

On 25-26 March 2015 the Commercial Counsellors Club attached to PCC held its first meeting outside Warsaw. On this occasion Club members visited the beautiful Pomeranian land, including the historic Gdańsk, World Capital of Amber.

The partners of the project were: Mayor of Gdańsk, Marshal of the Pomorskie voivodeship, President of the Pomeranian Special Economic Zone, as well President of Gdańsk International Fair.

20 members of our club participated in the opening ceremony and visited Amberif Expo. There was also a meeting with the representatives of the International Amber Association. In addition to the positive impressions there was real opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the potential of Polish amber industry.

Chairman of the Board and the management of Investment Project Office at Pomeranian Special Economic Zone, alongside with the representatives from Bydgoszcz and Grudziadz and Director of Invest in Pomerania were convincing the Club members of exceptional investment opportunities in the northern Poland during a visit to Gdańsk Science and Technology Park. They also emphasized the advantages of excellent cooperation between local government, research centers and business. PSSE manages Gdańsk Science and Technology Park, and in the former Gdynia shipyard it creates a Baltic Port of New Technologies.

Counsellors also visited interesting companies operating in the Park. On a visit to Studio BreakThru Films (in 2008 the studio was honored with an Oscar statuette for his short animated film "Peter and the Wolf") Club members could see how the world's first feature-length cartoon about the life of Vincent Van Gogh was prepared ([www.breakthrufilms.pl](http://www.breakthrufilms.pl)). The Club members also visited FancyFon, a company providing software to global partners and specialized in remote control over smartphones and tablets (<http://www.fancyfon.com>). In Motiv-Studio we could familiarize ourselves with the project of the underwater hotel in Maldives (<http://motyw.org/37192/362521/work/underwater-hotel>). Counsellors also visited Svanvid company (<http://www.svanvid.com>) a manufacturer of active substances, which are used for creating natural nutraceuticals and cosmetics.

Diplomats from 16 countries and five continents also visited the municipality of Gniewino. Local authorities care for the harmonious development of the entire region with attention to the behavior of the natural beauty of the surrounding area resulted in touristic and recreational compound "Kashubian Eye". The municipality also operates Hotel Mistral which during Euro 2012 hosted the Spanish team. Representatives of the community invited to cooperate while presenting plans for new facilities and investment opportunities in the municipality.

Direct discussion with representatives of local elites took place during the dinner at Hotel Gdańsk. At this time the Club members could talk to representatives from the bureaus of Gdańsk, Gdynia, Sopot, Pomeranian Special Economic Zone, Regional Chamber of Commerce of Pomerania, National Chamber of Maritime Economy, International Gdańsk Fair, International Amber Association, Employers of Pomerania organization and representatives of companies, including the Management Board of Maritime Port Gdańsk and company Fresh Bike.

President of Polish Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Andrzej Arendarski expressed his hope that during this visit commercial counselors made interesting contacts which will result in economic cooperation between the stewards of the region and the countries represented by the members of the Club.