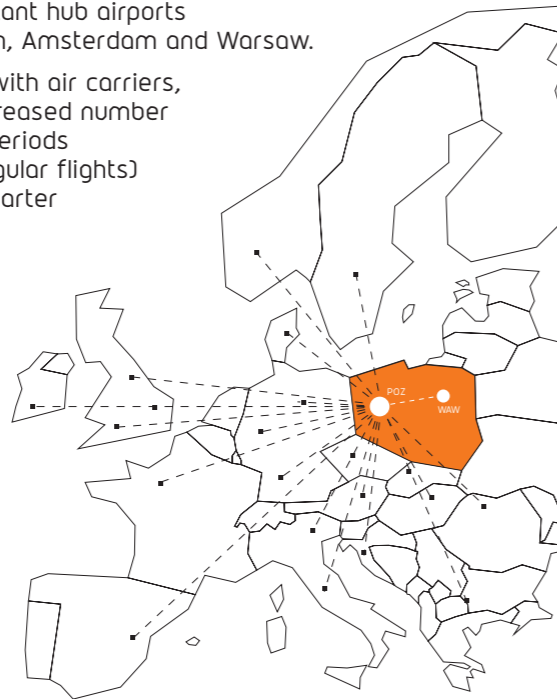


### ŁAWICA AIRPORT in Poznań

- > 46 direct destinations on offer
- > 7-10 flights per day operated by Star Alliance and Sky Team carriers (SAS, Lufthansa, LOT, KLM),
- > Connections to the most important hub airports - Frankfurt, Munich, Copenhagen, Amsterdam and Warsaw.
- > Poznań Airport, in cooperation with air carriers, is able to flexibly provide an increased number of available seats during peak periods (larger aircrafts or additional regular flights) and help in organizing ad hoc charter flights, if needed

### CHOPIN AIRPORT in Warsaw

- > Over 100 direct destinations on offer
- > Operated by LOT Polish Airlines
- > LOT International Events - special discounted offer for congress delegates - up to 21%



## ACCOMMODATION

NUMBER OF BEDS / ROOMS AS PER HOTEL RATING:

STANDARD	NO OF HOTELS	BEDS	ROOMS
*****	2	546	268
****	17	3373	1651
***	35	4090	2300
**	9	830	510
*	3	114	51
Not categorized	10	1378	765

New hotels: in 2023 - 5\* for 25 rooms, in 2024/2025 - one 5\* near the Old Town, and three 4\* hotels - approx. 400 additional rooms  
Accommodation for students in Poznan dormitories: up to 10 000 ppl

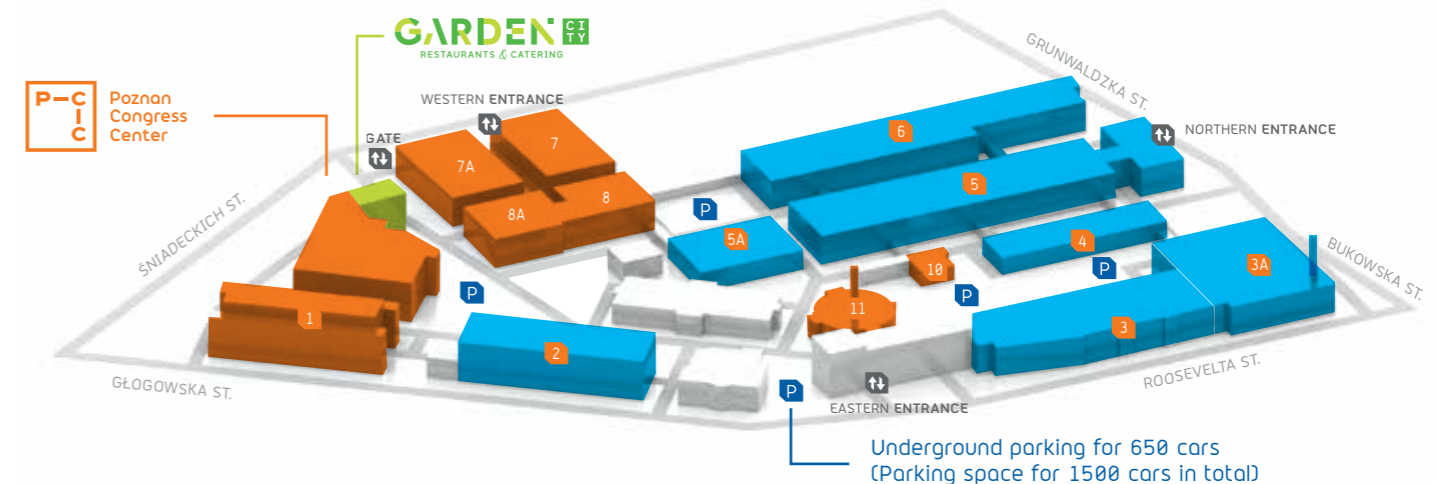


## WHY PCC - MTP GROUP ?

- > 150 000 sqm of conference and indoor/outdoor exhibition space
- > Over 40 breakout rooms - from 20 to 1200 pax - that offer flexible solutions to conference organisers
- > Plenary hall for 1800 pax
- > 16 modular and customizable exhibition halls of varied style and function linked by covered walkways
- > Parking ground for 2000 cars and underground parking for 650 cars
- > City center location, at the heart of Poznan public transport network - railway and bus station, fast tram line and city buses
- > 20 min from the airport and 10 min from the Old Town



## PCC - MTP GROUP premises - proposed location for IAC 2026





## WHY POLAND:

- > Poland is a rapidly developing market in space technology with the strategy of increasing investment in military and civil areas.
- > We are an essential player in the space sector due to our geopolitical location in Central and Eastern Europe.
- > Poland is a member of several initiatives aiming to deepen regional cooperation in space, primarily related to infrastructure, transport, energy, digital communication, and developing technology such as The Visegrad Group (V4) brings together the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary and The Three Seas Initiative unites twelve European Union countries near the Baltic, Black, and Adriatic seas.

## POLISH SPACE SECTOR:

- > The Polish space sector contains nearly 400 entities (companies and institutes). Of these, 300 cooperate with ESA daily, including over 150 directly involved in projects.
- > Industrial entities in the Polish space sector consist mainly of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), several branches of key European companies in the space sector, and large companies operating in the ICT and aviation industries.
- > Employment in the sector has also increased, estimated at approximately 12,000 job positions.
- > Space SMEs in Poland specializing in the following domains:
  - control and robotics,
  - mechatronics,
  - onboard power supply systems,
  - optics and communication systems for satellites,
  - scientific sensors and soil penetrators for space probes,
  - space and ground software
  - software testing systems and subsystems of objects placed into orbit in outer space,



## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

- > Since 2012, Poland has been a full member of the European Space Agency (ESA), actively participating in EU, ESA, EUMETSAT, and EDA programs in research, space technology, and satellite technology.
- > Cooperation with NASA - Poland is the 13th signatory of the Artemis Accords declaration.
- > Poland closely cooperates with European and national space agencies.

## POLAND'S PRESENCE IN THE SPACE:

- > Apparatus provided by Polish companies have been used in over 80 space missions of ESA and NASA, e.g., Rosetta/Philae, EXO Mars, Cassini/Huygens, Solar Orbiter, BEPI COLOMBO.
- > Poland plans to send the first orbital mission to the Moon by 2030. Work is already well advanced.
- > Poland has launched into space over 16 satellites, and a few more are waiting in line.
- > We have one of the most extensive satellite survey-tracking telescopes worldwide.

**Our application for hosting IAC 2026 in Poznań, Poland has already been supported by:**

- > Polish government, Polish Space Agency,
- > Polish Space Industry Association
- > Polish companies, universities, and NGOs
- > Space Generation Advisory Council
- > LOT Polish Airlines, Poznan Airport, and Poznan Municipality
- > Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia
- > Slovak Space Office
- > For All Moonkind
- > UNIVERSEH European University for Earth and Humanity
- > EUNICE European University
- > National Technical University of Ukraine
- > Precarpatian National University
- > WEME Global
- > Space Industry Association of Australia (organizers of IAC 2025)