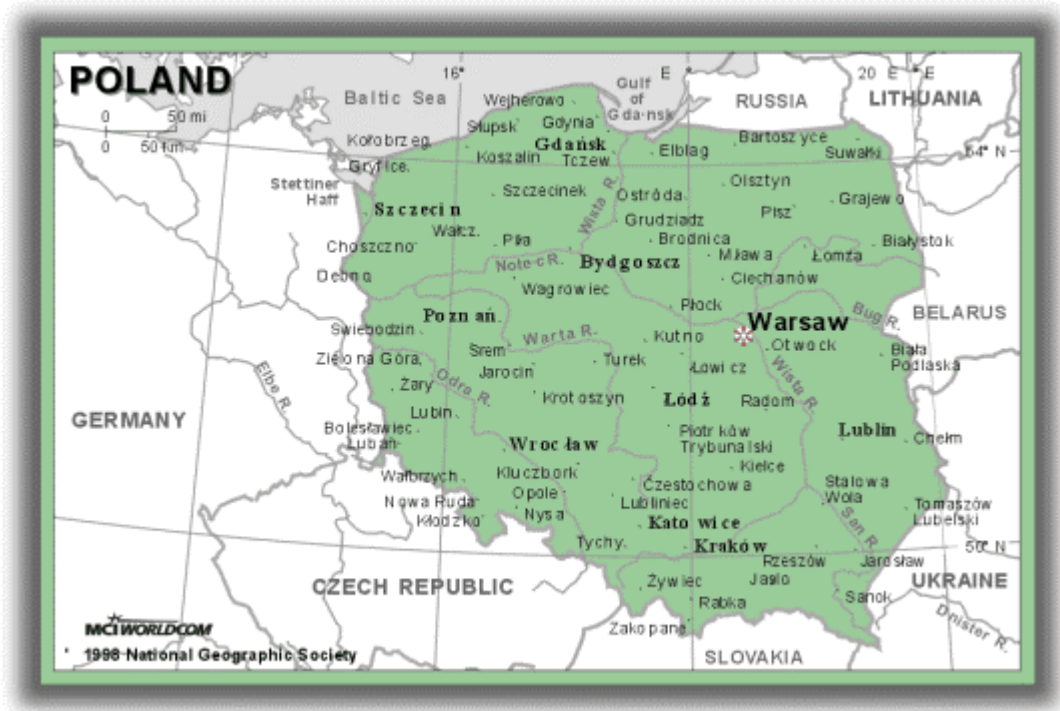


**CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPE
LEGAL SYSTEMS AND LEGAL INFORMATION:
AN INTRODUCTION
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Rzeczpospolita Polska (Polish Republic)

Capital: Warsaw (Warszawa)

Population estimate, 2000: 38.73 m

GNP per capita: (PPP\$) 6,000

HDI/world rank: 0.851/52

- Key historical events
- Territory and population
- Social statistics
- Constitution and government
- Economy
- Social institutions
- Culture

Recommended books

- Norman Davies, *The Heart of Europe. A Short History of Poland*, Oxford and New York: OUP 1986
- Norman Davies, *God's Playground*, Oxford 1981, New York 1982.
- Eva Hoffman, *Lost in Translation*

GENERAL INFORMATION

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I. STATE AND GOVERNMENT

| No. | INSTITUTION | WEBSITE | LANGUAGE VERSION |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Parliament | www.sejm.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 2 | Senate | www.senat.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 3 | Ministry of National Education and Sport | www.men.waw.pl | Polish |
| 4 | Ministry of Finances | www.mofnet.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 5 | Ministry of Economy | www.mg.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 6 | Ministry of Infrastructure | www.mi.gov.pl | Polish |
| 7 | Ministry of Culture | www.mkis.gov.pl | Polish |
| 8 | Ministry of National Defence | www.wp.mil.pl | Polish and English |
| 9 | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy | www.mpips.gov.pl | Polish |
| 10 | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development | www.minrol.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 11 | Ministry of the Treasury | www.mst.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 12 | Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration | www.mswia.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 13 | Ministry of Foreign Affairs | www.msz.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 14 | Ministry of Justice | www.ms.gov.pl | Polish |
| 15 | Ministry of Environment | www.mos.gov.pl | Polish |
| 16 | Ministry of Health | www.mzios.gov.pl | Polish |
| 17 | Consumer and Competition Protection Office | www.uokik.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 18 | State Sports Administration | www.ukfis.pl | Polish and English |
| 19 | President of Republic of Poland | www.president.pl | Polish |
| 20 | Structure of local government | http://hum.amu.edu.pl/~zbow/ph/pro/plpro.html | Polish and English |
| 21 | General portal on Poland | http://www.fuw.edu.pl/PHe.html | Polish and English |
| 22 | Country study area Handbook from the Library of Congress | http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/pltoc.html | English |
| 23 | Informative portal | http://www.polska.pl | Polish and English |
| 24 | Links to major institutions | http://www.polska.pl/index_eng.html | English |
| 25 | Polish Agency for Foreign Investment | www.paiz.gov.pl | Polish and English |
| 26 | Overview of Polish legal system | http://www.llrx.com/features/poli sh.htm | English |
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II. CONSTITUTION OF REPUBLIC OF POLAND

| No. | WEBSITE | LANGUAGE VERSION |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | www.sejm.gov.pl http://www.sejm.gov.pl/english/konstytucja/kon1.htm | Polish and English |
| 2 | http://www-personal.engin.umich.edu/~zbignew/Constitutions | Polish and English; former Polish constitutions |
| 3 | Poland's Accession to EU - Report Prepared for the EC: http://www.ukie.gov.pl/dokumenty/pdf/InfoPR2000en.pdf | English |

III. COURT SYSTEM

| No. | INSTITUTION | WEBSITE | LANGUAGE VERSION |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Constitutional Court | www.trybunal.gov.pl | Polish |
| 2 | Supreme Court | www.sn.pl http://www.sn.pl/english/index.html | Polish and English |
| 3 | General information: | www.ms.gov.pl | Polish |
| 4 | Overview: | http://www.prawo.org.pl/clcf/legal/judiciary.html | English |
| 5 | Overview: | http://www.prawo.org.pl/clcf/legal/courtprocedure.html | English |
| 6 | Polish Judicial System in the Context of EU Intergation: | http://www.law.uj.edu.pl/users/bagdzin/word2.htm | |
| 7 | Arbitration in Poland | http://www.embassy.usinfo.pl/econ/docs/a4.htm http://www.pol.ro/Polish%20Economic%20Guide%202000/chapter08/cap81.htm http://www.herbertsmith.com/hspublications/pub.asp?publication_id=119 | English |

IV. COLLECTION OF LAWS

| No. | ELECTRONIC DATABASES | WEBSITE | LANGUAGE VERSION |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Official Journals of Polish Law edited at Polish Parliament | www.sejm.gov.pl | Polish |
| 2 | LEX – Publishing House | www.lex.pl | Polish |
| 3 | LEX Polonica | www.lexpolonica.pl | Polish (only some legal acts) |
| 4 | Certain Polish Laws and Judicial Decisions | http://www.austlii.edu.au/links/2250.html | Polish and English |
| 5 | Commercial Law Foundation | http://www.prawo.org.pl/prawo/clcf | English |
| 6 | EBRD Secured Transactions | http://www.ebrd.org/english/region/legal/survey/tables/poland.pdf | English |
| 7 | COLPI Links | http://www.osi.hu/colpi/leglink/LLcounte.htm | English |
| 8 | Gonzaga law library | http://law.gonzaga.edu/library/poland.htm | English |

| No. | COLLECTIONS OF LEGAL TEXTS NAMES | NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE | LANGUAGE VERSION |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | <i>Polish Law Collection (collection of the most important Polish legal acts)*</i> | <i>KiK – Konieczny i Kruczewski ul. Plocka 5a, 01-231 Warszawa fax: ++48 22 535 83 21 e-mail: informacje@kik.com.pl www.kik.com.pl</i> | <i>English</i> |
| 2. | <i>Business Law Collection (collection of the most important Polish legal acts)*</i> | <i>Tepis Publishing House P.O. Box 23 00-967 Warsaw 86 Poland</i> | <i>English</i> |
| 3. | Polish codes and legal acts | C.H. Beck, ul. Gen. Zajaczka 9 01-518 Warsaw, fax: ++48 22 33 77 601 e-mail: redakcja@beck.pl www.beck.pl | Polish (Commercial Companies Code in English and German) |
| 4. | Polish codes and legal acts updated on regular basis | Wydawnictwo Prawnicze LexisNexis Sp. z o.o. ul. Gen. Sosnkowskiego 1 02-495 Warsaw Fax: ++48 22 723 07 39 e-mail: biuro@LexisNexis.pl www.wp.com.pl | Polish |

V. MAIN UNIVERSITIES

| No. | INSTITUTION | WEBSITE | LANGUAGE VERSION |
|------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Warsaw University | www.uw.edu.pl | Polish and English |
| 2. | Gdańsk University | www.univ.gda.pl | Polish and English |
| 3. | Poznań University | www.amu.edu.pl | Polish and English |
| 4. | Jagiellonian University | www.uj.edu.pl | Polish and English |
| 5. | University of Łódź | www.uni.lodz.pl | Polish and English |
| 6. | Lublin University | www.umcs.lublin.pl | Polish |
| 7. | Nicholas Copernicus University in Toruń | www.uni.torun.pl | Polish and English |
| 8. | Opole University | www.uni.opole.pl | Polish and English |
| 9. | Szczecin University | www.univ.szczecin.pl | Polish |
| 10. | Silesia University | www.us.edu.pl | Polish |
| 11. | Rzeszow University | www.univ.rzeszow.pl | Polish |
| 12. | University of Warmia and Mazury | www.uwm.edu.pl | Polish and English |
| 13. | Wroc ³ aw University | www.adm.uni.wroc.pl | Polish |
| 14. | Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw | www.uksw.edu.pl | Polish |
| 15. | Zielona Gora University | www.uz.zgora.pl | Polish |
| 16. | Catholic University of Lublin | www.kul.lublin.pl | Polish and English |
| 17. | state archives | http://www.archiwa.gov.pl/index.en.g.html | English |
| 18. | Sejm library | http://bs.sejm.gov.pl:4001/ALEPH | |
| 19. | Central Statistical Office | http://www.stat.gov.pl/english/index.htm | English |
| 20. | The National Library in Warsaw | http://www.bn.org.pl/ | |

VI. MAIN NEWSPAPERS

| No. | NAME | WEBSITE | LANGUAGE VERSION |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Rzeczpospolita | Www.rzeczpospolita.pl | Polish |
| 2 | Gazeta Wyborcza | Www.wyborcza.pl | Polish |
| 3 | Newsweek Polska | Www.nwesweek.redakcja.pl | Polish |
| 4 | Warsaw Voice | Www.warsawvoice.com.pl/index.html | English |
| 5 | Polityka (the Politics) | Www.polityka.onet.pl | Polish |
| 6 | Gazeta Prawna (Legal Newspaper) | Www.gazetaprawna.infor.pl | Polish |
| 7 | Życie | Www.zycie.com.pl | Polish |
| 8 | Wprost | Www.wprost.pl | Polish |
| 9 | Prawo i Gospodarka (The Law and the Economy) | Www.pg.infor.pl | Polish |
| 10 | Comparative Law Review | www.uni.torun.pl/Czasopisma_iwydawnictwa/CLR | English, German, French |
| 11 | Forum Doradców Podatkowych (Tax Advisor's Forum) | www.forum.tax.pl | Polish, two pages in English |
| 12 | Forum | www.tygodnikforum.pl | Polish |

VII. MAIN LAW PUBLISHERS

| No. | NAME | WEBSITE | LANGUAGE VERSION |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | ABC | www.abc.com.pl | Polish and English |
| 2 | Ars Boni At Eequi | www.arsboni.com.pl | Polish |
| 3 | C.H. Beck | www.beck.pl | Polish |
| 4 | Difin | www.difin.com.pl | Polish |
| 5 | Drłgowski SA | www.wydawnictwo.dragowski.pl | Polish |
| 6 | Forum | www.e-forum.pl | Polish |
| 7 | KiK Konieczny i Kruszewski | www.kik.com.pl | Polish |
| 8 | LEX – Wydawnictwo Prawnicze (Publishing House) | www.lex.pl | Polish and English |
| 9 | LexisNexis | www.wp.com.pl | Polish |
| 10 | Wydawnictwo Sejmowe (Parliament's Publishing House) | www.wydawnictwo.sejm.gov.pl | Polish |
| 11 | Zakamycze | www.zakamycze.com.pl | Polish |