

europopolis

The image features the word "europopolis" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters "europa" and "lis" are rendered in a dark grey color, while the letters "popoli" are in a vibrant orange. The orange letters are surrounded by several orange circles of varying sizes, some overlapping the letters, creating a dynamic and modern visual effect.

The logo for Schuman, featuring the word 'SCHUMAN' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are colored: 'S' is yellow, 'C' is red, 'H' is green, 'U' is orange, 'M' is green, 'A' is yellow, and 'N' is red.

Europolis stimulates the debate about challenges faced by European cities among those interested in urban development – local and governmental authorities, non-governmental organizations, politicians and businesses.

Europolis consists of an annual **conference** organized by the Schuman Foundation together with the Capital City of Warsaw and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, a **report** published by the Schuman Foundation and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation containing ranking of Polish cities and a **supporting campaign in the media** to promote innovative solutions in cities.

Each year Europolis addresses a different urban development topic.



- 2017** **Safe and open cities** in terms of the quality of life. We will talk about different factors that make city inhabitants feel safe.
- 2016** **Sustainable cities.** How to improve the quality of life in cities having in mind the limited amount of natural resources and future generations? We answered this question at the Europolis conference on 3 June, 2016. The Schuman Foundation [report on sustainable development in cities](#) served as a starting point for the discussion.
- 2015** **Learning cities.** We published a [report containing a ranking of polish learning cities on country rights](#) – the leaders and laggards in terms of developing human and social capital, infrastructure and simplicity of setting up and doing business were selected. We announced the ranking at the Europolis conference.
- 2014** **Most important challenges for metropolises in the field of climate policy and smart, low-carbon solutions.** Recommendations from the conference have been included in the publication [Europolis. Smart Cities of Tomorrow](#).
- 2013** **Smart city.** Trends in urban development and preferences of citizens. We defined what a smart city is from the perspective of city authorities and residents.

## SAFE AND OPEN CITIES

The feeling of safety is every person's basic need and thereby a factor which raises the quality of life in urban areas and helps to attract new residents. What makes city inhabitants feel safe? What can be done by the city authorities, companies operating within urban areas and by the residents themselves to make cities safer?

Contrary to the first association that 'a safe city' triggers, it is not only about low crime level but also about the reliability of energy and water supplies, possibility of finding employment as well as traffic, public transport and social security. In the age of dynamic technological development, the question of information warfare and security should not be omitted. On the one hand there is a demand to protect residents' privacy, however on the other hand we face ability of using collective data on residents' behaviours for security reasons. The feeling of safety can be also influenced by public consultations and some other forms of real joint decision-making that concern urban areas. These processes assure city inhabitants that no decision will be imposed in the top-down manner and that their voice will not be ignored.

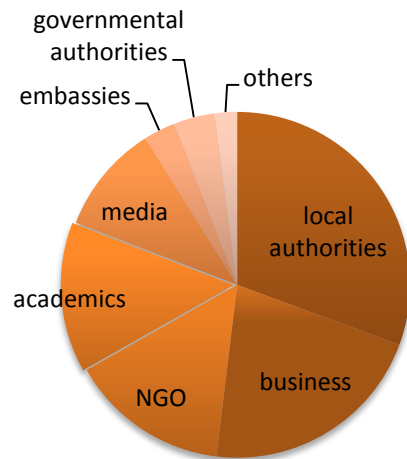
Europolis conference devoted to the topic of safety in cities will be held **on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**. The starting point for the discussion will be a report prepared by the Polish Robert Schuman Foundation about safety in Polish cities.



## EUROPOLIS CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE SCHUMAN FOUNDATION AND THE CAPITAL CITY OF WARSAW

Organized annually since 2013, each conference gathers about 240 people in the discussion on urban development. The Europolis conference is a meeting place for everybody involved in shaping the urban system – we invite local governments, NGO representatives, experts, academics, business representatives and all other persons interested in urban development to a joint discussion.

### participants of Europolis 2016 conference



We had the pleasure to host such speakers as:

**Paweł Adamowicz**, Mayor of Gdańsk

**Dominika Bettman**, Chief Financial Officer at Siemens

**Michał Boni**, Minister of Administration and Digitization

**Paweł Choraży**, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Development

**Andrzej Dziuba**, Mayor of Tychy

**Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz**, Mayor of Warsaw

**Piotr Grzymowicz**, Mayor of Olsztyn

**Jacek Jaśkowiak**, Mayor of Poznań

**Michał Kurtyka**, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Energy

**Jacky Lacombe**, CEO Veolia Energia Warszawa

**Bartłomiej Michałowski**, Segment Director of Public Institutions, Orange Polska

**Jan Olbrycht**, Member of the European Parliament

**Paweł Orłowski**, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Regional Development,

**Hannu Penttilä**, Deputy Mayor of Helsinki

**Johanna Rolland**, Mayor of Nantes

**Daniel Termont**, Mayor of Ghent

**Filip Thon**, CEO of RWE Polska

**Maria Wasiak**, Deputy Mayor of Bydgoszcz

**Arkadiusz Wiśniewski**, Mayor of Opole

**Marcin Zawila**, Mayor of Jelenia Góra

**Krzysztof Żuk**, Mayor of Lublin

# SCHUMAN FOUNDATION REPORTS ABOUT POLISH CITIES

Since 2015 the Schuman Foundation has been publishing reports on Polish cities concerning the topic of the Europolis project in that particular year. In 2015 we released the report "Europolis. Learning cities" and in 2016 "Europolis. Sustainable urban development". Reports include rankings of 66 Polish cities with county rights, which are based on indicators relevant to the topic. The reports are being prepared in collaboration with the analytical institute Polityka Insight.







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