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13th ICOLD European Club Symposium *FACING CURRENT CHALLENGES FOR DAMS*

Polish Committee on Large Dams (POLCOLD) is happy to invite You to the 13th ICOLD European Club Symposium, which will be held from the 21st to the 25th of September 2026 in Bydgoszcz, Poland. During this meeting we will celebrate CFBR/French-COLD 100th anniversary, founded in 1926.

Organiser: Polish Committee on Large Dams POLCOLD
Co-organiser: IMGW – PIB Dam Technical Control Centre
Patronage: Ministry of Infrastructure
Partners: Committee on Civil Engineering and Water
Management of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
Section of Hydraulic Structures
Voivode of Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship
Mayor of Bydgoszcz
Marshal of the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship

The seminar will focus particularly on water management conditions, the most common operational problems, maintenance, failures and other events, including extreme weather phenomena. It will be a great opportunity to exchange European experience and knowledge of dam engineering and levees.

One of the afternoon sessions will be devoted to CFBR/French-COLD history and achievements. Together we will celebrate the anniversary with our French friends.

A visit to significant dams in the surrounding area of Bydgoszcz is planned for all participants. It will be a pleasure to present to you some examples of dams constructed in 1930's as a part of a development program realized after regaining independence.

Important deadlines

Abstract submission:	15 January 2026
Abstract acceptance:	15 February 2026
Full paper submission:	31 March 2026
Full paper acceptance:	31 May 2026
Registration opening:	1 February 2026
Website: www.ecs2026.pl	av. from 15 November 2025

Subjects and topics

Dams and reservoir safety management for people

- dam safety assessment, inspection and monitoring
- water management for people, drought and flood control
- risk assessment due to climate and social changes
- legal conditions and technical requirements for safe dams
- tourism, irrigation and other benefits of dams and reservoirs
- warning systems for dam surrounding
- failures - lessons learnt

Dams and Energy

- pump storage plants – construction and exploitation
- new technologies and solutions in waterpower
- exploitation of dams for waterpower

Dam Engineering and Construction

- dam aging problems and solutions applied – case studies
- construction repair technologies and materials
- reconstructions, expansions and development of old dams
- development of design methods

Levees and tailing dams

- levees and tailing dams monitoring and safety evaluation
- design methods development for levees
- tailing dam seismic resilience monitoring
- slurry and water management

A book of proceedings, gathering the papers presented at the Symposium, will be edited and distributed to each participant.

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Organising committee

Piotr Śliwiński	- chairmen
Agata Lethel	– French Day
Krzysztof Wrzosek	– publications
Dagmara Zelaya Wziątek	– Young Professionals
Maciej Sieinski	– sponsors
Ludgarda Iłowska-Smietana	– ENEA field trip

Scientific Committee

Paweł Falaciński – chairman
Paweł Popielski – vice-chairman
Zbigniew Kledyński – member

The number of members of the Scientific Committee will be increased depending on the number of abstracts submitted with participation of EURCOLD and POLCOLD experts.

Accommodation

Bydgoszcz offers a wide variety of hotel and accommodation possibilities. Numerous hotel rooms have been pre-reserved for the comfort of all the participants. The links will be available on symposium website.

Venue

The activities including lunches and technical exhibition will take place in Opera Nova building in Bydgoszcz.

Convenient access

It is possible to get to Bydgoszcz by train from Gdansk, Poznan or Warszawa airports. All the participants will receive a public transport ticket during registration.

Contact

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Program outline

TIME	Monday 21.09.2026	Tuesday 22.09.2027	Wednesday 23.09.2026	Thursday 24.09.2030	Friday 25.09.2026
morning 0900-1200		Opening Ceremony 0900-1000 general session 1000-1200	2 parallel technical sessions	2 parallel technical sessions	0900-1600 field technical trip "dams around Bydgoszcz"
afternoon 1200-1800	registration starts at 1400	2 parallel technical sessions	1430-1730 session special CFBR/French-COLD 100 anniversary	1200-1600 general session	
	1600-1800 European Club Borad Meeting 1400-1600 Young Professionals Meeting 1400-1600 EWG' meetings			1600-1700 Closing Ceremony	
evening 1900-2300		welcome reception and cultural event	1930-2200 French Wine Evening	1900-2300 farewell dinner	
all day		technical exhibition accompanying persons programme	technical exhibition accompanying persons programme	technical exhibition accompanying persons programme	