



# POLAND

## State of Play – Winter 2017



### MACROECONOMIC SITUATION

#### No imbalances (no In-Depth Review)

- Growth expected to remain strong, driven mainly by private consumption; the only EU Member State to have weathered the crisis without going into recession
- Employment at record highs, but challenges to labour force participation, skills and mobility



### PROGRESS ON COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Some progress

- in improving tax compliance

#### Limited progress

- in removing obstacles to investment in infrastructure and on spatial planning
- in removing obstacles to more permanent types of employment
- in improving the compatibility of education and training with the labour market

#### No progress

- in setting up a fiscal council
- in limiting the use of reduced VAT rates
- in ensuring the sustainability and adequacy of the pension system
- in increasing the number of people in the labour force
- in reform of preferential pension arrangements



### FISCAL SITUATION

- No excessive deficit, but public deficit increasing despite strong growth
- Public debt below the 60% of GDP reference value
- Long-run sustainability risks from e.g. projected rise in age-related public spending influenced by lowered retirement age



### POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- R&D tax incentives for business

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<https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/european-semester/european-semester-timeline/analysis-phase>