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Solidarity Transport Hub Poland invites stakeholders to the strategic consultation for the new airport

Starting today, Solidarity Transport Hub (STH) calls on stakeholders to consult the Strategic Brief for the new airport planned in Central and Eastern Europe. The proposal is addressed to entities operating or possessing expert knowledge in the scope of consultation. This is the next step in the consultation process which involves a vast representation of stakeholders including numerous air carriers.

The consultation started this morning. The condition for participation is **registration** and signing a confidentiality agreement (**NDA**). Comments on the STH **Strategic Brief** can be submitted by **October 31**. The invitation, terms of reference, the registration form and NDA form are all available at:

<https://cpk.pl/en/about/airport-component/strategic-brief-consultation>

Entities, that will undergo a positive verification, will be given access to the **350-page Strategic Brief** of the new airport and the **remarks submission form**. Using the form, it will be possible to enter proposals for changes and additions in regard to the planned airport infrastructure.

*“We deliberately started consultations at the initial stage of preparation for the **design and construction**. It is impossible to plan a modern airport wisely without **asking for the opinion of its users**, i.e. air carriers, handling, maintenance and courier companies, cargo operators and suppliers of numerous media and services”* emphasizes **Mikołaj Wild**, Government Plenipotentiary for Solidarity Transport Hub.

*“Our goal is to verify the STH conceptual assumptions, reconcile them with the **needs of future users** and make necessary adjustments. The aim is to ensure that the planned **technical, operational and financial solutions** are optimal. In this way, we are also building a knowledge base that will be used for the **Airport’s Master Plan**”* says **Dariusz Sawicki**, STH Board Member and Managing Director Airport Development.

The April preliminary consultation meeting was attended by over **60 representatives of companies** such as **LOT Polish Airlines**, LOT AMS, LS Airport Services, Polish Air Navigation Services Agency, Poczta Polska, Orlen, LOTOS, PERN, Polski Holding Hotelowy, FedEx, DHL, UPS and TNT Express. The investor acquainted partners with the stages of investment, presented a working block diagram of the project implementation and assumptions regarding the formula and scope of cooperation. Already then - by the end of May - STH received **over half a thousand comments and proposals** regarding the infrastructure of the planned airport, including passenger, luggage, cargo infrastructure, technical facilities, etc.

Next, in cooperation with the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**, STH established the **Airport Consultative Committee (ACC)** for the new airport. The inaugural ACC meeting, which took place on **July 18 in Warsaw**, was attended by, among others representatives of **LOT, El Al, Emirates, Enter Air, Qatar Airways, SAS and Wizz Air** and the following airline groups: **IAG** (which includes British Airways, Iberia, Aer Lingus, Level and Vueling), **Lufthansa Group** (including Swiss, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines and Eurowings). **Star Alliance** also took part in it, i.e. in addition to LOT, Air China, Singapore Airlines, United Airlines, Turkish Airlines and South African Airways.

Simultaneously with the airport part of the investment, preparations are underway for the design and construction of **new railway lines leading to STH and Warsaw**. In **July**, the first stage of the **Regional Strategic Consultation** for the Railways ended. So far, they have taken place in **five voivodships**: Kuyavian-Pomeranian, Greater Poland, Masovian, Łódź and Lower Silesian. Consultations in another **seven regions** are scheduled for **September**.

A **Local Community Consultancy Council** for the Airport Investment has been operating B, representing the residents of **Teresin, Wiskitki and Baranów** communes, in which the investment will be located. The Council enables ongoing exchange of information between residents and the local governments with the Office of The Government Plenipotentiary for Solidarity Transport Hub and the STH Company itself.

In **July**, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland **Mateusz Morawiecki**, has approved a **300 million, PLN** cash injection for the STH as a result of the acquisition of new shares by the State Treasury. The government recognized CPK not only as a strategic project for the development of Poland, but also as **a profitable investment**. According to the **Pricewaterhouse Coopers report** from April this year, the Polish aviation market has one of the largest growth potentials throughout Europe, and the construction of the hub near Warsaw is justified by both traffic forecasts and assumed rate of return. According to a study by **Baker McKenzie** from May this year, the creation of STH could **grow Poland's GDP by 4 to 7 percent**.

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Solidarity Transport Hub Poland [PL: Centralny Port Komunikacyjny, CPK] is a planned transfer hub between Warsaw and Łódź, which will integrate air, rail and road transport. The development envisages the construction of Solidarity Airport located 37 km west of Warsaw and covering the space of 3,000 ha. During the first stage, the airport will handle 45 million passengers a year. Additionally, STH will include railway investments: railway nod in the airport's close vicinity as well as connections within Poland enabling transfer between Warsaw and the largest Polish cities in less than 2.5 hours. The investment should provide employment for over 150,000 people. Airport City will be created within the STH's region including fair, congress and conference facilities as well as offices. STH is in 100% owned by the State Treasury, being a strategic company from the point of view of Poland's interests.

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