

II Polish–Lithuanian Business Forum

From Innovation to Resilience: Dual-Use Technologies in Industry, Defence & Supply Chains

22 September 2025 (Monday) – Forum Day

Venue: Dwór Artusa, (Artus’ Hall), Rynek Staromiejski 6, 87-100 Toruń

Time: 08:30–19:30

08:30–09:00 – Registration & Coffee

09:00–09:20 – Opening Remarks

Speakers:

Representative of Toruń City Municipality

Zbigniew Ostrowski, Vicemarshal of the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Region

Valdemaras Sarapinas, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Poland

Moderator: Jūratė Balytovienė, Head of Sector Development, Smart Manufacturing and Smart City, Innovation Agency Lithuania

09:20–09:40 – Keynote Speech 1

“Regional Cooperation's Influence on the Defence Landscape: The Role of Associations”

Speaker: Robert Juodka, President of Polish-Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the Lithuanian Defence and Security Industry Association

09:40–10:00 – Keynote Speech 2

“From Meaning to Impact: Understanding and Designing Place Identity”

Speaker: Jonas Liugaila, Partner, The Critical

10:00–11:00 – Panel Discussion

The Role of Innovation in the Modern Economy: Driving Growth, Competitiveness, and Regional Impact Topics:

- Innovation as a Growth Driver
- Regional Strengths and Innovation Hubs
- Role of Economic Zones and Special Incentives
- Challenges and Future Outlook

Moderator: Tomaš Pozlevič – Commercial Attache at the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Poland

Panelists:

- Joanna Gasek, Director, Pomeranian Special Economic Zone, Kuyavian-Pomeranian Branch **TBC**
- Tomasz Waszkiewicz, CEO of Consulting Management Waszkiewicz, Cybersecurity
- Dariusz Lukoševičius, Business Development Manager, Teltonika EMS Baltics Europe Region
- Representative of Pagacz Defence Group, Poland
- Representative of TEGOS Legal, Lithuania **TBC**

11:00–12:00 – Lessons Learned and Success Stories 1: Startups and Innovators

Format: 12 companies × 5 minutes each

12:00–13:00 – Lunch

Opportunity to explore innovation showcases and connect with exhibitors.

13:00–13:30 – Keynote Speech 3

“From Risk to Victory: Technological Progress – Threat or Opportunity?”

Speaker: Jakub Smęda, Co-founder of Z3X TECH-CARE GROUP

13:30–14:30 – Panel Discussion

Smart Specialisation and Talent for Dual-Use Innovation: Synergies Between Defence Applications and Civil Use

Topics:

- Autonomous robotics in battlefield and industrial settings
- Tactical medicine transitioning to civil emergency care
- Cybersecurity for critical OT/ICS systems
- Speakers: Experts from defence R&D, healthcare, and cybersecurity firms

Moderator: Piotr Józefiak, Regional Director, Digital Innovations Hub TARR S.A.

Panelists:

- Mikołaj Szczepański, Chairman of the Board, SDI Solution
- Representative of Ministry of Technology of the Republic of Poland
- Representative of the Łukasiewicz Research Network – Industrial Research Institute for Automation and Measurements PIAP
- Robert Juodka, President of Polish-Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the Lithuanian Defence and Security Industry Association
- Erik May, CEO, Byte Robotics, Germany

14:30–15:00 – Pitching Session 2: Advanced Solutions & Materials

Format: 6 companies × 5 minutes each

CLOSING REMARKS

15:30-17:30 B2B Meetings

Organized Business Matchmaking for Participating Firms

- Pre-arranged 1:1 meetings between startups, SMEs, corporates, and public agencies
 - Dedicated B2B lounge available throughout the day
 - Facilitated by matchmaking platform and local coordinators
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18:00–19:30 – Informal Networking Reception

With Regional Tastings and Drinks

23 September 2025 (Tuesday) – Study Visits & Industrial Networking

Hosted by Partners in the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Region

- 08:00–12:00 – Study Visit A:
Industrial Robotics & Automation Facility
- Optional Afternoon Visits (*TBC*):
Additional tours to innovation labs, defence contractors, or logistics hubs may be offered based on participant interest.