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2nd WSF Public Dialogue Charts the Future of Europe Amid Global Challenges

On 7 May 2025, the second edition of the [Warsaw Security Forum's Public Dialogue](#) convened in Warsaw, bringing together leading diplomats, public officials, senior media representatives, and policy experts. Hosted under the auspices of **Poland's EU Council Presidency** and held with the **patronage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland**, the event examined Europe's evolving geopolitical landscape and the critical choices that will shape its future.

In a time marked by democratic backsliding and growing authoritarian influence, speakers delivered strong and urgent messages. "Our political landscape has never resembled a jungle more than it does now," noted one panelist, highlighting the turbulence of recent years. Across panels, the message was clear: **defending democracy and peace requires unity, trust, and investment in security.**

Magdalena Sobkowiak-Czarnecka, Undersecretary of State at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland, emphasized the importance of competitiveness as a pillar of security: *"What we see now in Europe are attempts to disrupt our security. We need to be competitive to be secure."*

Despite the gravity of the discussions, the event also conveyed optimism about Europe's future. **Professor Katarzyna Pisarska**, Chair of the Warsaw Security Forum and Chairwoman of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation Council, called this moment a pivotal opportunity: *"We are presented with an opportunity to create a more sovereign, united, and strong Europe."*

Key themes explored during the dialogue included:

- The implications of the upcoming European elections
- The rise of populism and its impact on EU unity

- Ukraine's path to EU membership
- Security investments and NATO-EU defence capabilities
- Hybrid threats, cyberattacks, and other destabilization tactics targeting Europe
- The future of transatlantic relations amid ongoing Russian aggression

In a ministerial discussion moderated by Professor Pisarska, **Poland's Minister of Foreign Affairs Radosław Sikorski** addressed concerns about Europe's defence readiness in the context of reduced U.S. engagement:

"Given EU defence spending, which exceeds Russia's war budget by 2.5 times, Europe should not be afraid for its deterrence capabilities—even with limited support from the United States."

The event concluded with a powerful call to action from **Zbigniew Pisarski**, President of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation: *"Freedom must be actively defended. We have the strength to do it, and we should have the courage to show it."*

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As Europe stands at a crossroads, the WSF Public Dialogue reaffirms the importance of continued cooperation and candid discussion. The dialogue continues—and we look forward to reconvening next year with even greater momentum.

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