



PRESS RELEASE

ERT delegation visits Poland, meets with Ministers Domanski and Paszyk

Warsaw, 21 February 2025: With Poland currently holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union until July, a delegation from the European Round Table for Industry (ERT), led by ERT Chair Jean-François van Boxmeer, visited Warsaw today for meetings with Andrzej Domański, Minister for Finance and Krzysztof Paszyk, Minister of Economic Development and Technology.

These meetings are part of a longstanding tradition of ERT leadership meeting with governments either before or during their six-month Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The purpose is for ERT to better understand the government's priorities for their Presidency and discuss the best ways to empower a renewed long-term competitive strategy for Europe.

As the cross-sectoral high-level forum for CEOs & Chairs, ERT gathers leaders from many of Europe's most significant industrial and technology companies. Its Members are committed to the European project and the peace and prosperity that the EU has provided for numerous decades.

Exchanges focused on the following priority areas:

- **The soon-to-released Clean Industrial Deal, Simplification Omnibus Regulation** to be adopted by the Commission and presented to Council.
- **Strengthening Europe – Competitiveness & the Single Market***. ERT is a vocal advocate for the EU Single Market as a unique source of prosperity and resilience.

Exchange on **priorities for Europe's competitiveness** and strategic positioning with Poland's political leadership as follow up to the **Budapest Declaration** with a view to implementing the **Draghi & Letta Reports**.

- The long term outlook for the upcoming discussions on the next **EU Budget** (Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-34).
- The urgency with which Europe needs to **massively invest in its defence capabilities and defence industrial base**, and how Poland's strong record and leadership can **accelerate momentum across the EU**.

- How **Dual Use R&D&I** can be harnessed more effectively to push ahead technological advancement within the defence sector, as well as promote the resilience and competitiveness of the EU's civil industries.

Note to Editors:

* More information on ERT's Single Market campaign can be found here: <https://ert.eu/single-market>.
See in particular the Compendium and Technical Study.

** Link to the Competitiveness Council conclusions related to the Single Market:
<https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-10298-2024-INIT/en/pdf>.

° Link to energy publications (competitiveness of energy-intensive industries & energy infrastructure):
<https://ert.eu/documents/energy2024/>.

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About the European Round Table for Industry (ERT)

The European Round Table for Industry (ERT) is a forum that brings together around 60 Chief Executives and Chairs of leading multinational companies of European parentage, covering a wide range of industrial and technological sectors. ERT strives for a strong, open, and competitive Europe, with the EU and its Single Market as a driver for inclusive growth and sustainable prosperity. Companies of ERT Members have combined revenues exceeding €2 trillion, providing direct jobs to around 5 million people worldwide – of which half are in Europe – and sustaining millions of indirect jobs. They invest more than €60 billion annually in R&D, largely in Europe.

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