



**Program**  
**International Maria Curie-Skłodowska Congress**  
**"Innovation is a woman. Science – Business – Education"**

**Lublin Conference Centre (LCK), Grottgera street no 2, 20–080 Lublin**

**Day one – 21 October 2024**

8.00–9.45 Registration of participants (LCK reception, ground floor)

**Antoni N. Patek Hall, LCK, 2nd floor**

10.00–10.15 **The official opening of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska Congress** Speech by the Rector of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Prof. Radosław Dobrowolski, and the Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of UMCS, Prof. Jan Pomorski

10.15–10.30 **Speech by the Minister for Education Barbara Nowacka**  
Ministry of National Education

**Path „Science” (auditorium hall, ground floor)**

10.30–12.30 **Presentation of the ATHENA consortium of European universities:** Politécnico do Porto (Portugal), Hellenic Mediterranean University (Greece), Universität Siegen (Germany), Univerza v Mariboru (Slovenia), Università del Salento (Italy), Université d'Orléans (France), Vilniaus Gedimino Technikos Universitetas (Lithuania), Universidade de Vigo (Spain) and Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (Poland). Chair: Dr. Olga Pliszczyńska-Mokijewska (Director of the Center for International Cooperation at UMCS), Karolina Sokolińska (Head of the Office for Supporting Studies and Foreign Students, UMCS Centre for Education and Study Services)

12.30–13.00 Presentation of the post stamp on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of UMCS by Poczta Polska with the participation of Undersecretary of State Jacek Bartmiński (Ministry of State Assets), hall, LCK ground floor

12.30–13.00 Coffee break

13.00–14.00 **"Strategic partnership in international cooperation of universities"** – discussion with the participation of rectors of partner universities  
HOSTING: Prof. Wiesław Gruszecki (UMCS Vice-rector for Science and International Cooperation)  
PANELISTS: Prof. Eric Blond (Rector, Université d'Orléans), Prof. Fernando Magalhães (Vice-Rector, Politécnico do Porto), Prof. Živilė Sederevičiūtė-Pačiauskienė (Vice-Rector for Studies, Vilniaus Gedimino Technikos Universitetas), Prof. Zdravko Kačič (Rector, Univerza v Mariboru), Prof. María Isabel del Pozo Triviño (Vice-Rector for Internationalisation,

Universidade de Vigo), Prof. Fabio Pollice (Rector, Università del Salento), Prof. Martin Procházka (Rector, Univerzita Palackého in Olomouneć)

- 14.00–15.00 Lunch
- 15.00–16.00 **Panel of female rectors “The female face of the university”**  
HOSTING: Dr Hab. Ewa Solska (Department of Digital Humanities and Methodology of History UMCS)  
PANELISTS: Prof. Bogumiła Kaniewska (Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University, chairwoman of CRASP), Prof. Katarzyna Chałasińska-Macukow (Rector of the University of Warsaw 2005–2012), Prof. Beata Wojciechowska (Rector of the UJK in Kielce), Prof. Stefanie Reese (Rector of the Universität Siegen)
- 16.00–16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30–18.00 **Poster session prepared by PhD students from UMCS doctoral schools** (foyer next to the auditorium on the ground floor)  
HOSTING: directors of UMCS doctoral schools – Prof. Marek Hetmański, Prof. Aleksandra Szcześ and Prof. Agata W. Ziętek

#### **Path „Business” (Antoni N. Patek hall)**

- 10.30–11.00 **“The Path to Success – Challenges of Succession”** – presentations of four Polish brands: Dr Irena Eris, Mokate, Polenergia and Grupa Żagiel  
INTRODUCTION: Prof. Jan Pomorski (UMCS)
- 11.00–12.30 **Panel “The Feminine Face of Business”**  
HOSTING: Magda Mołek  
PANELISTS: Dr Irena Eris (Founder and Co-owner of Dr Irena Eris), Dominika Kulczyk (Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board, Polenergia), Dr Sylwia Mokrysz (Attorney-in-fact, Mokate) and Sylwia Dołęgowska (Vice-President of the management board, Grupa Żagiel)
- 12.30–13.00 Presentation of the stamp on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of UMCS by Poczta Polska with the participation of Undersecretary of State Jacek Bartmiński (Ministry of State Assets), hall, LCK ground floor
- 12.30–13.00 Coffee break
- 13.00–13.45 **“Change is a woman. A woman is the change”**  
Kulczyk Foundation and guests
- 13.45–14.00 **Ceremony of awarding the Maria Curie-Skłodowska Award**  
Hosted by: Prof. Jan Pomorski (UMCS) and Prof. Zbigniew Pastuszek (UMCS Vice-Rector for Development and Cooperation with the Economy)
- 14.00–15.00 Lunch

- 15.00–16.30 **Panel "The Feminine Face of Technological Innovation"**  
 HOSTING: Dr. Bianka Siwińska (the President of the Educational Foundation "Perspektywy")  
 PANELISTS: Prof. Małgorzata Witko (Director of the Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences 2002-2022), Paulina Brandstätter (fund manager, TFI Skarbiec), Ksenia Nowicka (public policy manager CEE, Meta), dr Patrycja Olchowska (senior consultant, ICAN Institut expert)
- 16.30–17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00–17.15 **Presentation of the Women's Entrepreneurship Foundation's programs**  
 Agata Ziolo (Innovation Director, Women's Entrepreneurship Foundation)
- 17.15–17.30 **Presentation of the program "ESG Leaders Academy"**  
 Paulina Paga (member of the board of the Lesław A. Paga Foundation)
- 17.30–18.00 **Immersive meeting with the avatar of Maria Curie-Skłodowska**  
 Krzysztof Kujawski (Humanverse) and Dr. Karol Kasprowicz (Historical Imagination Lab). Show No. 1
- 20.00–22.00 **A performance about Maria Curie-Skłodowska "The Elements of Life"**  
 Academic Center for Culture and Media UMCS Chatka Żaka

## Day two – 22 October 2024

### Path „Education” (Antoni N. Patek hall)

- 10.00–11.30 **Panel "How to educate young people to be European?"**  
 HOSTING: Prof. Jan Pomorski (UMCS)  
 PANELISTS: Dr Joanna Mucha (Secretary of State at the Ministry of National Education), Basil Kerski (Director of the European Solidarity Centre), Prof. Sylwia Mrozowska (director of the Centre for Sustainable Development at the University of Gdańsk)
- 11.30–12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00–13.30 **Panel "Education in the Meta World. What do schools and universities have to offer the Alpha generation?"**  
 HOSTING: Prof. Dorota Kołodyńska (UMCS Vice-Rector for Students and Education Quality)  
 PANELISTS: Barbara Nowacka (Minister for Education, Ministry of National Education) / Katarzyna Lubnauer (State Secretary, Ministry of National Education), Robert Firmhofer (Director of the Copernicus Science Centre), Prof. Marlena Plebańska (President of the STEAM Polska Foundation), Katarzyna Olejnik (Director of the International Primary School "Paderewski" in Lublin)

- 13.30–14.00 **Immersive meeting with the avatar of Maria Curie-Skłodowska**  
Krzysztof Kujawski (Humanverse) and Dr. Karol Kasprowicz (Historical Imagination Lab). Show No. 2
- 14.00 Lunch
- 15.00–16.30 **"Education through culture" panel**  
HOSTING: dr hab. Katarzyna Mieczkowska (Director of the National Museum in Lublin) and Izabela Pastuszko (Director of the Academic Centre for Culture and Media UMCS Chatka Żaka)  
PANELISTS: Hanna Wróblewska (Minister of Culture and National Heritage, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage), Dariusz Wieczorek (Minister for Science, Ministry of Science and Higher Education), Beata Stepaniuk-Kuśmierzak (Deputy Mayor of Lublin for Culture, Sports and Participation). Panel preceded by short presentations: "Elements of life" (ACKiM UMCS) and "What's a woman to brush with?" (MN in Lublin)
- 16.30–17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00–17.45 **"Maria Curie Exploratorium"**  
Regional center for science, education and new technologies in Lublin. First edition of the project  
PRESENTATION AND HOSTING: Dr. Mariusz Sagan (Director of the Department of Strategy and Investor Service of the Lublin City Office)  
PANELISTS: Jarosław Stawiarski (Marshal of the Lublin Voivodeship), Dr. Krzysztof Żuk (President of the City of Lublin) and Prof. Radosław Dobrowolski (Rector of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University)
- 17.45–17.55 **Signing a letter of intent regarding the implementation of the investment project "Maria Curie Exploratorium"**  
HOSTING: Prof. Jan Pomorski (UMCS)
- 17.55–18.00 **Ceremonial closing of the Congress**  
Speech by the Rector of UMCS, Prof. Radosław Dobrowolski
- 20.00–22.00 **Concert of the Polish Radio Chamber Orchestra „Amadeus” conducted by Agnieszka Duczmal**  
Henryk Wieniawski Philharmonic in Lublin