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LETTER FROM EDITOR

Dear Sir/Madame,

As the President of the European Commission announced at the Economic Forum in Davos, the European Union intends to continue with decarbonization and the crazy green deal. Moreover, it is to adopt the equally absurd assumptions of Mario Draghi's report, which noted that Europe is in crisis, but the countermeasures he proposed have the potential to push it into an even greater crisis. It is therefore clear that ideology flourishes in EU salons, effectively replacing common sense and logical thinking.

This situation is difficult for Poland because it is associated with a hybrid attack carried out against it by its supposedly allied Germany. And so we faced an economic attack in the form of withholding the payment of money from the Recovery Fund until it was decided to allocate it to save the German company Siemens and purchase the wind farms it produces. And it had absolutely nothing to do with helping those affected by lockdowns. It is worth noting that despite the blockade in receiving these funds, Poland was obliged to repay the loan taken out for the Recovery Fund. We are constantly dealing with Germany's political weakening of the Polish state, as in the case of the European Commission's decision that Poland does not have the right



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to exclude military spending from the budget deficit and to subject it to the excessive deficit procedure. This happened despite the obvious threat to Poland from Russia and the need to accelerate arms purchases.

The imposition of gender ideology on its society also weakens the Polish state, which affects the morale of the nation and, above all, has a negative impact on the army. Germany via Brussels is attacking sensitive sectors of the Polish economy, food and energy security. There are also attempts to destabilize the Polish state by transporting dangerous migrants to its territory, many of whom have already been convicted of murder and rape and pose a terrorist threat. Interestingly, Germany is forcing them out of their country to Poland and none of the EU bodies is complaining that they are violating human rights in this way. All the more so because it was the government in Berlin, and specifically Chancellor Angela Merkel, who invited these people to Europe, without even asking about the opinion of other member states. It would therefore seem that migrants from all over Europe should be brought to Germany and stay there. Meanwhile, Germany has once again proven that it is the hegemon in Europe and, like an autocratic ruler, declared that migrants were to be distributed in all member states.

It is impossible not to see in the actions of the authorities in Berlin the plan that the Austrian aristocrat Richard Nikolaus Eijiro, Count Coudenhove-Kalergi, had for Europe in 1923. Well, he created the idea of pan-Europe, whose elites were to remain white, but the rest of society was to have a Negroid character. The white population of Europe was - according to these assumptions - doomed to extinction. And this is what we are seeing: the European Union's anti-natalist policy, gender ideology, promotion of same-sex relationships, universal access to abortion and contraception - all this is aimed at reducing

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the number of white people in favor of dark-skinned and well-subsidized newcomers from Islamic countries. It is significant that the most distinguished European leaders can count on being honored with the Coudenhove-Kalergi European Prize every two years.

It is in such conditions that Europe is further centralized under German hegemony. In the February issue of Schuman Optics Magazine, we write about the means by which this is done. At the same time, there is a process of dismantling the structures of the Polish state, which the President of the Constitutional Tribunal described as a creeping coup d'état and reported a crime committed by Prime Minister Donald Tusk, the Speakers of the Sejm and Senate, and many other people at the helm of power.

The Institute of Schuman's Thought asked all organizations, trade unions and people of good will to create a Solidarity Resistance Movement against the Superstate. Only a grassroots, efficient social movement is able to stop German imperialism and the ideological madness of left-liberal circles coupled with it. Poles have shed too much blood in defense of independence to now surrender without a fight to the new, neo-communist totalitarianism being forged in the salons of Berlin and Brussels.

In the February issue of Schuman Optics Magazine, we discuss the problem of Polish forests, which the EU left-liberal mainstream wants to destroy. We also talk to the Polish defender of life, Mariusz Dzierżawski, about the dramas taking place in the offices of gynecologists who, instead of protecting the conceived life, kill it in the mother's womb. This is in violation of the Polish constitution and human rights.

LETTER FROM **EDITOR**

By presenting you with the current issue of Schuman Optics Magazine, I greatly hope that the political elites will come to their senses and Europe will return to Robert Schuman's model, i.e. healthy cooperation of sovereign states, which would be in the well-understood interest of all European nations.

Anna Wójcik

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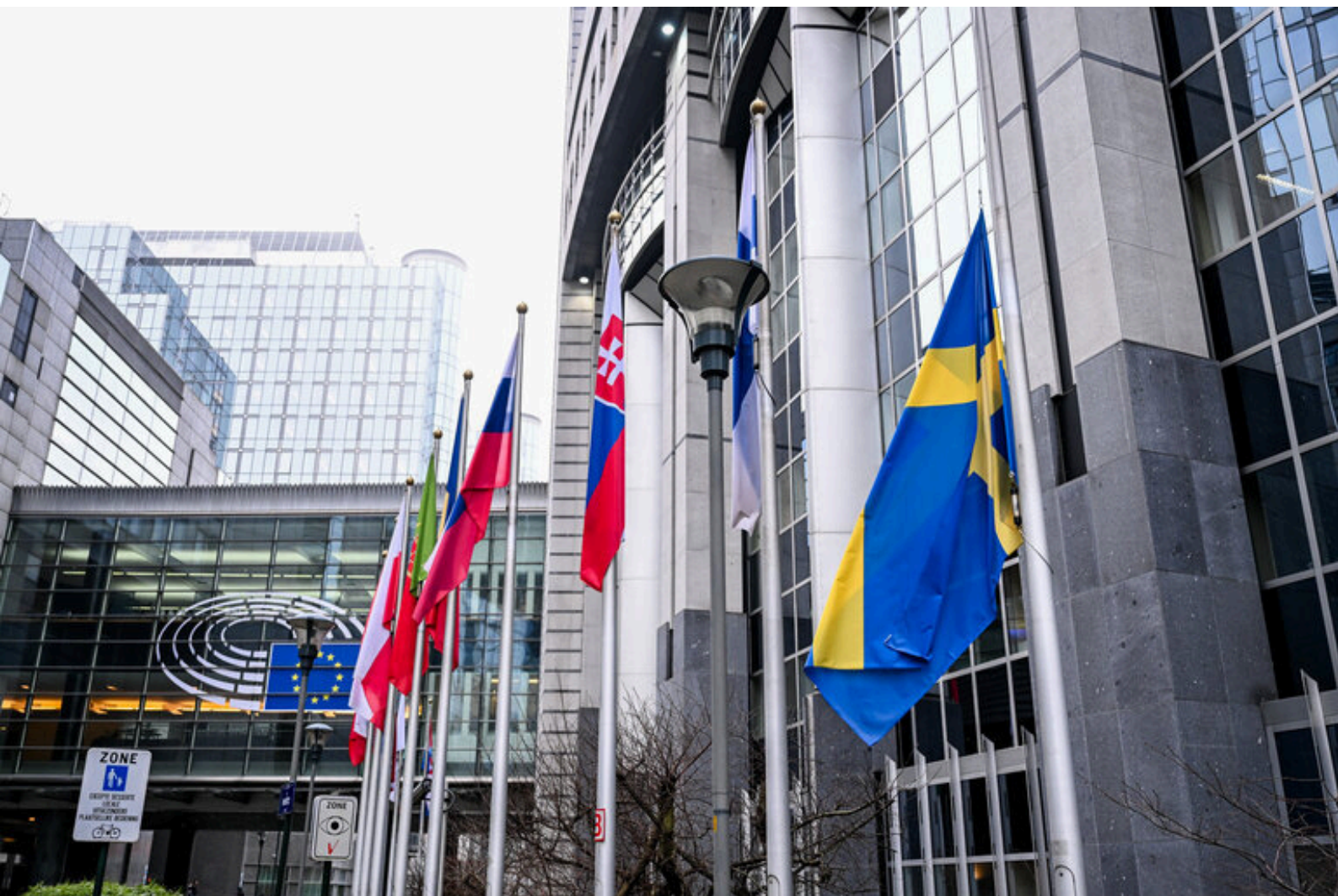
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***Prof. Zbigniew Krysiak:
Let's build a Solidarity
Resistance Movement
Against the Superstate***

THE INSTITUTE OF SCHUMAN'S THOUGHT CALLED ON ALL TRADE UNIONS, SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO BUILD A SOLIDARITY RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE SUPERSTATE. "WE ARE DEALING WITH HIGH TREASON, BETRAYAL OF POLAND" - SAID PROF. ZBIGNIEW KRYSIAK, CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAM COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF SCHUMAN'S THOUGHT IN THE SCHUMAN OPTICS MAGAZINE, REFERRING TO THE PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS THAT THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE SENT TO THE CJEU REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTING JUDGES OF COMMON COURTS IN POLAND AND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE MERCOSUR COUNTRIES.

TOOLS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE EU SUPERSTATE

"For me, it is not surprising that the CJEU is used for this purpose, because the CJEU, the so-called Court of Justice, although it must be called the Court of Injustice, was established, transformed and modeled in such a way as to be a tool for the implementation of a superstate. We have several tools to implement a superstate, including pressure, forcing individual countries to enter the euro zone, or creating a common banking system under the jurisdiction of central institutions" - Prof. Zbigniew Krysiak said.

Experts from the Institute of Schuman's Thought agree that there are definitely more mechanisms by which the European left-liberal mainstream wants to build a German empire in Europe. In addition to the treaty changes forced through in violation of EU law, we are dealing with an attempt to create the foundations of a common budget. This is done by taking out community loans (Recovery Fund) and imposing EU taxes. Another element is the wresting of competences in areas for which EU bodies have no prerogatives. Also, the attempt to create a community security policy and a common army is a way to further centralization under German supervision. This process also includes the gradual takeover by Brussels of the foreign policy pursued by the governments of the Member States.

Unification is also taking place in the area of education - Polish children are to learn from Polish-German history textbooks, while the greatest Polish heroes are removed from the curriculum. We observe a similar process when it comes to the study of literary works - all this is aimed at creating a "new European man", as clearly stated in the amendments to the treaties that are being pushed for. "This aims to kill the soul and spirit of our nations, to kill sovereignty" - Prof. Zbigniew Krysiak summed up.

PURE TOTALITARIANISM

Referring to the secrecy of the details of the agreement between the European Union and the MERCOSUR countries, Prof. Krysiak noted: "Apart from Ursula von der Leyen and a few German politicians, the heads of state do not know it, our politicians do not know it, even Mr. Donald Tusk, who is the one who supports Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen so much. Therefore, we are already dealing with totalitarianism here. It is not about creating more effective collective actions that are supposed to be more empowering. Just two decades earlier, the European Union's GDP was 90%. The GDP of the United States, and today it is only 50 percent" - he noticed.

Prof. Zbigniew Krysiak drew attention to the lack of impact assessment regarding the agreement with MERCOSUR, i.e. a document stating its profitability or lack thereof. "Usually, when we run a business, we analyze advantages and disadvantages, benefits and losses, and try to balance them. Creating documentation: cost-effect is the basis in economics" - he emphasized. "Such a draft is an obligation, also under EU law. Therefore, I will emphasize once again: we are dealing with totalitarianism, where the

Germans, through Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen and other players, use force, violence, and force, in which, as was the case during World War II, people do not count - it is about their business, about their economy. During World War II, the Germans had no problem turning people into soap and determining whether a worker in the camp would bring them any benefits - if not, they killed him. This comparison is completely appropriate. Today we are dealing with the murder of people in terms of killing the spirit, killing opportunities, depriving people of their identity, their traditions, etc. Uprooting and destroying all these elements is killing a person" - he noted. "It will continue, but at some point there will be a revolution. I hope it will be a peaceful revolution" - he added.



PROF. KRYSIAK EMPHASIZED THAT "THE AIM OF THE AGREEMENT WITH MERCOSUR IS TO KILL POLISH AGRICULTURE AND INTRODUCE OLIGARCHS IN ITS PLACE".

"THESE ARABLE LANDS, AGRICULTURE WILL BE NEEDED. ALL THIS WILL NOT BE TURNED INTO A CONSTRUCTION SITE, IT'S ABOUT CHANGING THE OWNERS AND CREATING LATIFUNDIA. THIS IS A METHOD OF TAKING OVER THE POLISH ECONOMY" - HE CONCLUDED.

"If you are asking about the CJEU and the justice system, the point is that it does not exist, then the oligarchs will agree on what to do in Poland with a specific mafia group that operates either in the CJEU or in some other institutions. There will be no public, transparent democratic debate there, as evidenced by what is happening today with the agreement [with MERCOSUR - ed.]" - Prof. Krysiak predicted. "We are dealing with the forcible construction of the Fourth German Reich" - he said. "We are dealing with a process of generating slavery, implementing the ideology of Spinelli's superstate" - the expert concluded.

SOLIDARITY RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE SUPERSTATE

Referring to Ursula von der Leyen's plans to complete the creation of the banking union and, consequently, to include the remaining member states in the euro zone, the economist said: "It will not work provided that we very intensively build the Solidarity Resistance Movement Against the Superstate".

Such a resistance movement would include various organizations, such as trade unions, foundations, associations, and all organizations dealing with various social and economic issues.

"We want to appeal to all organizations and people of good will, political groups - regardless of options - trade unions: today it is time to create a Solidarity movement modeled on the Solidarity movement that was created in Poland, but no longer limited to employees, workers, trade unions, but a multi-million movement in Poland and Europe that will finally stop this tsunami" - the Chairman of the Program Council of the Institute of Schuman's Thought said. "This multi-million movement will have certain organizational structures and will develop" - he announced. In his opinion, thanks to this we will protect our children against bankruptcy, as the direction of changes adopted by the EU will lead to the complete bankruptcy of the Polish state.

“Our task is to stop the construction of a superstate as quickly as possible, because this destruction will be greater day by day. In a superstate, we must forget about the role of local governments - there will be no local governments, but a command-and-distribution system. There will be governors just like Hans Frank's general government" - he predicted. In his opinion, building a Resistance Movement Against the Superstate is necessary. "Let us not wake up without anything: without property, without identity, becoming exiles and slaves in our own land" - he concluded.

According to Prof. Krysiak, the construction of the Movement's local structures must be undertaken in parallel with public education. "It won't work without parallel education" - he said, emphasizing that the basis for this education should be learning Robert Schuman's model. “If we want to be against a superstate, we have to show an alternative, and that alternative is the Community of European Nations. This is sovereignty, patriotism - Schuman talked about all this. In this sense, this education is necessary" - he explained.

“As part of this resistance movement, a school of consciousness and folk universities should be established, where people joining this movement delved deeper into issues related to solidarity. This must be a parallel process, because it determines the building of relationships, uniting around a common idea, i.e. a community of nations, free and sovereign, in Schuman's concept" - he emphasized. In his opinion, this will allow us to build a community in action.

KAROLINA MARIA KOTER

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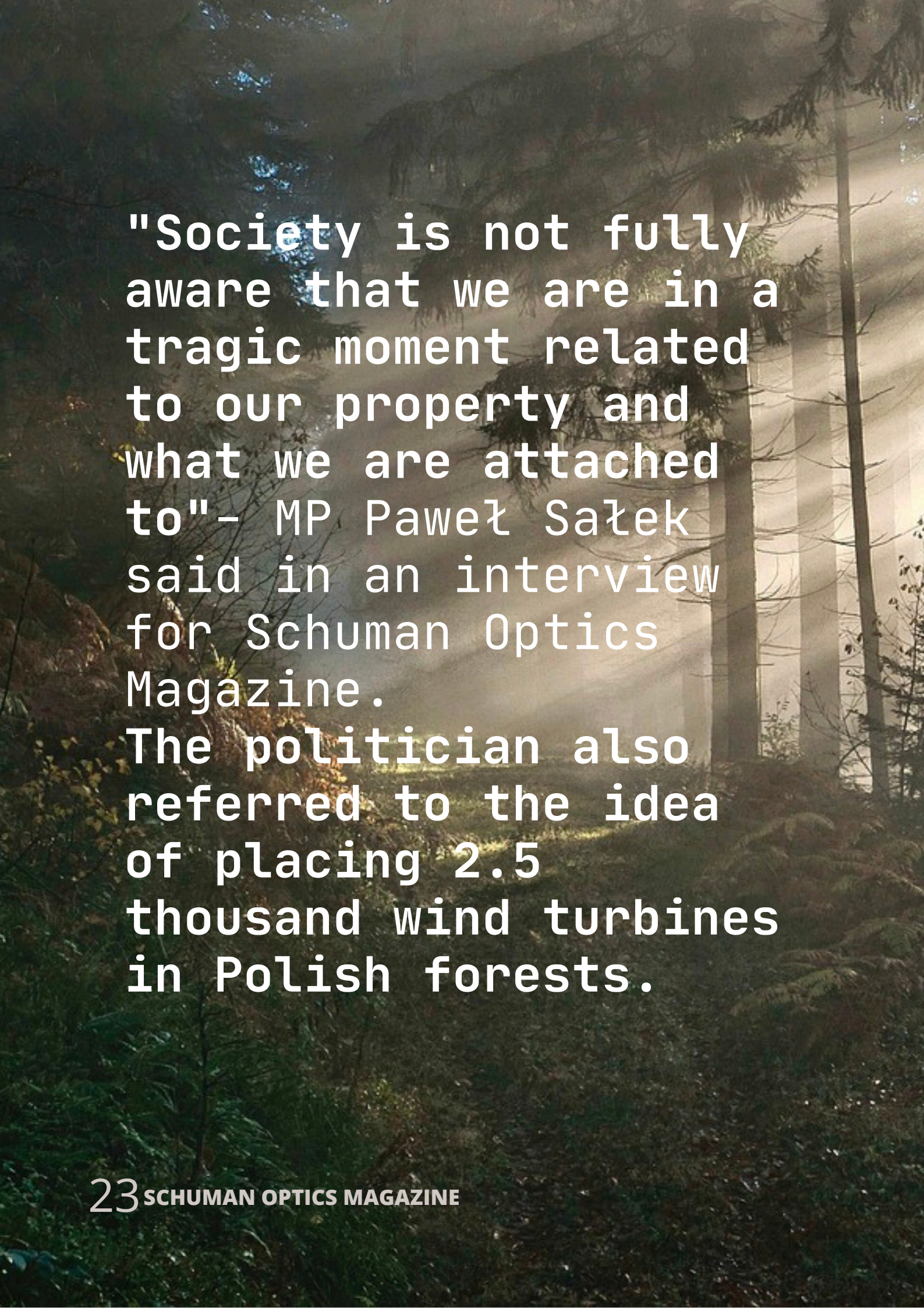


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A misty forest scene with tall evergreen trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Paweł Sałek:
**POLISH FORESTS
ARE FACING
AN ECOLOGICAL
DISASTER
ON AN
UNPRECEDENTED
SCALE!**




"Society is not fully aware that we are in a tragic moment related to our property and what we are attached to" – MP Paweł Sałek said in an interview for Schuman Optics Magazine. The politician also referred to the idea of placing 2.5 thousand wind turbines in Polish forests.



"The Polish forest farm, covering 1/3 of the country, is being run to the point of collapse, and this is about economic collapse resulting from the exclusion of more and more areas managed by the state forest farm, the State Forests. This exclusion from use is based on the fact that under the great slogans of falsely understood nature protection, it is possible that subsequent areas, hundreds of thousands of hectares, will not be benefited" - Paweł Sałek warned. He also pointed out that the matter is very serious because under these great, false slogans of nature protection, a situation is being created in which, due to the economic factor, forests will not be able to earn money, sustain themselves, or pay various types of levies to the state treasury or to local governments. "It will happen that this largest nature and forestry company in the European Union will go bankrupt" - he did not hide his fears.

Paweł Sałek pointed out that this nature and forestry company has been involved in the use, i.e. protection of nature, for over a hundred years. "But in our country, sustainable forest management has been going on for centuries. Please note that as Poles we are able to take care of forests, live from forests, use and protect them" - he emphasized, adding that "foresters are the first naturalists in Poland". "They were the ones who established the reserves. They were the ones who founded national parks. They were the ones who created the first truly ecological non-governmental organizations. They are the ones who take care of this nature" - he recalled.




"Today, as a result of government decisions, because such government decisions are made, through the actions of the management of the Ministry of Climate and Environment, new, non-statutory forms of nature protection are being introduced, which will lead to the fact that it will no longer be possible to use forests as we know them today. It's about obtaining wood, but not only that" - he said.

"If the ministry says that it has a great ambition to create a hundred reserves and at the same time says that it will be possible to pick mushrooms in the reserves, it is false, because in accordance with the Nature Protection Act, in a reserve or national park we only move along designated paths" - he corrected media reports.

POLISH FORESTERS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY TAKING CARE OF FORESTS FOR 100 YEARS

"Everyone envies these forests in Europe. They envy our forms of forest management. They envy us natural resources, which are excellent because we use these resources. We can protect them and at the same time benefit from them" - Sałek pointed out. He also reminded that in Poland, thanks to foresters, half a billion trees are planted every year and our forests are growing. There is no possibility of further plantings because there are not enough space or area to expand the forest.

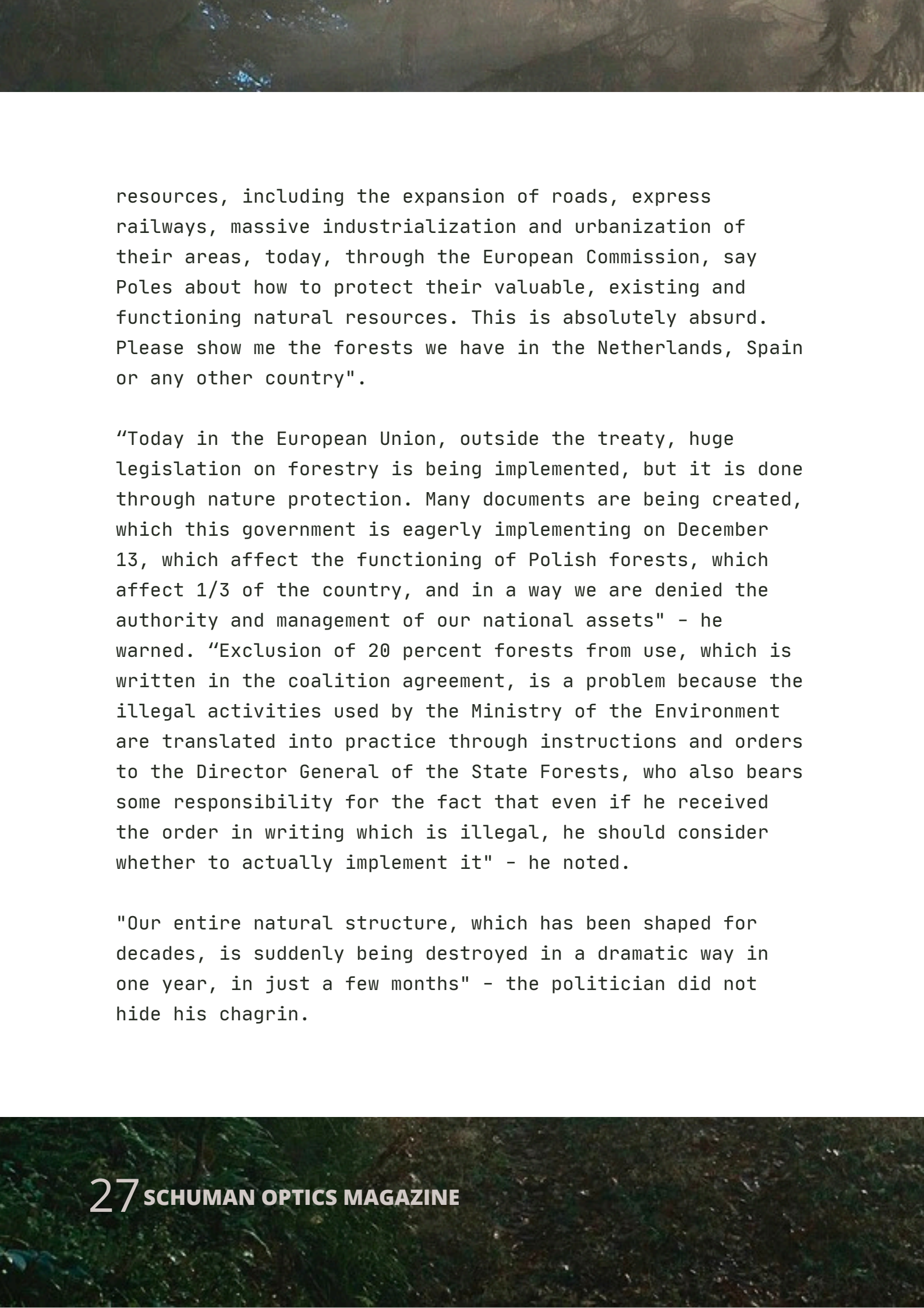


"There has been a terrible attack on the foresters community for several years. They are labeled as nature destroyers, they are shown with an ax and a chainsaw, they are supposedly the ones who are destroying nature, they are cutting down the forest, and they are managing the entire forest ecosystem in such a way that it is renewable, constantly increasing its abundance and to serve us all" - he warned.

Paweł Sałek pointed out that the money to lie to the public that sustainable forest management is harmful and to destroy the image of the Polish forester came from outside. "It was done consciously" - he said.

EXTRA-TREATY APPROPRIATION OF COMPETENCES


Referring to the position of the European Union, which last year, by decision of the European Parliament and the European Commission, decided that logging or any human interference in the forest will be treated as its destruction, Paweł Sałek said: "There is a paradox here, but it is probably done consciously for the sake of the fact that those countries that have lost their natural resources as a result of intensive exploitation of their natural



resources, including the expansion of roads, express railways, massive industrialization and urbanization of their areas, today, through the European Commission, say Poles about how to protect their valuable, existing and functioning natural resources. This is absolutely absurd. Please show me the forests we have in the Netherlands, Spain or any other country".

"Today in the European Union, outside the treaty, huge legislation on forestry is being implemented, but it is done through nature protection. Many documents are being created, which this government is eagerly implementing on December 13, which affect the functioning of Polish forests, which affect 1/3 of the country, and in a way we are denied the authority and management of our national assets" - he warned. "Exclusion of 20 percent forests from use, which is written in the coalition agreement, is a problem because the illegal activities used by the Ministry of the Environment are translated into practice through instructions and orders to the Director General of the State Forests, who also bears some responsibility for the fact that even if he received the order in writing which is illegal, he should consider whether to actually implement it" - he noted.


"Our entire natural structure, which has been shaped for decades, is suddenly being destroyed in a dramatic way in one year, in just a few months" - the politician did not hide his chagrin.



Sałek emphasized that the exclusion of 20 percent Removing forest area from use is nothing more than causing an artificial ecological disaster. "Due to the EU instructions that we receive in the country and which this government willingly implements, such that non-governmental organizations have full power and de facto carry out activities in the Ministry of the Environment, the greatest national wealth that Poles have is being destroyed" - he concluded by adding that "our greatest asset is our land, forests and what is under these forests."

"If this structure and the organizational and legal form of self-financing of the State Forests farm are broken, then we will have to wonder what to do with the forests: or maybe a company? Or maybe forests within city limits to local governments and starostes? Or maybe regional companies? Or perhaps separate nature protection from timber harvesting altogether? There were such ideas. Fortunately, President Andrzej Duda blocked them" - Sałek said. For him, it is obvious that "if forests do not have money for their current operation, a discussion will begin on how to reform them". "Already today, optimization is being carried out in the General Directorate of the State Forests" - he informed.

"Society is not fully aware that we are in a tragic moment related to our property and what we are attached to" - Paweł Sałek admitted. "The idea is to lead the State Forests to economic collapse under the great slogan of nature protection, convincing the society that what has happened so




far has been bad, and that only this government will protect nature, and this is nonsense. Everything that we are envied throughout Europe is being destroyed" - he concluded.

Paweł Sałek announced that there is a request to convene a nationwide referendum on maintaining the formal, organizational and legal structure of the State Forests and on maintaining the strategic nature of natural resources and appealed for signatures.

WILL 2,500 WIND TURBINES BE BUILT IN POLISH FORESTS?

Referring to the idea of installing 2,500 wind turbines in Polish forests, Paweł Sałek noted: "If 2,500 turbines were to be built in forest areas, then 6 turbines per forest district. We have to ask: what impact will this have on nature? Where are all the non-governmental organizations that raised the issue of Białowieża so much, that clear-cutting is being done somewhere on a small area, and that forest machines are being used in the forests? I ask this question both in the Sejm and in the press and no one answers. As for this stupid idea of windmills in forests, no non-governmental organization has criticized it so far".




“As for windmills, this is a crazy idea and I hope that the Forests will withdraw from it. After all, what will be the environmental cost! You have to dig the foundation, pour it with concrete, reinforcement, reinforced concrete, a large column, access roads, evacuation routes, fire escape routes. This is all it has to be. Comprehensive ongoing service and the noise it creates. There is also the issue of lease - there is a provision that apparently we will lease the land for 50 years. What is it? Privatization of forests by leasing land for windmills?” - he asked rhetorically.

The problem is indeed serious, because building wind farms in forests would lead to an ecological disaster on an unprecedented scale. Windmill blades would kill birds, bats and other flying creatures, while tons of grease would seep into the ground, polluting it in a way that is difficult to remediate. In addition, there is infrasound emitted by wind farms, which would have a negative impact not only on people, but also on forest animals - basically every living creature. A problem would also arise if such a windmill caught fire, and these are not uncommon - then a forest fire would certainly occur. The question of where ecologists are at this point seems extremely justified.


Anna Wiejak

A large audience is seated in a dimly lit hall, facing a stage. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several people are visible, some operating professional video cameras on tripods. The stage is illuminated by bright spotlights, and a large screen in the background displays a logo featuring a globe and the letters 'ECO'. The overall atmosphere is professional and high-tech.

**THE 10TH
EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
WILL ATTRACT OVER
2,500 GUESTS!**

The background of the image is a dark, purple-tinted photograph of a stage. Several bright spotlights are visible at the top, casting beams of light downwards. In the foreground and middle ground, there are silhouettes of people, some of whom appear to be holding cameras or video equipment, suggesting a press conference or a formal event. The overall atmosphere is professional and high-profile.

**THE 10TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (EKS), WHICH
WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 3-4 IN
MIKOŁAJKI, WILL ATTRACT A RECORD
NUMBER OF OVER 2,500
PARTICIPANTS FROM POLAND AND
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GOOD PRACTICES FOR LOCAL
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PARTICIPANTS OF LOCAL LIFE IN
POLAND AND EUROPE.**



The dynamics of registration for this year's jubilee 10th European Congress of Local Governments indicates that the number of guests will exceed 2,500 people, and the representation of local governments will be exceptionally large. Last year, the Congress was attended by 2,100 guests, almost 700 of whom were local government officials, including 37 city presidents, 135 mayors, 65 starostas and 131 commune heads. The main partner of EKS is the Marshal's Office of the Warmian-Masurian Voivodeship.

INTERNATIONAL SCOPE OF THE CONGRESS

EKS is an international conference. Nowhere else will you meet local government officials from almost all of Europe - in 2024 there were representatives from 34 countries. Among the foreign guests, we hosted such important people as: Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions, Gudrun Mosler-Tornstrom, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Emil Boc, Prime Minister of Romania and Mayor of Cluj-Napoca, Georg Milbradt, Prime Minister of Saxony, Katerina Cadilova, Chairwoman of the Czech Association of Regional Brands, and Željko Turk, Chairman of the Croatian Association of Cities. The opportunity to learn new ways of solving the problems of Polish local government units is a very strong advantage of the Congress.

AUTHOR'S MEETINGS

- AN EXCEPTIONALLY INTERESTING PART OF THE PROGRAM

An integral part of the Congress program are author meetings, of which we have prepared approximately 30 this year. We will be honored by their presence, for example: Prof. Jerzy Bralczyk, Prof. Jacek Raciborski, Prof. Przemysław Sadura, Prof. Sławomir Kalinowski, Prof. Michał Brzeziński, Prof. Krzysztof Kubiak, Prof. Justyna Wasil, Dr. Jacek Sokołowski, Dr. Grzegorz Lewicki, Dr. Jerzy Ramert, Mateusz Grzeszczuk, Zbigniew Parafianowicz, Yakow Schechter.

Meetings with authors is a unique program that brings the participants closer to the key publications of recent years, with particular emphasis on local government issues, but also scientific, popular science, social and opinion-forming. In addition, during each meeting, the Organizer will prepare a pool of free books with the possibility of obtaining a dedication from the author.

THE POLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS VERY STRONG...

Polish local government is very strong – Zygmunt Berdychowski, Chairman of the Programme Council of the European Congress of Local Governments said summarizing its IX edition - this is the local government, which over the course of over 25 years has shown how effectively he can build something that is absolutely the most valuable - social capital. This is the local government, which today is the mainstay of Poland's forces in Europe. It is primarily thanks to

the involvement of local government officials that today we are a very dynamically developing economy, resistant to external crises. Today it is absolutely the anchor of stability and efficiency of our economy, it is such a driving force of social capital in Poland – Zygmunt Berdychowski summarizes.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT – WE ARE HEADING TOWARDS A RECORD NUMBER OF GUESTS

The number of registrations 50 days before the beginning of the Congress indicates that a record-breaking representation of local government officials will participate in its proceedings. This year, local government officials receive a special discount on the conference fee - the first person pays 850 zlotys, and the next only 450 zlotys. This means that each subsequent person from the city office, municipal office, county, marshal's office – receives a discount of 47% from the applicable rate!

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PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH
CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL:

**This is
a coup!**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL, BOGDAN ŚWIĘCZKOWSKI, SUBMITTED A NOTIFICATION TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ON THE SUSPICION OF COMMITTING THE CRIME OF A COUP D'ÉTAT BY DONALD TUSK AND MANY OTHER POLITICIANS CURRENTLY IN POWER. "THIS IS NOT A COUP INVOLVING THE TAKING OF THE ARMY INTO THE STREETS, IT IS A CREEPING, SYSTEMIC COUP" - HE SAID IN A STATEMENT DELIVERED DURING A SPECIALLY CONVENED PRESS CONFERENCE.



„I have recognized that there is a legal obligation that I must comply with. Therefore, on January 31, I signed a 60-page notification of a justified suspicion of a crime committed by the president of the council of ministers, ministers, marshal of the Sejm, marshal of the Senate, deputies and senators of the ruling coalition, president of the government legislative center, and certain judges and prosecutors and other persons, and this is a crime consisting of, that in the period from December 13, 2023 to the present day in Warsaw and other places in Poland, these people operate in an organized criminal group, at

short intervals in the execution of the pre-conceived intention, with the aim of amending the constitutional system of the Republic of Poland and acting in order to achieve or cease the operation of the constitutional body of the Republic of Poland of the Constitutional Tribunal and other constitutional bodies, including the National Court of Justice and the Supreme Court, and, in consultation with other persons, they have undertaken activities aimed at achieving these goals by violence and unlawful threat by eliminating the possibility of functioning of the Constitutional Tribunal and other constitutional bodies, including the National Court Register and the Supreme Court (SN) in this way, that they led to undermining the systemic and legal status of IKNiSP SN and SN judges, as well as the legal force of judgments issued by the Supreme Court, in particular IKNiSP SN. They led to the cessation of the publication by the RCL of the judgments of the Constitutional Tribunal, undermining the status of legally appointed judges of the Tribunal. They led to the adoption of a resolution of the Sejm” - Swieczkowski said, emphasizing that it is a crime of a coup.

"At the same time, due to the importance of notifying the suspected persons, including primarily Prime Minister Donald Tusk and Minister of Justice Adam Bodnar, I requested that an investigation into the case be initiated and conducted by the legal deputy of the Prosecutor General, Michał Ostrowski, as part of a mandatory report, and that the proceedings be conducted by him as part of his own investigation" - he added.

Bogdan Świączkowski informed that on February 4 he was interrogated by the prosecutor as a notifier. He was then informed about the initiation of an investigation into this



matter. "I hope that the suspected Prosecutor General Adam Bodnar and the unlawfully appointed management of the National Prosecutor's Office and other prosecutor's office units will enable the prosecutor to conduct an independent investigation and will in no way prevent him from doing so" - the president of the Constitutional Tribunal told journalists.



Bogdan Świączkowski also asked them to "do everything to prevent the government from blocking this investigation". "The fact that we are dealing with a coup in Poland is clearly visible. Of course, this is not a coup that involves taking the army to the streets, (...) it is a creeping, systemic coup. This is a notorious abuse by the executive and legislative authorities of their powers over the judiciary and other constitutional institutions. This means taking advantage of various types of advantages, directing criminal threats, including: by preventing the

payment of funds for the functioning of the Constitutional Tribunal or the National Council of the Judiciary, which constitutes a violation of the law and constitution" - he enumerated.

The problem is really serious because - according to the report of the Ordo Iuris Institute - the scale of violations of the law is huge. Thus, the Minister of Justice, Adam Bodnar, applied pressure on the justice system, attempting to dismiss the presidents and vice-presidents of some courts, in violation of applicable regulations. As emphasized in the report, the Constitutional Tribunal, in its judgment of October 16, 2024, stated that the possibility of dismissing presidents and vice-presidents of courts without the participation of the National Council of the Judiciary constitutes a violation of the constitutional guarantees of the independence of judges. "The actions of the Minister of Justice are a clear example of a violation of the principle of separation of powers and can be considered political pressure aimed at ensuring the compliance of the justice system with the government's actions" - we read.

The current government and the parliamentary majority behind it are also trying to undermine the legality of the functioning of the National Council of the Judiciary and, consequently, the validity of judicial nominations made with its participation since 2018. As Ordo Iuris reminds, "the first action taken for this purpose was the resolution of the Sejm of December 20, 2023, which questioned the compliance of the then composition of the National Council of the Judiciary with the Constitution and called on its members to 'cease their activities'. However, this resolution has no legal force. Another action was the issuance of a regulation by the Minister of Justice on



February 6, 2024, aimed at excluding judges appointed since 2018 from adjudicating in certain cases. This regulation was found unconstitutional in the Constitutional Tribunal's judgment of May 16 this year. On July 12, 2024, the Sejm passed an act that, among other things, provided for the premature shortening of the term of office of the current National Council of the Judiciary and excluded judges who were appointed since 2018 from running for election to the newly formed National Council of the Judiciary. President Andrzej Duda referred the bill to the Constitutional Tribunal; On September 6, 2024, the Minister of Justice presented a proposal for solutions that would, among other things, include the obligation for judges appointed since 2018 to submit "active repentance" who would like to remain in their positions". These proposals have been criticized, among others: by the



"Iustitia" association or the Venice Commission.

The dispute over the Constitutional Tribunal is also important. In the fall of 2015, the Sejm of the 7th term elected 5 judges to the Constitutional Tribunal for terms in which there was doubt as to whether they would begin during the next term of office of the Sejm. In the case of two of these Judges, the Constitutional Tribunal explicitly stated that the legal basis for their election was contrary to the Constitution. Meanwhile, the current government is of the opinion that three of these judges were elected correctly, and therefore the composition of the Constitutional Tribunal formed by the Sejm of the 8th term would be defective, as it would include people elected to positions that were previously filled.

"Since December 2023, the current government has been publishing Constitutional Tribunal judgments with a note on the participation of unauthorized persons in the adjudicating panel. These annotations are posted without any legal basis. In March 2024, the Sejm adopted a resolution on eliminating the effects of the constitutional crisis of 2015-2023 in the context of the activities of the Constitutional Tribunal, in which the effectiveness of all the activities of the Constitutional Tribunal was questioned. From the moment it was adopted, the government, in violation of the Constitution, stopped publishing the judgments of the Constitutional Tribunal in the Journal of Laws, regardless of the composition of the court adjudicating in a given case. Also in March this year, the government presented a package of laws providing, among other things, for the annulment of approximately 100 Constitutional Tribunal judgments and the expiry of the terms of office of all Constitutional Tribunal judges. However, these solutions were strongly criticized by,

**among others, the Ombudsman or the Venice Commission"
- Ordo Iuris warned.**

The takeover of the National Prosecutor's Office was no less brutal. "Donald Tusk's government decided to take over the prosecutor's office, disregarding the provisions of the applicable act - Law on the Public Prosecutor's Office. He ignored the procedure required to dismiss the National Prosecutor in the person of Dariusz Barski, the effective implementation of which required obtaining the written consent of the President of the Republic of Poland. In place of the National Prosecutor, an institution unknown to the law was established, 'acting national prosecutor', entrusting this position to Jacek Bilewicz. Ultimately, Prime Minister Donald Tusk appointed Dariusz Korneluk as the National Prosecutor, without obtaining the legally required opinion of the President of the Republic of Poland" - the lawyers enumerated.

The situation in Poland is currently dramatic because the government does not respect the law by adopting resolutions and regulations amending bills and carrying out numerous other actions violating the rule of law and reducing the level of security in the country.

ANNA WIEJAK





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**THEY WANT TO CENSOR
THE INTERNET!**

**THE INTERNET CENSORSHIP
ANNOUNCED BY THE POLISH
GOVERNMENT IS PART OF THE
TENDENCY ACROSS THE EUROPEAN
UNION TO LIMIT ONLINE CONTENT TO
POLITICALLY CORRECT CONTENT
THAT COMPLIES WITH THE SO-CALLED
EU VALUES. THE INSTITUTE OF
SCHUMAN THOUGHT WARNED ABOUT
THE ATTEMPTS OF EUROCRATS TWO
YEARS AGO. IT'S A GREAT PITY THAT
NO ONE TOOK ANY INTEREST IN IT AT
THE TIME AND TOOK APPROPRIATE
MEASURES. THERE WERE NO SOCIAL
PROTESTS THAT OCCURRED DURING
ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE ACTA.**

While Donald Trump has restored freedom of speech in the United States, the European Union is going in exactly the opposite direction. After a number of regulations regarding artificial intelligence intended to safeguard sustainable development, which we have already written about in Schuman Optics Magazine, it is time for new ones. **Tech giants including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, X and YouTube have agreed to an updated EU code of conduct on countering illegal hate speech online**, the European Commission said. The revised Code of Conduct will be incorporated into the framework of the EU's Digital Services Act, an EU regulation that aims to make the online environment safer.



Commission representatives expressed hope that the Code of Conduct+ would strengthen the way online platforms deal with content that EU and national law defines as illegal hate speech. “In Europe there is no place for illegal hate, either offline or online” - EC Vice-President Henna Virkkunen said. “I welcome the stakeholders’ commitment to a strengthened Code of conduct under the Digital Services Act. Cooperation among all parties involved is the way forward to ensure a safe digital space for all” - she added. “Hatred and polarisation are threats to EU values and fundamental rights and undermine the stability of our democracies” - Michael McGrath, Commissioner for Democracy and Consumer Protection said.

DEVIL IS IN DETAILS

„Pursuant to Articles 16 and 22(1) of the DSA, the Signatories will have in place notice and action mechanisms to allow any user in the EU, including Trusted Flaggers, to notify them of the presence on their service of specific content that the user considers to be illegal hate speech content. 2.2 After receiving a valid notice, the Signatories will review it in a timely, diligent, non-arbitrary and objective manner and act expeditiously to remove or to disable access to the reported content if it is in violation of the Signatories policies, and/or on the basis of the applicable law in accordance with the relevant jurisdiction and in accordance with Article 16 of the DSA” - we can read in the Code.

„The Signatories commit to review the majority (at least 50%) of notices received under Articles 16 and 22 of the DSA from

Monitoring Reporters within 24 hours. Signatories will apply their best efforts to go beyond this target and aim for two-third (at least 67%) of those notices subject to Annex 1. Signatories are free to set up the processes they see fit to reach this target, such as designated reporting processes. This acknowledges that the time it takes to action a notice may depend on contextual factors, such as the volume, severity, virality, and complexity of the content flagged" - it adds.

Trusted Flaggers are entities whose status of trusted flagger has been awarded according to the provisions set out in Article 22(2) of the DSA for their expertise and competence in notifying illegal content and whose information have been published in the publicly available database referred to in Article 22(5) of the DSA. Monitoring Reporters are „not for profit or public entities with expertise on illegal hate speech in at least one EU Member State and approved by the Commission and the Signatories to participate in the Monitoring Exercise. Monitoring Reporters can also be Trusted Flaggers as set out in Article 22 as relevant. They may also take part in any relevant voluntary Signatory program, operated at the discretion of said Signatories”.

The problem is that, according to the so-called EU values, "hate speech" is everything that is contrary to left-wing axiology. We should therefore expect the removal of content from the Internet that promotes Christian values, criticizes gender ideology or affirms marriage as a union between a man and a woman. It is worth noting that the Code guarantees discretion when it comes to determining what is and what is not hate speech. In its official opinion on the document, the European Commission emphasizes: "All forms of hatred and intolerance are incompatible with these fundamental rights and values".

This means that this mechanism will also be used in the political fight against those who do not share the so-called European values in the form of the so-called the right to abortion, family in many forms and many other anti-values that the left-liberal mainstream tries to impose on the citizens of the Member States.

In the European Union, whose representatives are so eager to talk about the rule of law and democracy, we are dealing with the development of totalitarianism, and the introduced censorship is only one of its manifestations.

KAROLINA MARIA KOTER

**MAKE
EUROPE
GREAT
AGAIN!**

"WORDS AND IDEAS HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD" –

this fragment from "Dead Poets Society" may refer to the events we witnessed on January 20, 2025. That's when the Inauguration of the 47th US President Donald Trump took place.

When, as a result of words and ideas, did changes in the world take place, not yet fully visible to us? It was from the idea of making America great again that the words "Make America Great Again" came into being. It was then that a great movement was created which, no matter how its fate unfolds, has already changed modern times. The protesting movement against a social reality dictated by left-liberal media and political circles. So the world has changed. Something that was difficult to imagine until now, recently has become a fact. The monopoly of the left has been broken. That is why it is so important for Poland, and with it the entire Three Seas Initiative, to define these changes and become a part of them, not as a performer or a passive observer, but as a co-creator.

Of course, to be able to do so, our country needs to reflect on the geopolitical reality, focus on alliances in Central and Eastern Europe and mainly transatlantic cooperation. Unfortunately, the current government of Prime Minister Tusk is not interested in such a political course. I don't want to focus on this issue now, but what I wrote above can only be achieved by changing the current government in Poland - unless the current government understands where it should place its priorities (which I do not believe in at all).

A UNIQUE CONFERENCE

During the inauguration ceremony in Washington, the 1st Polish-American Conference, co-organized by Telewizja Republika, was held at the Gaylord Hotel on the Potomac River. It was particularly important not only for Polish diaspora communities, but also for Poles remaining in their homeland, because it showed Polish reality as it is, without censorship of the media favorable to the current government.





Representatives of the right, both Polish and American, debated the most important issues in Polish-American relations, but it was largely a conference about us. Conference on Europe and its change for the better. It gathered outstanding experts and politicians. This great event was hosted by Rita Cosby, an editor with Polish roots - a well-known media personality in the USA and a friend of President Donald Trump. Outstanding panelists from the Polish side included: former Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, former minister Professor Przemysław Czarnek, former Minister Marcin Przydacz and MEP Dominik Tarczyński. On the American side, the Mercedes Schlapp spoke, director of the Conservative Political Action Conference - the largest conservative organization in the world that organizes conferences bringing together conservative politicians and organizations. The guests included Colonel Ray Wojcicki, an analyst and former military attaché of the US Embassy in Poland, and journalist and economist Matthew Tyrmand; Kiron Skinner of the Heritage Foundation and the Hoover Institute and many others.

The conference was opened by President Andrzej Duda, who spoke warmly about the need for transatlantic cooperation. Former Prime Minister Mateusz



Prof. Czarnek returned to Donald Tusk's words from press conferences, when he claimed that he would apply the law as he understood it, or he would not apply the law because decency did not allow him to do so. "All this is happening in violation of fundamental freedoms and human rights" - Prof. Czarnek said. He also referred to the position of the European Commission, which does not see any violation of the rule of law in Donald Tusk's conduct. "I emphasize that for several years we have been living in the

European Union, which does not respect the rule of law and is gradually eliminating our Western, Christian values. We have been living under Tusk's totalitarian rule for a year now" - he said.

Mercedes Schlapp, thanking the conservative community in Poland, strongly expressed her readiness to support the Polish media and organizations in the event of an unlawful attack on them. There was a lot of talk about security and assurances that Europe and Poland would be fully safe during Donald Trump's presidency. Many speakers expressed hope that the change in the USA would reflect on the change in the policy of the European Union and contribute to the return of "common sense" in the world, especially in Europe, which, seeing how the

United States is developing thanks to it, will return to the same path, because only it leads to success. The need to change the left-liberal governments, which in the long run would lead to disaster, was also presented. At the same time, it was assured that Donald Trump's presidency would be able to sort out the geopolitical situation.

Thanking Telewizja Republika for co-organizing this conference, I hope that it will be continued both in Poland and the USA. I think that the community of the Institute of Schuman's Thought will be happy to get involved in this initiative. To sum up: It will be interesting, don't quench your spirit and MEGA (Make Europe Great Again)!

The entire broadcast is available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SE6Plk2MG7A>



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Dear Sir/Madame,

The Three Seas Local Government Congress is a prestigious event initiated in 2021 in Lublin, which has become a key platform for cooperation between regions in Central and Eastern Europe, gathering representatives of government and local government administration, as well as the science and business sectors from 13 countries of the Three Seas region. The format of networking of the Three Seas regions proposed by the Lublin Voivodeship has gained the interest of local authorities and has been noticed internationally.

The Lubelskie Voivodeship submitted an application to the President of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Duda, for honorary patronage of this event. Mr. President, as one of the creators of the Three Seas Initiative and the patron of the Three Seas Congress since the first edition, has consistently supported all activities undertaken as part of this initiative. Therefore, in the face of the Polish presidency of the Three Seas Initiative until April 2025, we are counting on the presence of the head of state, as was the case in previous years.

Last year's fourth edition gathered over 900 participants, 180 speakers conducting interesting and diverse discussions, and numerous foreign delegations from 20 regions of Central Europe.

The next Three Seas Local Government Congress, scheduled for March 12-13, 2025, aims to continue activities related to

cooperation between representatives of the authorities of regions and countries belonging to the Three Seas Initiative. The plan includes numerous lectures and discussions regarding, among others, investments in infrastructure and development of transport connections, led by the flagship Via Carpatia project, energy security, cybersecurity, digital transformation and regional integration.

The program included the promotion of cultural heritage, including a discussion on cooperation between open-air museums, which can become an excellent opportunity to cultivate one's own tradition and discover the role of culture in building bonds between nations.

An important point for entrepreneurs will be the Economic Forum, a place for discussions about energy transformation, investments and innovation. The Forum includes conferences and seminars: Kobiety Lubelskie, AI – artificial intelligence, Lublin SMEs on the global market, EXPO 2025 Osaka World Exhibition, as well as a B2B Zone for entrepreneurs and an exhibition zone.

Four editions of the Three Seas Congress have shown that cooperation between the Three Seas regions is the key to building a coherent, innovative and safe Central and Eastern Europe, and the discussions held at the Congress give rise to new activities. Therefore, we count on your support for our project.



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THE EU'S VISION OF SECURITY AND DEFENSE

is contrary to the Polish *raison d'état*

AT THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON DEFENCE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ROBERTA METSOLA, PRESENTED HER VISION ON HOW EUROPE CAN AND MUST STRENGTHEN COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE. THIS IS TANTAMOUNT TO CREATING A COMMON ARMY. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE LATTER, ACCORDING TO EU PLANS, IS TO BE USED TO SUPPRESS INTERNAL PROTESTS, AND NOT TO DEFEND THE BORDERS AGAINST ANY AGGRESSION.

"Nowhere is this more evident than on defence. We all see the threats that Europe is facing and it is clear that Europe must be responsible for its own security. No one else will do this for us. It has to be us. We have already taken concrete steps to make this a reality across our European institutions. We have upgraded our Parliamentary Committee on Security and Defence, we have a first-ever European Commissioner for Defence and Poland's Presidency of the Council is prioritising security. This is all positive. We are on the right track, but there is still a long way to go to ensure we are ready for this more uncertain, more dangerous, more competitive global reality" - Roberta Metsola said. Apart from the fact that a common security and defense policy is another tool for creating a German empire in Europe, or as you prefer - of the European Superstate, it is worth recalling, that according to the concept contained in the White Paper on the future of Europe from 2019, and more precisely: its core of the Ventotene Altiero Spinelli Manifesto, European army is not meant to provide security to the member states, but to suppress the internal unrest that Spinelli expected in the situation, when „The dictatorship of the revolutionary party will create a new state, and around it - a new, true democracy“, while citizens' property will be taken away. In the light of



the plans of the European mainstream contained in the documents: materials after the Conference on the future of Europe, or treaty changes forced in violation of EU law, all of which refer to the concept of Altiero Spinelli, can be clearly seen, that the construction of the European Union's defence structures is not about ensuring the security of the member states – the threat from Russia is treated as a cover for the actions calculated to create a military repression apparatus. Member States should take into account such a scenario, so instead of relying on the dreams of eurocrats, they should rely on their own armies and the development of their national arsenal. It is also necessary to create your own contingency plans in case of aggression, without looking at Brussels, which has no idea about the creation of military structures.

A COMMON SECURITY POLICY WILL MEAN CREATING A COMMON ARMY

Meanwhile, Roberta Metsola stated: “Nowhere is this more evident that on defence. We all see the threats that Europe is facing and it is clear that Europe must be responsible for its own security. No one else will do this for us. It has to be us. We have already taken concrete steps to make this a reality across our European institutions. We have upgraded our Parliamentary Committee on Security and Defence, we have a first-ever European Commissioner for Defence and Poland’s Presidency of the Council is prioritising security. This is all positive. We are on the right track, but there is still a long way to go to ensure we are ready for this more uncertain,



more dangerous, more competitive global reality". In this fragment of her speech, the participation of the Polish Presidency in creating a common defense policy is striking. This means that Donald Tusk's government intends to give up Poland from having its own army in the long run, as the Polish state cannot afford to have two armies - one in the service of Brussels, the other to defend the country. Moreover, EU plans provide for the existence of only an EU army, excluding the armies of nation states.

On behalf of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola appealed "for us to do more to defend Europe". „Russia's illegal war against Ukraine is entering into its fourth year. From producing ammunition under ASAP (Act in Support of Ammunition Production) to jointly procuring defence equipment under EDIRPA (European Defence Industry Reinforcement through Common Procurement Act), we can be proud of all that we have done to help our industry, and to help Ukraine sustain its defence. We rose to the challenge, and we did it fast. But if we want Ukraine to better their position at the negotiating table tomorrow, they need to remain strong. Russia can still produce more weapons in three months than we can in twelve. We need to do more, much more, to ramp up defence production and increase our defence industrial readiness. This is not a matter of altruism; it is a matter of realism. And I am convinced that we can do all this in a way that respects the constitutional specificities of Member States. The best investment in European security is investing in the security of Ukraine" - she argued. Of course, this strengthening of the defense industry is primarily about strengthening the German industry, and secondly the French industry - this is proven by the plans for joint procurement. The question remains what will happen to the Polish industry, so sharply targeted by German "allies"?



THE EU HAS TOO LITTLE MONEY FOR A COMMON ARMY

Roberta Metsola also stated that there is a need to increase funding for the above-mentioned protection. "Security comes at a cost, and we know it. Because within the past three years, defence investment across the European Union has already risen by 30%. Now I know that when it comes to common financing, we may not all agree on everything, but we need to agree on something. Finding common ground is essential. That means nothing should be off the table" -

she stated. This is clearly an announcement of greater centralization of defense policy, which may end tragically for Poland. Anyway, let's look at how our German "allies" are destabilizing our country with the help of illegal migrants - often people with criminal convictions and posing a terrorist threat. Everything is supposedly in accordance with EU law, and Brussels only applauds this policy. Meanwhile - let's not be afraid to say it - Putin and Lukashenko are pursuing exactly the same policy on our eastern border. So what right does Roberta Metsola have to demand greater centralization when it comes to defense? What "security" will Polish taxpayers' money be spent on?

"Defence spending through the budget is currently around 1.5 billion Euro per year. While this is far more than in the past, it remains a drop in the ocean compared to the defence-spending gap of 500 billion Euro over the next decade. And this may require a more immediate solution than the next MFF can provide. Now is the time to have these conversations" - announced the President of the European Parliament. The question is, where will the EU get the money for this? The EU's treasury is empty, which will become even more vast with the implementation of the crazy Green Deal, there will be nothing left for any defense, so it should be expected that even if a common European army is created, it will be rudimentary. With such an army it will be possible to pacify citizen protests, but not much more.

Roberta Metsola seems to notice this problem. „Now public funding can take us far but we know it will not be enough. This makes mobilising private capital essential. When it comes to the EIB's mandate, let me just say that the European Parliament has long emphasised the need to maximise its capacity to leverage private funding for the security and defence sector. But in my view, the real incentive lies in addressing fragmentation within our markets. Different rules, standards, and systems are putting up barriers and risk holding us back. It makes no sense for Europe to have 178 different weapons systems, when the United States has 30. This

leads me to my third and last point: we need to coordinate better” - she said.

The problem with procurement for the army - which the President of the European Parliament apparently does not understand - is that first the types and levels of threats are defined, contingency scenarios are created, and only after deep analyzes the equipment is purchased in accordance with the needs. This means that Poland, which is threatened by Russia, has completely different needs than Brussels, which is not threatened by Russia. If we commonize weapons systems, it may turn out that our country will not be able to defend itself in the event of Russian aggression.

BRUSSELS DOES NOT WANT TO DEFEND POLAND

The fact that Brussels does not intend to defend Poland against any aggression is evidenced by several important factors that usually escape the public debate. Firstly, it would not introduce either the Building Directive or the Green Deal - two terribly expensive projects that Poland cannot afford. By introducing them, it reduces the defensive capabilities of the Polish state, which instead of focusing its efforts on building defense potential, focuses it on wasting money in implementing the climate ideology. Secondly, realizing that Poland accepted refugees from war-torn Ukraine, it would not force it to accept dangerous illegal immigrants, whose presence will not only reduce the level of security in the Polish state, but may lead to

its destabilization. Thirdly, it would not promote gender ideology, which weakens the morale of the nation, including the army. Fourthly, it would not affect Polish energy and food security.

We are dealing with hybrid aggression from Germany via Brussels and in this situation Poland should immediately suspend all agreements with the European Union until normalization.

THE EASTERN FLANK HAS REASONS TO BE AFRAID

The EU's security policy should spend people awake at night, not only Poles, but also for Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians, who are also exposed to aggression from Russia. According to German plans, EU countries are to slowly phase out their activity in NATO in favor of the Common defense policy, or at least this is what follows from Helmut Scholz's amendment to the treaty changes. If this plan of German politicians actually comes to implementation, then the entire Central and Eastern Europe will be at the mercy of Germany and France. Let us add that Berlin also wants to introduce a Common foreign policy, which, if it is implemented, would mean that Brussels could, for example, relinquish part of the territory of any member state in the event of a potential war with Russia. Member States cannot afford such a loss of control over their own security.

Anna Wiejak



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**SAINT IN A
SUIT**

IT HAS RECENTLY BECOME EXTREMELY INTERESTING TO OBSERVE THE REACTIONS OF PEOPLE WORKING IN EU INSTITUTIONS OR CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE EU IDEA WHEN THEY ARE TOLD THE GOOD NEWS THAT ROBERT SCHUMAN CAN NOW BE CALLED A VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD AND THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE STEP LEFT TO HIS BEATIFICATION. ASTONISHMENT, DISBELIEF AND, ABOVE ALL, LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT A HOLY MAN ONE OF THE FATHERS OF EUROPE, BEST KNOWN BY EUROPEANS, WAS.

Volumes have already been written about his political path, which triumphantly culminated in throwing a spark into the project of the first European community - Coal and Steel. But they rarely mention him as a man of faith, blurring what is the foundation and essence of his life. Announced on June 19 this year the decree on the heroism of his virtues forces us, Catholics, to look more at these virtues than at Schuman's political achievements.

When his greatest political successes came, he was already a fully formed man, he was over 60 years old. The work he accomplished at the end of his life is the fruit of what had been building him since childhood.

We can point to several sources of his spirituality. The first are the parents, practicing Catholics, especially the mother, open to the religious renewal initiated by the popes of that time, who emphasized careful reading of the Holy Scriptures, Marian devotion, the rosary, personal prayer and interior life, regular

and frequent access to the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, which it was not widely practiced at all in those days. Little Robert sucked all this with his mother's milk and will continue to do so throughout his life.

The second pillar of his spirituality grows from his student years spent at German universities, when he belonged to the Catholic student association *Unitas*, which, unlike others - nationalist, secular or openly anti-religious - conducted discussions on religion and spiritual life, and prepared a weekly conference on the teachings of the Church and lives of the saints. It attached great importance to Eucharistic piety, liturgical renewal and the social teaching of the Church, which was then emerging after the publication of the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (1891). Thanks to this association, Schuman developed a taste for interior life and prayer, so much so that he would later call himself a "child of prayer". In 1911, after his mother's death, he even began to think about priesthood, but one of his friends showed him another path: secular apostolate, telling him that he could become a "saint in a suit".

His third spiritual root is Christian philosophy. He was mainly fascinated by Jacques Maritain and Maurice Blondel. The ideals of Christian democracy and the balance between faith and reason are close to him.

Another pillar of his spiritual development were the good priests whom God placed on his path. When he opened a law office in Metz in 1912, he became involved in the activities of Catholic Action. His dedication was then appreciated by Archbishop Benzler, who appointed him the head of the diocesan youth work, entrusting him with work with difficult and neglected youth. It was his bishop who advised him to take an interest in Thomism, which Schuman did with such passion that he could confidently discuss in Latin with outstanding specialists in this field. The retreat he took during Holy Week in 1913 finally prompted him to become involved in public life.

Another important priest in his life, can. Henri Colin, persuaded him to run for the deputies of the Moselle in the French parliament, which he became. For 20 years he has been doing arduous work in the shadows, it is difficult to talk about some brilliant career or outstanding political views. Sometimes his political choices were not at all right – although he always had pure intentions, and for the sake of the general good – supported, for example, the Munich agreement, to at least for a moment to maintain peace in Europe, later in the first reflex –

marshal Petain, thinking that he will guarantee that Alsace and his beloved Lorraine will not fall back into German hands, because although he himself was a germanophile, he, educated in Germany and steeped in this culture, he saw what a threat Germany had become to the world. However, he was able to withdraw from these wrong decisions and oppose the occupation regime. So much so that in 1940 he was arrested by the Gestapo as the first French politician. He managed to escape, but until the end of the war he hid in monasteries, where he learned to subordinate the day to the Liturgy of the Hours. It was only after the war that he began to gain new levels of power, held various ministerial positions, twice was the prime minister of France (1947-1948), skillfully resolving the social conflict caused by the communists. Then, on the verge of World War III – this time nuclear – led to the final project of the first European community. As a great pragmatist, he used the existing structures, and left technical solutions to Jean Monnet. However, he had the courage to give his name to this project and he himself gave a declaration prepared in complete secrecy, also bearing his name. It was not by chance that he did this on May 9, 1950, which was a holy year in the Church.

Schuman never talked about himself or his faith. He never wrote anything about himself, he refused to write down diaries so as not to glorify himself or show mercy towards his political opponents. However, there were moving testimonies about him, including those of his political opponents, so they were certainly not biased. Let us first quote the words of former French Prime Minister François Mitterrand, an agnostic, because many people still remember him today: "He was a discreet and good man who drew inspiration from his deep faith. He was a politician, but his life had a rhythm that escaped political turmoil. He got up early in the morning, sat down at a desk emptied of all papers, after a long meditation that no one dared to disturb. He didn't know what anger was, or holding grudges, even though he had to endure [many people's] hatred".

André Philip, a Protestant socialist who worked with him for 15 years in the French parliament, remembered him this way: "I was struck by the radiance of his inner life. One felt in him a holy man, without personal desires, without ambition, a completely sincere man with great intellectual humility, whose only pursuit was to serve here and now (...). In the heated atmosphere of parliamentary debates, it was extremely refreshing to deal with a man constantly ready for dialogue, always trying to convince people with calmness and great courtesy. In order to

achieve his goal, he never used vulgar means, never exaggerated the importance of arguments or raised his voice. He was a true democrat, inventive and creative, brave with all his gentleness, always respecting other people, faithful to the inner will that gave meaning to his life". Robert Schuman was not ashamed of his faith. He didn't flaunt it, but he didn't hide it either, not afraid of people's judgments. When he was the Minister of Finance of the French Republic - the one that introduced in 1905 the law on the complete separation of Church and state and on the laicity of the republic - everyone could see a high state official walking calmly every day, with a prayer book under his arm, to the first morning Holy Mass. During Holy Week 1955, he humbly carried the cross along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem like an ordinary pilgrim. Respecting religious freedom, he was an example of a truly free man, mocking political correctness. His entire life was consistent and consistent with faith, which was the driving force behind all his actions. He did not have two morals, one festive, one Sunday in church at Holy Mass, and the second - completely different - during a week of political struggles.

His life was based on a very solid foundation of traditional Christian faith, his house was built on the rock. No failures, no doubts, regular practice, genuine attachment to the teachings of the Church - it would seem that he was a strict, rigorous Catholic. Nothing could be further from the truth! This faith was animated by a missionary spirit, very modern for those times, at least in France. His involvement in social life is probably a fulfillment of commitments already made in prayers with his mother. This secret commitment to serve his neighbor will have for him the weight of a monastic vow. He has a beautiful Christian vision of a person that tells us to approach every person with respect and recognize their dignity. This allows him to remain calm in the most heated debates, endure the most vulgar accusations, and never respond to insult with insult. Which doesn't conflict with his rather coarse sense of humor. He has a great ability to defend the Gospel values that form the basis of democracy. He surprises others with his openness of mind, because they do not expect it in a person with such formation. Schuman knows how to work with people who do not share his beliefs: Protestants, agnostics, communists. He perfectly accepts pluralism of ideas and beliefs.

His spiritual life was strongly based on three divine virtues. Faith was nourished by the Bible and the teachings of the Church. Hope showed him God present in human history. He was convinced that God has a plan for everyone and for

history, and our Christian vocation is to cooperate with this plan in complete freedom of will and to offer all our strength to implement this plan. Love is the driving force behind this action. First to God, then to man. Love of neighbor is based on classic biblical anthropology: we are all children of one Father, created in His image and likeness. We are therefore equal in dignity.

ALL HIS CARDINAL VIRTUES FLOW FROM THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES.

Prudence allowed him to properly assess the situation and use the most appropriate means. Animated by faith and prayer, it was not synonymous with fear or timidity, as he showed in 1947, during the November Crisis in France, or in May 1950.

Temperance was probably his most striking virtue. He was moderate in everything. The modesty of his everyday life was proverbial and often became the subject of ridicule. Like everyone else, he traveled by train, refused personal protection, stood in queue at the store, and while working at the ministry, he lived in a room with a kitchen. He did this not to be noticed, but because he had a very evangelical concept of poverty, a freely received gift and love and service to others.

Justice in his eyes consisted in giving God first what was due to Him. Schuman's entire life is a testimony to this virtue. From it grew justice towards one's neighbor, concern for his safety and broadly understood well-being.

Courage was manifested in his perseverance and stubbornness in working tirelessly for the common good and in sticking firmly to the decisions once made. All diplomats emphasized this feature in him.

Schuman abandoned himself completely to God's will and turned his political involvement into a daily path to holiness. He developed the spirituality of God's instrument: God, present in history, leads us along paths that exceed our ability to understand. We must listen well to His voice in order to become His co-worker, to be at His disposal all the time, because God does nothing without us and always uses human mediation to influence the world. Schuman explains it beautifully in a letter to a friend: "We are very imperfect instruments of Providence, which uses us to accomplish wonderful works that are beyond us. This certainty that God is at work, not us, obliges us to great modesty, but it also gives us an inner peace that we could never achieve by using purely human methods of action".

The principle of his conduct was: everything for the Lord, nothing for himself. Involvement in politics and government activities was not conducive to building a career or obtaining lucrative jobs. He became a politician at the insistence of others, only to perform selfless service. Schuman was aware that God was constantly watching us, so his everyday life included prayer, lectio divina, mass and Holy Communion, which he always received as viaticum.

Finally, it is impossible not to mention his ardent love for Mary, who is for him a point of reference and a model of availability, poverty, trust and faithfulness. Schuman, regardless of his professional path - whether he remained a lawyer specializing in commercial, civil and church law, or a deputy, or a statesman, or perhaps a priest - would have achieved sainthood, but by the will of Providence, his holiness was also forged by politics.

Recognizing the heroism of his virtues, the Church provides Schuman as an example to follow for all of us, especially politicians of today, in which public debate has taken on caricatured, but above all dangerous, forms of shouting, scolding and hate, and has lost any semblance of authentic discussion and dialogue. Egoism, careerism, lust for power and profit, lies, hatred of political opponents and contempt for societies completely drown out the idea of politicians' servitude. Perhaps a clear sign in the person of the venerable Servant of God Robert Schuman, given to us now by Providence, will open the eyes of at least some of those politicians who say about themselves: "I am a Catholic, but...".

And the last, extremely important thing - the recognition of the heroic virtues of the father of Europe also gives a new quality to this community in which, from the very beginning, Christianity and the so-called humanistic philosophical currents,

originating in the Enlightenment, hostile to God and the Church. Today, humanistic, or atheistic, thinking is gaining ground in Europe, while in Western Europe it is the only politically correct one. And not only at the top of the ruling elites, but also in society. Maybe - hopefully soon - the beatification of the father of Europe will be an awakening, maybe it will become the seed of the rebirth of a real Europe - Christian, because that is what it has been for centuries. Maybe Europeans will see that you don't have to be ashamed of God to be Someone in this world. But for this we must pray through the intercession of the venerable Servant of God Robert Schuman.

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WORD

A poem is words, words are letters
For my blue pen often honesty matters.
It will put the letters in the right order
what result do you expect out there?

The words are different - cordial, nice
rarely, but they can also be rude as twice.
I start a sentence - the first letter is printed
how it respects its master hinted.

Word by word and a sentence was created in gesture
Sometimes there is a dot, sometimes there is a question.
Question with question mark and dot
how nice it was, how sweet it was.

Sometimes words scream for an exclamation mark in field
the exclamation mark was hidden and a dash appeared.
The poems are short, the poems are also long and difficult
very short ones can be boring or insult.

Sometimes there is a moral, sometimes there is a sensation
you need the truth, a good relation.
Often there is no smell, only the taste is in nursery rhymes
Should I drink the whole cup or half a cup of coffee hymned?

Someone asked, put a question mark
the second part was in the form of a question spark.
This is how, letter by letter, words are created
written, drawn speech known for years and later.

These are the words in my poem creation
curious, rebellious ones slipped out of formation



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"Service to humanity is an obligation equal to that dictated by loyalty to our nation."

"Służba ludzkości jest powinnością równą tej, jaką dyktuje nam wierność naszemu narodowi."

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