

Romania-Poland intergovernmental consultations

Romania and Poland are strategic partners united in their resolve to work towards a common future. As we celebrate this year our national centennials, we renew our determination to participate actively in building a peaceful and prosperous Europe.

Our partnership has grown steadily over the years and contributes meaningfully to the security and defence of our wider region. Concrete examples include mutual participation of officers and soldiers in the NATO HQs in our countries and in the NATO Forward Presence – Romanian in the NATO battlegroup in Poland, Polish in the multinational brigade in Romania.

Our wider collaboration inside NATO and the EU as well as our joint action in a leading capacity of different regional formats are testimonies of this evolving reality. The many frequent meetings at ministerial level also show a clear commitment to expand our excellent cooperation.

As another expression of this objective, and taking our cooperation a step further, we, the Prime Ministers of Romania and Poland, chaired today the inaugural Romanian-Polish intergovernmental consultations in Warsaw. It was the first time in the history of our bilateral relations that our cabinets held discussions in this extensive setup.

In the first of what will be the format of regular meetings of our governments, alternating between Poland and Romania, we have agreed on measures in a number of policy fields, such as security and defence, European agenda, foreign and internal affairs, business and the economy, innovation, agriculture and tourism cooperation. Examples include:

- concluding a bilateral agreement on cooperation in the defence industry in the near future
- intensifying political dialogue at all levels ahead of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- promoting the European prospect of neighbouring states
- organising a Romanian-Polish Business Forum

We express our hope that in the future we will be able to expand the scope of our consultations including also fields such as – for example - energy matters, transport and infrastructure, education, technological development.

Today we have also signed a bilateral agreement on Polish and Romanian war graves, cherishing the memory of the fallen heroes who fought for the liberty of our people.

We look forward to meeting for a second round of intergovernmental consultations next year in Romania, when our two countries will celebrate a decade of Strategic Partnership, three decades of democracy and a century of diplomatic relations.