

## Conference: “PPP – reality or fiction?”

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Meeting Room of the Krakow City Council, Krakow City Hall, Plac Wszystkich Świętych 3-4

### About the Conference

Poland’s first attempt to legislate for public-private partnerships was an Act passed in 2005, under which not a single project was carried out. A new Act came into force in February 2009, creating a more transparent, flexible and effective legal framework for cooperation between public and private sector. Since then, over 30 PPP agreements and concessions have been carried out. This is a modest when compared to Western Europe; it shows that Poland is not rising to the challenges of growing expectations and needs for public infrastructure.

What are the causes of such poor scale of application of PPP in Poland? Is it connected with the global crisis, or the result of country-specific conditions?

The conference “PPP reality or fiction?” will try to answer those questions. Distinguished experts from the UK and France representing government and private sector institutions, have been invited, as have representatives of EU institutions. Through the prism of their experiences, the participants will look at PPP in Poland, and will have an exceptional occasion to make comparisons. In turn, Polish experts will define the most significant difficulties affecting the development of the PPP in Poland, and will present potential solutions.

The conference will cover projected changes to Poland’s PPP legislation, currently being drafted by the Ministry of Regional Development. There will also be a discussion of the works of the European Commission, concerning guidelines as well as planned support for PPP’s projects in the context of the EU’s new financial perspective for 2014-2020. Examples of good practice in the area of central government support for local authorities will also be presented, including initiatives of the Ministry of Regional Development and the Ministry of Economy, as well as the PARP system project.

The slightly provocative question in the conference title reflects the doubts of many people concerning the condition and perspectives for PPP in Poland. Will this model prove and popularise itself in Poland? It is worth to find it out by participating in our conference.

After the formal proceedings, there will be a mixer, at which all experts will be on hand so that delegates can engage in less formal discussions, sharing experiences, opinions, views and valuable contacts over a glass of wine.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. Availability of places is limited and applications are processed in the order in which they were received. The application form is available on [http://ppp4krakow.net/About\\_Project/Conference/](http://ppp4krakow.net/About_Project/Conference/). Completed forms should be e-mailed to: [ppp4krakow@zis.krakow.pl](mailto:ppp4krakow@zis.krakow.pl) or [send by fax to +48 12 616-64-00](tel:+48126166400). Contact persons: Agnieszka Domagała, ph. +48 12 616 64 71 or Przemysław Chwała, ph. +48 12 616 64 70.

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