

SOKWMS in Kielce

The host of the 4th Polish Standing Conference on the International Cooperation of Local Self-Governments (SOKWMS) was the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship. The main topics of the event entitled ["Poland - Nordic countries. Self-government dimension of international cooperation"](#) (17-18 November 2015, Kielce) was Polish self-governance as an example of a successful systemic transformation as well as the Polish-Nordic cooperation. The Conference was organized within the project under the same name, co-financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland within the call for proposals "Support for local government and civic dimension of Polish foreign policy 2015".

Putting the emphasis on the success of the Polish self-government reform was connected to the year 2015 having been announced as the Year of Self-Governance by the President of the Republic of Poland Mr Bronisław Komorowski. The year was to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the approval of the Law on local self-government, which de facto reintroduced self-government in Poland. The Conference was also given the patronage of the President of the Republic of Poland "25 years of Self-Governance".

The second day of the Conference was dedicated to discussion on the conditions and prospects for further development of Polish-Nordic relations, i.e. relations between Polish self-governments and their counterparts from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. A contribution to the discussion was the monograph entitled "Self-government and economic dimension of Polish-Nordic cooperation" by scientists from the Universities of Lodz and Warsaw.