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Common US-European approach to the resolution of the War in Ukraine will be shaped in the presence of Polish voices

The 61st edition of the Munich Security Conference that takes place this week with top US and European policy-makers and experts aboard, will also host an influential Polish delegation. The Casimir Pulaski Foundation (CPF) as the only official Polish partner of the event will be directly involved in shaping the existential elements of the programme. Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska - Chair of the Warsaw Security Forum - will moderate a main stage panel discussion with President Petr Pavel of Czechia, Friedrich Merz of CDU (who aspires to the German Chancellorship), and the Prime Minister of Denmark Mette Frederiksen. Behind the closed-doors Prof. Pisarska and Bartłomiej Kot - Program Director of the WSF - will host top level stakeholders to discuss the New European Security Architecture impacted by President Trump's reelection. The CPF expects President of Finland Alexander Stubb, 4 US Congressmen, EU Defence Commissioner Andrius Kubilius, Minister Sikorski of Poland, as well as ministers from Ukraine, Sweden, France, Latvia, and Estonia.

Joining the distinguished group of people gathering in Munich on February 14th-16th, 2025 are representatives of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation: Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska, Chair of the Warsaw Security Forum (WSF), and Bartłomiej Kot, Program Director of WSF. As the official Polish partner of the event, the Foundation will organise a high-level side-event during the Conference: *Thinking Transatlantic Relations Anew: Mapping the New European Security Architecture and Russia Strategy*. The closed-door dinner will be joined by President of Finland Stubb, EU Commissioner for Defence and Space Kubilius, Members of the US House of Representatives: McCaul, Mast, Turner, and Crow, as well as the ministers of foreign affairs, and defence of Poland, Ukraine, France, Estonia, Latvia, and Sweden. The politicians will also be joined by military officials, including a former CIA Director General (R) David Petraeus, as well as former Commander of the U.S. Army in Europe Lt. Gen. (R) Ben Hodges. The dinner will include Polish foreign policy stakeholders: Minister of Foreign Affairs Radosław Sikorski, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee Paweł Kowal, and Member of the European Parliament Michał Szczerba.

"The main aim of the dinner is to explore Europe's rising self-agency and the future of transatlantic cooperation amid evolving US dynamics.", reveals Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska, Chair of the Warsaw

Security Forum. The organisers have also entrusted her with moderating a panel discussion on the conference's main stage: *Security Dividend: European Support for Ukraine*, that is dedicated to Europe's role in bolstering Ukraine's security and stability. The panel will feature President of Czechia, Petr Pavel; Chairman of the Christian Democratic Union, Friedrich Merz, who is a leading candidate to the German Chancellorship; and the Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen.

"With the high-level presence of American stakeholders in Munich, including the Vice President JD Vance, there is an expectation that important decisions will be made on the subject of the resolution of the War in Ukraine. Our task is to make sure that the Polish voice will be broadly heard, but also to prove that Polish entities can be leaders in the discussion on European security" says Bartłomiej Kot, Program Director of WSF, co-organiser of the event.

The presence of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation at the Munich Security Conference is yet another indication of the increased activity of the Polish think tank in international politics. At the beginning of the year, the Foundation organised an advocacy visit to Brussels. The delegation engaged in over 20 high-level meetings with officials from the European Commission, European Council, European Parliament, and NATO Headquarters, focusing on critical global and regional security priorities.

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