

Press Release

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Poland accepts invitation to bid to host EuroSkills Competition 2023

WorldSkills Poland has accepted a formal invitation from WorldSkills Europe to bid to host the EuroSkills Competition 2023, following the recent [decision by WorldSkills Europe to relocate the event](#) away from the Russian Federation.

The eighth biennial EuroSkills event was originally scheduled to take place in St Petersburg in August 2023.

The decision to invite Poland to submit a bid to host the event was made in accordance with internal procedures around electing future EuroSkills Competition hosts, which saw WorldSkills Europe approach the three Member Countries that had previously expressed intentions to bid to host the EuroSkills Competition 2027, as all were in a position to potentially host the EuroSkills Competition 2023. This included Germany, Luxembourg, and Poland. (Germany and Luxembourg had expressed an intention to submit a joint bid for 2027).

After extensive discussions between WorldSkills Europe, WorldSkills Germany, WorldSkills Luxembourg, and WorldSkills Poland, and in the true spirit of the WorldSkills movement, it was agreed by all parties that WorldSkills Poland should take up the enormous challenge of organising the EuroSkills Competition 2023 at such short notice.

WorldSkills Germany and WorldSkills Luxembourg have expressed their utmost support for WorldSkills Poland's new bid and have confirmed that they remain committed to their plans for a joint bid to host the EuroSkills Competition 2027.

WorldSkills Europe wishes to express its sincere gratitude to WorldSkills Poland for its support and commitment to have Europe's biggest vocational education and skills excellence event relocated to Poland.

WorldSkills Europe has been overwhelmed by the immense show of support from all its members in finding an alternative location and offers to help the future new host of the event.

WorldSkills Poland's application to host the EuroSkills Competition 2023 will be ratified by the WorldSkills Europe General Assembly at its annual meeting in June 2022.

The exact dates and a city of the relocated EuroSkills Competition 2023 are still to be confirmed. Further details will be released when available.

WorldSkills Europe looks forward to working with WorldSkills Poland and all other WorldSkills Europe Members to bring hope and skills back to the TVET systems of Europe at a time when they are needed most.

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Notes to editors

Read the WorldSkills Europe statement and position on the conflict in Ukraine at:
<https://worldskillseurope.org/index.php/media/worldskills-europe-statement-ukraine>

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About WorldSkills Poland

Although officially only a WorldSkills Europe Member Country since 2017, Poland has a much longer connection with vocational skills, with the Foundation For The Development Of The Education System (FRSE) recently celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Under a different organisation, Poland competed at EuroSkills Rotterdam 2008 and returned again under the direction of FRSE for EuroSkills Budapest 2018, with the team entering eight skills. At EuroSkills Budapest 2018, Poland achieved a Medallion for Excellence in Cooking, and at EuroSkills Graz 2021, Poland achieved its best results so far at a EuroSkills Competition, winning three bronze medals.

For more information, visit: worldskillspoland.org.pl.

About WorldSkills Europe

Founded in 2006, WorldSkills Europe is part of the WorldSkills movement – a group of people and organisations, including WorldSkills International, that together advance the shared social objective of increasing the provision of skills.

WorldSkills Europe promotes vocational, technological and service oriented education and training across Europe, working with youth, educators, governments, and industries to help prepare the workforce and talent of today for the jobs of the future.

WorldSkills Europe brings youth, industries, and educators together to give young people the chance to compete, experience, and learn how to become the best in their skill of choice. Together with WorldSkills Europe Member countries, [WorldSkills Europe organises EuroSkills](#) – the biggest vocational education and skills excellence event in Europe.

Held every two years, EuroSkills sees hundreds of young people under the age of 25 from countries across Europe come together to compete for the chance to become the Best in Europe in their chosen skill or profession.

From the traditional trades to multi-skilled technology careers in the industry and service sectors, supported by Members, partners, industries, governments, volunteers, and educational institutions, WorldSkills Europe is making a direct impact on raising the level of skills throughout Europe.

WorldSkills Europe works in close collaboration with European sector organisations to help shape the current and future occupational standards needed by the European continent to compete in the global economy.

For more information, visit: worldskillseurope.org.