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# European Presence in San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley - Poland's Opportunities





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A conversation between



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### **Brief Outline**

The webinar will explore the influence of European businesses, entrepreneurs, and institutions in the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley. It will examine the region's evolution as a global technology hub, highlighting key developments shaping its economy, industry, and international ties. The discussion will provide insights into how European companies and professionals have contributed to and benefited from this dynamic ecosystem.

The session will introduce the Bay Area Council and its role in economic growth and policy. It will then analyze **the historical transformation of the region**, from a semiconductor manufacturing base to a leader in artificial intelligence, fintech, biotechnology, and green technology.

The discussion will explore factors shaping the European presence in Silicon Valley, from early corporate collaborations to the rise of startup ecosystems and venture capital investments. Key topics will include the impact of regulatory frameworks, shifting economic priorities, and evolving transatlantic business relationships.

Looking ahead, the webinar will examine future technology partnerships, focusing on AI, quantum computing, sustainability, and innovation. It will also highlight opportunities for Poland to strengthen engagement with the Bay Area, particularly in deep tech, investment, and academia.

The session will conclude with an interactive Q&A, allowing participants to engage directly with the speakers and deepen their understanding of opportunities and challenges in this evolving landscape.