



## POLISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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President



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Dear participants of the Croatia – Visegrád Group Online Business Meetings,

It is a pleasure for me to greet you during this virtual business event Go Global Go Virtual, launched by the Croatian Chamber of Economy, that gathers business community from Croatia and all countries from the Visegrád Group. The Polish Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be a partner and support the Croatian Chamber of Economy in its efforts to connect our businesses.

The event coincides with the Polish presidency in the V4 Group, which falls at a time when not only Central Europe but also the entire European Union is facing particular challenges. Hence, the participation of the V4 Group in the meetings with Croatian businesses strengthens the whole group and may offer a chance of overcoming the crisis faster and returning to the path of economic growth.

As we are still in a difficult period due to COVID 19 outbreak, which has continued for several months now, it is crucial to work actively together to stimulate our economies and support our member companies in re-activating their businesses.

The Go Global Go Virtual project of the Croatian Chamber of Economy is a new sustainable solution for doing business abroad and finding adequate alternatives to our usual activities. Now more than ever before, all of us focus on helping our members to internationalize in this pandemic situation, which has had a significant negative impact on economy.

I would like to thank Mr. Luka Burilović, President of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce and the team of the Chamber for the excellent idea to establish a virtual business platform, which we joined together with the V4 countries. The Go Global Go Virtual platform enables businesspeople as well as representatives of relevant institutions (such as ministries and BSO) from Croatia and V4 to virtually connect through the platform and to see the possibilities for further improvement and development of their business activities to overcome the current limitations resulting from travel restrictions.

I'm very grateful Mr President Burilović for the long lasting cooperation between our chambers in promoting the interests of entrepreneurs from Croatia and Poland and helping them to find new business opportunities. It is a known fact that Croatia and Poland are good economic partners. The trade between our countries is characterized by a positive trade balance that grew year by year (in 2019 it amounted to 745.5 million euros).

Due to Covid-19 we interrupted all normal contacts. Online meetings we use to maintain business relations and chat cannot replace what we missed. We hope that one day face-to-face meetings will be organized again and we will be able to fully enjoy direct contacts.

I wish all participants of the Croatia – Visegrád Group Online Business Meetings a lot of fruitful business contacts and ideas, as well as inspiration and success in completing new projects.

The team of the Polish Chamber of Commerce is at your disposal for any help, contacts, and additional information you may need.

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