Dear Colleagues,

Thank you very much for having me. It’s an honour to be able to speak to you online today at the flagship event. At the same tome I would like to deeply apologize for not being able to be with you in person in Brussels.

I was asked by the Commission to answer two major questions:

• How we in Poland cooperate with national authorities to mobilize the best TAIEX experts?

And also

• In what area does my country have particularly strong experience and would be willing to share it with others?

Our Polish activities are based on three pillars: regulations, coordination, trainings. When it comes to dealing with Polish institutions within TAIEX but also twinning, we have a cooperation scheme that has been in place for years, but every year we try to introduce some modifications to it in order to adapt it to the current situation.

At the government level, we have developed general rules for the participation of Polish experts in TAIEX and twinning projects. So It is clear how to deal with it on a daily basis.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Finance, we have established tax regulations for experts and institutions participating in these projects.

Our main goal is to create the best possible working conditions for Polish experts both in Taiex and twinning.

In each larger institution, we have institutional contact points. These are people with whom we maintain constant contact regarding the possibility of obtaining best experts from a given sector. And I think that we in Poland very well understand the following principle: It is not only in the interest of the country we work with, receiving the Polish best experts. It is primarily in the interest of Poland to provide the best experts, because they are the showcase of my country outside. And this is really important!

We organize recurrent, and on request trainings for Polish institutions on twinning and TAIEX programs. At two levels. The first is organized and conducted by NCP at a basic level. The second, advanced, is organized by NCP but conducted by practitioners, people who actually participated in the implementation of twinning (people from accounting departments, lawyers, Human resources experts, RTAs, project leaders, etc.). For example, This year we have already conducted three trainings at the basic level and we have already arranged 4 dates for trainings with experts from various Polish institutions at the advanced level.

As a mantra, we keep repeating to our institutions that in any contacts with partners from abroad, they should mention to them that there is a possibility to continue cooperation within the framework of twinning and TAIEX projects.

I work at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in 2024, we focused very strongly on communication with the territorial departments of my ministry, and through them also with Polish embassies, making them aware of the value that comes from the possibility of maintaining and developing international relations through the implementation of twinning and TAIEX. We are delighted to see that this action is starting to bring tangible results.

To the second issue.

• In what area does Poland have particularly strong experience and would be willing to share it with partner countries?

When it comes to this issue, I should mention several such areas.

First of all, it is transport - primarily road, where Poland has a very strong position in Europe, but also rail.

Secondly: banking, supervision, and audit of public finances, where we have excellent experience in international cooperation.

Thirdly: protection of consumers and competition, which is at a high level in Poland.

Fourthly, it is agriculture, in which Poland has a very long tradition of international expertise.

And last but not least: it is statistics, in which Poland is a respected player on a European and maybe even global scale.

Dear Colleagues

I strongly encourage you, to cooperate with the Polish administration in these and other sectors.

By saying this I would like to thank you very much for your attention and I wish you fruitful discussions throughout the day.