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## **Polish Space Agency**

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- Polish Space Agency (POLSA) is a national governmental agency, established in 2014.
- POLSA is under Ministry of Economic Development, Labour and Technology.

POLSA is involved in preparing <u>Polish National Space Programme</u>, seeking to build a system of tools for supporting Poland's space sector and increasing Poland's role in the international space economy.

## **Space Sector in Poland**

- Poland is European Space Agency (ESA) Member State since 2012.
- Polish contribution to ESA programs is 39 mln EUR and additionally for mandatory activities is almost 8 mln EUR.
- Polish main area of interest in the ESA is science programs (PRODEX), Space Safety, Earth Observation and Telecommunication Programs.
- Polish institutes have proven capabilities in the field of space science derived from great astronomy heritage: historical (Kopernik, Heweliusz) and recent (Wolszczan, Paczyński).
- The Polish space sector is consisting of a few global companies representations and about 30th small businesses. They specialize in space mission subsystems, sensors & satellite data.

- Polish companies have experience in small satellites development:
  - Lem Space Science; launched 2013,
  - Heweliusz Space Science; launched 2014,
  - **KRAKSat** Scientific/Technology Demonstrator; launched 2019,
  - **Swiatowid** Earth water/air monitoring spacecraft; launched 2019).
- Poland is a part of EU SST (European Space Survailiance and Tracking Consortium).
   Poland has ~20 active sensors and continue developing the national SST network. POLSA runs National Space Safety Operations Center.
   We work to join Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC).
- National Earth Observation System is under development. We already use Copernicus data and plan to have national satellite constellation.

## P & L S A Space heritage & capabilities in Poland

- Curiosity Mars rover Vigo Systems
   infrared detectors in probe spectrometer.
- Mars Insight Lander Astronika
  - drilling mechanism.
- NASA IMAP mission to study the heliosphere - CBK-PAN – scientific instruments, i.e. a photometer (GLOWS).
- Rosetta mission CBK-PAN
  - penetrator mechanism MOPUS.
- POLAR & POLAR-2 missions NCBJ – cristals for gamma detector & data analysis.

- Probe-3 mission formation flying of multiple spacecraft – GMV, N7 Space
   – software development.
- ATHENA mission SENER, Thales Alenia
  Space, Astronika, and Mikolaj Kopernik
  Astronomical Centre
  - mechanism and subsystems.
- Moreover, Polish entities have cooperated with ROSCOSMOS via collaboration between ESA and Russia and the common space missions and programs of ESA and ROSCOSMOS, such as:
   EXOMARS and LUNA-Resurs 27 (as Leonardo subcontractor).