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## **Prime Minister**



## **Prime Minister's Office**

The prime minister directs the work of the Cabinet, convening and chairing its meetings. He decides on its composition, requesting that the president appoint or dismiss ministers. As the chief organ of government administration, the prime minister issues regulations and has general competence; that is, his tasks include everything that is not within other bodies' competence. The prime minister plays the most important function in the Polish political order. As the leader of the largest coalition party, he can decide on the parliamentary majority's actions. He also decides on the staffing of the most important state-owned enterprises. The new prime minister will have to nurture the unity of the broad government coalition. The challenge will be to implement changes despite his strained relations with President Andrzej Duda.



## **Prime Minister**

Donald Tusk PRIME MINISTER

Prime minister since 2023, a post he also held in 2007-2014, he is the co-founder and chairman of Platforma Obywatelska. Between 2014 and 2019, he served as president of the European Council for two terms. From 2019 to 2022, he headed the European People's Party. Before leaving for Brussels, he was an MP for many years, as well as a senator; in both chambers, he served as deputy speaker. In 2005, he ran for president unsuccessfully. His dispute with PiS Chairman Jaroslaw Kaczyński has been the main axis in Polish politics for almost twenty years. In his youth, he was an anti-communist opposition activist. A historian by education, he studied at the University of Gdańsk. He is currently the most influential Polish politician, with full control of his party. His strong rhetorical skills enable him to stir up emotions among Poles. He is popular among his party's voters, but distrusted by others.

## **Deputy ministers**



#### Władysław Kosiniak--Kamysz

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE



#### Krzysztof Gawkowski

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DIGITAL AFFAIRS



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# **Ministry of National Defence**

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

national defence



## Ministry

The minister has a special role in the Polish administration: he is one of the two ministers mentioned in the Constitution (the other one is the minister of justice) and the only one whose office is described in a separate law. In peacetime, the president exercises authority over the armed forces through him. His ministry includes the General Staff of the Polish Army, the main command authority of the Polish armed forces. The challenges ahead will include stabilising relations with the army and its supreme commander, General Wiesław Kukuła, who was appointed by the outgoing PiS government, and setting out a path for the armed forces' development for the coming years. This will mean continuing — or possibly correcting — the armament and army expansion plans implemented by the previous government.



## Minister



Władysław Kosiniak--Kamysz

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

An MP and chairman of the PSL since 2015. Between 2011 and 2015, he served as minister of labour and social policy in the Tusk and Kopacz governments. In 2020, he ran for president unsuccessfully, winning just 2.36 per cent of the vote. A doctor by training, he holds a PhD in Medicine from the Jagiellonian University. He has not had much to do with defence so far, but his appointment will help the opposition improve contact with President Andrzej Duda, who is positively disposed towards the PSL chairman. Public trust in Kosiniak-Kamysz is high and he is on good terms with Donald Tusk and Sejm Marshal Szymon Hołownia.

## **Deputy ministers**



Cezary Tomczyk SECRETARY OF STATE



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• computerisation



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include overseeing the computerisation of the public administration and the civilian dimension of cybersecurity. Established in 2015, the minister operated until 2020, before being reestablished in 2023. Implementing EU directives, including the Digital Single Market Copyright Directive, the adoption of which in Poland is nearly three years behind schedule, will be a priority. The minister will also oversee the spending of funds for digital projects enshrined in the KPO, implement further state e-services, and continue fighting digital exclusion.



#### Minister



Krzysztof Gawkowski MINISTER OF DIGITAL AFFAIRS

An MP since 2019 and co-chair of the Nowa Lewica party, he went into politics in 2000. In 2012, he became the general secretary of SLD, which was led by Leszek Miller at the time. After the party's failure to make it into the Sejm in the 2015 and Miller's replacement by Włodzimierz Czarzasty, Gawkowski became one of its deputy leaders. Three years later, he left to build Wiosna with Robert Biedroń. When it formed an alliance with SLD, he gained a strong political position and became head of the caucus after winning a seat in the Sejm in 2019. An expert on cybersecurity, he co-authored Lewica's digital programme.

## **Deputy ministers**



**Dariusz Standerski** secretary of state



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- budget
- public finance
- financial institutions



## Ministry

The minister is responsible for shaping the state budget, including tax policy, financing local government, and managing public debt. He is responsible for the National Revenue Administration and the customs and tax offices, the General Inspector of Financial Information, and the Polish Agency for Audit Oversight. His first task will be to finalise the 2024 budget; he will have less time than his predecessors. Securing funds for fulfilling election promises will also be a major challenge; an amendment to the budget act is likely. The new minister will also look into reforming the financing of local authorities, which are expected to be given more independence through increased tax revenue.



## Minister



### Andrzej Domański MINISTER

OF FINANCE

An MP since 2023, he has been involved with PO since 2018. He was involved in creating its economic programmes and is the author of ideas such as the "granny payment" or raising the tax-free amount from PLN 30,000 to PLN 60,000. He served as deputy director of the Civic Institute, PO's think-tank. Before that, he spent 12 years in the private sector, working for investment fund companies. He is perceived as better informed about the specifics of the financial market than his predecessors. In the party, he gets along well with a group of younger MPs whom he worked with on the most recent election campaign. He works closely with Donald Tusk as his main adviser on economic and programme-related matters.



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## **Deputy ministers**



#### Marcin Łoboda

HEAD OF THE NATIONAL REVENUE ADMINISTRATION



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Paweł Karbownik UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE







Jarosław Neneman UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE



## **Ministry of Justice**

#### ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

• justice



## Ministry

The minister is in charge of the judiciary, legal self-government bodies (lawyers, attorneys, notaries) and prisons, among other things. He is also likely to be active in the field of changes to the legal code, mainly procedural, which could streamline and speed up judicial proceedings. One of the biggest challenges will be restoring the rule of law in Poland and possibly reversing the changes introduced under PiS and its allies. The minister will combine this function with the post of prosecutor general, so he will also be in charge of the prosecutor's office. A dispute with National Prosecutor Dariusz Barski, a close associate of Zbigniew Ziobro, who cannot be dismissed without the president's approval, seems inevitable.



#### Minister





His election to the Senate in October is his first contact with real politics. He previously served as Ombudsman from 2015 to 2021, when he became known as a staunch defender of the rule of law and an opponent of PiS's changes to the judiciary. His background is in the NGO community: in 2004-2015, he was affiliated with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, and also cooperated with the Panoptykon Foundation, ClientEarth Poland, the Prof. Zbigniew Hołda Association and the Batory Foundation, among others. Between 2001 and 2004, he worked as a lawyer at law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges. An independent senator, he ran for the Senate with Koalicja Obywatelska's support and is working closely with Donald Tusk.

## **Deputy ministers**



Krzysztof Śmiszek SECRETARY OF STATE



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• foreign affairs



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include maintaining diplomatic relations with other countries and international organisations, representing and protecting Polish interests abroad, including at international courts and tribunals, and coordinating foreign policy. Nearly a hundred Polish embassies and just under fifty consulates-general report to him. He also oversees the Polish Institute of International Affairs. The main challenges will be getting the foreign service in order, as well as improving relations with several allies with whom relations deteriorated under PiS. Disputes with the president, if only over ambassadorial appointments, seem inevitable.



#### Minister



Radosław Sikorski MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

A member of the European Parliament since 2019, where he headed the delegation for relations with the US. From 2007 to 2014, he was an MP and foreign minister in the Tusk government, and then Sejm marshal for a year. As minister, he was one of the initiators of the Eastern Partnership and, in 2014, following the Euromaidan protests in Ukraine, he was a member of the EU diplomatic mission to Kyiv. In 2006-2007, he served as minister of national defence in the first PiS governments and, in 1992, as deputy foreign minister in the Olszewski government,. He is one of the most recognisable Polish politicians in Europe and the US.

## **Deputy ministers**



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# Ministry of the Interior and Administration

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

- public administration
- internal affairs
- religious denominations and national and ethnic minorities



## Ministry

The minister is responsible for security and public order within the country, as well as border protection and implementing migration policy. He oversees the uniformed services, including the police, fire brigade and border guard, and the prime minister appoints their commanders at his request. A key task for the new minister will be to verify and depoliticise the services under his authority. Controlling illegal migration at the Polish-Belarusian border will also be a challenge, as will rebuilding trust in the police, which has been accused of using violence and lacking competence.



## Minister



#### Marcin Kierwiński MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND ADMINISTRATION

A PO MP since 2011, he has been the party's secretary general for several years and, since 2016, the head of its Warsaw structures. In 2015, he headed Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz's political cabinet for several months, and also served on the parliamentary committees for the special services, public finance and national defence. Before going into politics at the national level, he was a local government official; among other things, he headed the PO club in the Warsaw City Council and twice served as deputy speaker of the Mazovian Voivodeship. He is considered one of PO's most influential politicians and a trusted associate of Donald Tusk. In the past, he worked closely with previous party leaders Borys Budka, Grzegorz Schetyna and Ewa Kopacz. An engineer by education, he studied at the Warsaw University of Technology.

## **Deputy ministers**



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- state assets
- communications



# Ministry

The minister's main tasks include the corporate governance of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) and the management of mineral deposits and energy policy (with the climate minister and minister of industry). A key task will be to depoliticise SOEs, as stipulated in the coalition agreement. The minister will also have to agree on a direction for the decarbonisation of the energy sector, including by updating the social contract with miners and notifying the European Commission about state aid for them. The minister will also decide on the Polish Post Office's future amid growing competition from private companies and support the further development of the country's railway companies and LOT Polish Airlines.



### Minister



An MP since 2011, he became chairman of PO in 2020, stepping down a year and a half later to make way for Donald Tusk (Budka then became deputy chairman). He works closely with the prime minister and was head of the Koalicja Obywatelska's parliamentary caucus in 2019-2020 and 2021-2023. In 2015, he served as minister of justice in the Kopacz government for six months, and was a member of the justice and human rights committee and the legislative committee in the Sejm. A lawyer by training, he has a PhD in Economics. As an adjunct professor, he works at the Department of Energy Transition at the University of Economics in Katowice, headed by Professor Marzena Czarnecka, the minister of industry.

## **Deputy ministers**



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# Ministry of Climate and Environment

#### ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

- energy
- climate
- environment



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include conducting energy and climate policy, as well as overseeing environmental protection. The minister supervises the president of the State Atomic Energy Agency, the general director for Environmental Protection and the general director of the State Forests, among others. In terms of energy, the key task will be to prepare the liberalisation of the regulations on the construction of onshore wind farms, update the Polish Energy Policy until 2040, work on the energy sector's decarbonisation (with the minister of state assets), and continue talks with the European Commission on the financing model for Poland's nuclear programme. In terms of the environment, the challenge will be to reform forest management, including depoliticising the State Forests and incorporating EU waste and water management regulations into Polish law.



## Minister



### Paulina Hennig--Kloska MINISTER OF CLIMATE

AND ENVIRONMENT

An MP from Konin since 2015 and vice-chair of Polska 2050 since 2022, she switched to the party from Nowoczesna a year earlier. She was supposedly convinced to change party by Polska 2050's emphasis on the energy transition. In the Sejm, she has served on the public finance committee and the energy, climate and state assets committee. Before going into politics, she worked in the private sector, initially as a journalist and later as the director of branches of Raiffeisen Bank and BGZ BNP Paribas. She studied Political Science and Economics at Adam Mickiewicz University and the Poznań University of Economics.

## **Deputy ministers**



#### Mikołaj Dorożała UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE



#### Miłosz Motyka UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE



Anita Sowińska UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE



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## **Ministry of Economic Development and Technology**

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

- economy
- planning and zoning, housing and construction



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include shaping the norms and conditions for doing business in Poland and ensuring that the economy is competitive and innovative. He also oversees the Central Office of Construction Supervision, the Office of Technical Inspection, the Patent Office and the Polish Investment and Trade Agency, among other things. The key challenges are supporting companies' green transition and increasing investment. Another key task will be to remove legal barriers for entrepreneurs and increase supply in the housing market, including through the development of social housing.



#### Minister



Krzysztof Hetman MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

An MP since 2023, he is also deputy chairman of the PSL. Before that, he was a member of the European Parliament (from 2014), where he served as deputy chairman of the regional development committee and the internal market committee. He was marshal of the Lublin Voivodeship in 2010-2014 and deputy minister for Regional Development in the first Tusk government from 2007 to 2010. An influential figure within PSL, he is on good terms with both Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz and senior PSL activists. On economic issues, he is unequivocally liberal: his priorities are deregulation and supporting business.

## **Deputy ministers**



Waldemar Sługocki SECRETARY OF STATE



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# **Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy**

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

• regional development



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include the formulation and implementation of the state's development policy, with a focus on regional and urban policy. The minister is also responsible for the acquisition and disbursement of EU funds and the development of public-private partnerships. The National Property Stock, the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development and the National Centre for Research and Development are subordinated to the minister. The main challenges will be the implementation of the National Recovery Fund and preparations for the new EU budget negotiations. Significantly, the government plenipotentiary for the construction of the Central Transport Hub, who will be responsible for continuing — or halting — the project, reports to the minister.



## Minister



Katarzyna Pełczyńska--Nałęcz MINISTER OF FUNDS AND REGIONAL POLICY

From 2014 to 2016, she was Poland's ambassador to Russia, having previously served as deputy foreign minister in the second Tusk government from 2012 to 2014. In 2016, she became director of the Stefan Batory Foundation's Open Europe Programme, and later director of ForumIdea, the Foundation's think tank. In early 2020, she joined the informal election team of presidential candidate Szymon Hołownia and became one of his closest collaborators. Later, she was appointed head of the party's Strategie 2050 Institute. In the 2023 elections, she headed Polska 2050 election team, but did not run for parliament. She holds a PhD in Sociology from the Polish Academy of Sciences.

## **Deputy ministers**



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- transport
- inland navigation

- water management
- maritime governance



# Ministry

The minister's main tasks include supervising the functioning and development of transport infrastructure, controlling water traffic in inland and maritime navigation, and protecting and shaping of the rational use of water resources, including the marine environment. He supervises the General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways, the Civil Aviation Office, the Road Transport Inspection and the Polish Air Navigation Services Agency, among other things. His key tasks will be the further development of rail transport, the strengthening of Polish sea ports, and the fight against transport exclusion. He will also oversee the development of electromobility.



### Minister



Dariusz Klimczak MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

An MP since 2019 and deputy chairman of the PSL, he served as deputy chairman of the Sejm's education, science and youth committee during the previous term. He was also involved in the health committee's work; a significant proportion of his queries and interpellations concerned health issues. Before going into politics at the national level, he was a local government activist, serving as a member of the Łódź Voivodeship Board from 2009 to 2018, among other things. A historian by education, he also holds a PhD in Political Science.

## **Deputy ministers**



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## **Ministry of Industry**

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

• mineral deposit management



## Ministry

This new ministry was announced by PO politicians during the election campaign. Its headquarters will be in Katowice, a sign of the central government's openness to dialogue with Silesian miners. The minister is responsible for the management of mineral resources, including coal and lignite, and also supervises the president of the State Mining Office. As a result, she has a major influence on the country's energy policy, which she will work on with the MinClim and the MinStat.



# Minister



#### Marzena Czarnecka MINISTER OF INDUSTRY

A lawyer, economist and professor at the University of Economics in Katowice, where she heads the Departnment of Energy Transition. A practising legal adviser for 24 years, she was involved in developing KO's energy programme. In 2010, she became legal advisor to the board of directors of Vattenfall Sales Polska, the company that had bought Górnośląski Zakład Energetyczny nine years earlier. When GZE was acquired by Tauron in 2012, Czarnecka became legal services coordinator for sales and then head of the legal department in 2015.

## **Deputy ministers**



# **Ministry of Culture and National Heritage**

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

• culture and national heritage



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include maintaining and disseminating national and state traditions, protecting and caring for historical monuments, museums' activity, and shaping audiovisual policy, particularly with regard to the press, radio, television and cinematography. Institutions such as the National Philharmonic, the Centre for Contemporary Art and the National Museum report to him. The minister is also the chairman of the Committee for Public Benefit; its tasks include coordinating and monitoring cooperation between government bodies and NGOs. He therefore has an impact on the funding of NGOs.



#### Minister



Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz MINISTER OF CULTURE AND NATIONAL HERITAGE

An MP since 2019, and previously in 2013-2014, he served as minister of internal affairs and administration in the Tusk government, as well as coordinator of the special services. He resigned in the wake of the so-called wiretapping scandal, which he was one of the main figures in. From 1990 to 2002, he held the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Office for State Protection, co-founded the Centre for Eastern Studies, and served as its deputy director twice. After leaving the service, he advised private companies on investment risks. His key task as minister will be to sort out the situation in the public media. Then, according to unofficial reports, he wants to run for the European Parliament. In recent years, he has been one of Donald Tusk's closest advisors, and was involved in creating PO's programme.

## **Deputy ministers**



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# **Ministry of Health**

#### ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

• health



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include establishing the list of reimbursed medicines, organising healthcare, training medical staff and supervising medicinal products. The key institution reporting to the minister is the National Health Fund, which is responsible for financing healthcare. The main challenges will include fighting to increase funding for healthcare, improving the quality of medical services, and shortening the queues to see specialists. Other institutions that report to the minister include the Chief Pharmaceutical Inspectorate and the State Sanitary Inspectorate.



#### Minister



Izabela Leszczyna MINISTER OF HEALTH

An MP since 2007, she has been a member of PO's natio-

nal executive board since 2020 and its vice-chair since 2021. From 2013 to 2015, she served as secretary of state at the Ministry of Finance. During the Sejm's previous term, she was vice-chair of its public finance committee. This term, she is on the public finance and energy, clima-

te and state assets committees. She is mainly associated

with fiscal and taxation issues and represents the party's economically liberal wing. She studied Polish at university

# Deputy ministers







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and has worked as a teacher.



# **Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy**

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

- social security
- family
- labour



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks relate to social security, the pension system, and support for families, as well as employment and trade unions. There are a number of challenges ahead. First of all, changes in the way that disability status is decided on and the presentation of a draft law on assistance for dependents can be expected; both are enshrined in the coalition agreement. The minister will have to improve access to childcare to allow parents to be more active in the labour market. Sorting out pension benefits will also be a challenge.



## Minister



## Agnieszka Dziemianowicz--Bąk

MINISTER OF FAMILY, LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY

A member of Nowa Lewica since 2019, previously associated with Razem (from 2015 onwards), she served on the social policy and family committee and the education, science and youth committee, among others, during the previous term. During the 2020 presidential election, she was a member of Robert Biedroń's election team. Before going into politics at the national level, she worked as a researcher and was a recognised social activist in Dolny Śląsk. An articulate politician with strong rhetorical skills, she holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Wrocław.

## **Deputy ministers**



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# Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

#### ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

- agriculture
- fisheries

- rural development
- agricultural markets



# Ministry

The minister's main tasks include ensuring optimum conditions for the development of the Polish countryside, agriculture and fisheries, as well as the country's food security. He oversees the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund, the Chief Inspector of Plant Protection and Seed Inspection, and the Chief Veterinary Doctor, among others. An ad hoc task will be to reach an agreement with Kyiv and Brussels on the Polish blockade on Ukrainian grain imports. Looking ahead, it will also be crucial to prepare Polish agriculture for growing competition from Ukraine, including by strengthening the food control system. A comprehensive strategy will also be needed to help the agri-food sector adapt to the European Green Deal.



#### Minister



Czesław Siekierski MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

A longstanding MP and PSL activist, he is a member of the party's General Council. In 2001-2003, he served as deputy minister of agriculture in the Miller government. He was also an MEP for four terms (from 2004 until 2019), heading the European Parliament's agriculture committee, among other things. He holds a PhD in Economics from the Warsaw University of Life Sciences and is considered a respected expert in the food industry.

## **Deputy ministers**



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• education and upbringing



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include organizing and financing teaching in kindergartens, elementary, secondary, special and post-secondary schools, as well as Polish schools abroad. The minister is also responsible for setting curricula and approving the content of textbooks. The biggest challenge for the new head of the ministry will be to fill staffing shortages in schools, which report up to 40,000 teaching vacancies by 2023. The new minister will also face the depoliticization of education boards, which oversee schools in the regions.



#### Minister



Barabara Nowacka MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Since 2019, she has been an MP and chair of Inicjatywa Polska, KO's left wing. Previously, she was associated with Janusz Palikot's Twój Ruch and the Zjednoczona Lewica electoral coalition, among others. In the Sejm, she served on the education, science and youth committee. A social and feminist activist, she is one of the leading figures in the fight for reproductive rights in Poland and one of the country's most popular politicians. In 2016, she featured on Foreign Policy magazine's annual FP Top 100 Global Thinkers list. She works closely with Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski. A computer scientist by training, she graduated from the Polish-Japanese Academy of Computer Technology in Warsaw, which she later headed as chancellor.

## **Deputy ministers**



Joanna Mucha SECRETARY OF STATE



Katarzyna Lubnauer secretary of state



Izabela Ziętka Awaiting appointment



Henryk Kiepura Awaiting appointment



Paulina Piechna--Więckiewicz



• higher education and science



## Ministry

The minister's main tasks include the organisation and financing of teaching at higher education institutions and scientific and research institutes. He supervises the General Council for Science and Higher Education, which sets the state's higher education policy. The ministry last functioned in this form until the end of 2020, when the Ministry of Education and Science was established. The key challenges will be to reform the system for the financing of scientific research and amend the scoring system for academic journals.



#### Minister



Dariusz Wieczorek MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION

An MP since 2019 and vice-chairman of Nowa Lewica since 2021, he represents the SLD faction. He served as a local government official for many years, as a councilor in the Zachodniopomorskie regional assembly, a member of the city council in Szczecin, and the city's deputy mayor from 1998 to 2001. In the Sejm, he was a member of the maritime economy and inland waterways committee and the energy, climate and state assets committee. He is considered a close associate of Wlodzimierz Czarzasty. Before the most recent elections, he was one of the negotiators of the Senate Pact, on behalf of Lewica. He studied Engineering at the Szczecin University of Technology, with further studies in management.

## **Deputy ministers**



Maria Mrówczyńska UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE



Maciej Gdula awaiting appointment



Marek Gzik Awaiting Appointment



Andrzej Szeptycki awaiting appointment

# Ministry of Sport and Tourism

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS:

- physical culture
- tourism



# Ministry

The minister's main tasks include promoting sport and physical activity, as well as creating the conditions for the development of universal and competitive sport. His main priorities will be improving the country's sports infrastructure and promoting sport among children and young people. The minister is also in charge of the tourism sector; in this area, the challenge will be to implement legislation on short-term rentals and promote Poland as a holiday destination. However, the ministry's more ambitious plans will be hampered by the budgetary situation and efforts to save money at the expense of projects that are less strategic for the state.



#### Minister



Sławomir Nitras MINISTER OF SPORT AND TOURISM

An MP since 2005, except for a term as an MEP in 2009-2014, he has not served in the government so far, but he was chief advisor to Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz from 2014 to 2015. In the Sejm, he has served on the foreign affairs committee and the EU affairs committee. In 2018, he unsuccessfully ran for mayor in Szczecin. He works closely with Warsaw Mayor Rafał Trzaskowski; he co-organised the Campus Poland of the Future, among other things. Ahead of the most recent parliamentary elections, he organised an election monitoring movement made up of several thousand people.

## **Deputy ministers**



Jakub Rutnicki Awaiting Appointment



Ireneusz Nalazek Awaiting appointment



Ireneusz Raś Awaiting appointment



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### **Other members of the Cabinet**



#### **Maciej Berek**

SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION CENTRE

A lawyer and non-partisan official, he is a specialist on the legislative process. He has served as secretary of the Council of Ministers and head of the Government Legislation Centre before, under the PO-PSL government (2007-2015). He worked closely with Tusk and his strong position gave him considerable influence over the legislative process and laws' final shape. He is now advising Tusk on how to restore the rule of law, among other issues, and will be in charge of repairing and modernising the legislative process.



# Agnieszka Buczyńska

MINISTER FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

A sociologist and political scientist, she is Polska 2050's second vice-president and secretary general. She was responsible for creating the party's structures and a member of Szymon Hołownia's election team. A co-founder of the Polska 2050 association, she was previously involved in social activities in Pomorze: she headed the Regional Volunteer Centre in Gdańsk and worked with Paweł Adamowicz when he ran for mayor there. In the new government, her task will be to rebuild trust between NGOs and the state.



Jan Grabiec HEAD OF THE CHANCELLERY OF THE PRIME MINISTER

A PO MP since 2015, he has been the party's spokesman since 2016 and its treasurer since 2022. Before that, he was a local government official: a PO councillor, local governor, and deputy mayor of Legionowo. For years, he was associated with the head of the PO's structures in Mazowsze, Andrzej Halicki, and later with Marcin Kierwiński. With him, he became one of Donald Tusk's close associates after the latter's return to Poland in 2021. He studied Philosophy at the Academy of Catholic Theology in Warsaw.



#### Katarzyna Kotula MINISTER FOR EQUALITY

She has been a Lewica MP since 2019. In the previous Sejm, she was on the social policy and family committee (as well as the standing subcommittees for disabled people and for family). In the current Sejm she was chairwoman of the committee for social policy and family. Associated with the Polish Women's Strike, she was also a member of Robert Biedron's Wiosna party. She majored in English at university and taught the language for many years.



### **Other members of the Cabinet**



Marzena Okła--Drewnowicz MINISTER FOR SENIOR POLICY

A PO MP since 2007, she has been the party's vice-chair since 2021. Before that, she headed its structures in Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship for seven years. For many years, she was on the Sejm social policy and family committee. In the current Sejm, she was vice-chair of the senior policy committee. She studied Sociology at the Catholic University of Lublin.



# Tomasz Siemoniak

COORDINATOR OF THE SPECIAL SERVICES

A PO MP since 2015, he is the party's deputy chairman. Between 2011 and 2015, he served as minister of national defence in Tusk and Kopacz governments; in the letter, he was also deputy prime minister. Earlier, in the first Tusk government, he was deputy minister of the interior and was also active at the local government level. In the early 2000s, he was the deputy mayor of Warsaw, and later deputy marshal of Mazowsze. A graduate of the Warsaw School of Economics, he is considered a specialist on security and shies away from harsh political statements.



Adam Szłapka MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

An MP since 2015 and chairman of Nowoczesna (part of KO) since 2019. In the most recent elections, he received the third-best result among all the candidates (after Tusk and Kaczyński). In the previous Sejm, he was on the special services committee and the foreign affairs committee. From 2011 to 2015, he worked as an expert at President Bronisław Komorowski's Chancellery. He studied Political Science at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, followed by the PISM Foreign Policy Studies programme.

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