



POLISH-BRITISH  
**SCIENCE FORUM**

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION  
IN THE ERA OF GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS

## AGENDA

**17.03.2026**

**9:00-9:30 AM**

### REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

**9:30-9:45 AM**

### WELCOME NOTES

- Prof. Zygmunt Lalak, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Warsaw
- Dr. hab. Kamil Zajączkowski, Director, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw
- Dr. Małgorzata Bonikowska, President, Centre for International Relations; Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw

**9:45-10:15 AM**

### HIGH-LEVEL SPEECHES

- Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education; University of Warsaw
- Prof. Chris Johnson, DSIT CSA, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

**10:15-11:15 AM**

### PANEL I: GEOPOLITICS, FRONTIER TECHNOLOGIES, AND RESEARCH SECURITY

- Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education; University of Warsaw
- Robert Grey, chancellor University of Warsaw
- Dr. Magda Skipper, Editor-in-Chief, "Nature"
- Sir Mark Walport FRS, Foreign Secretary for the Royal Society
- Fran Davies, Deputy Director, Global Science, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
- Professor David McIlhatton, Associate Pro Vice Chancellor – Research, Coventry University

Moderator: James McLaughlin MBE, Regional Director, UK Science and Technology Network, Europe, Turkey, Ukraine and Israel



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**11:15-11:30 AM**

**Q&A SESSION**

**11:30-11:45 AM**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:45 AM-12:00 PM**

**PRESENTATION ON UK-POLISH R&D  
COLLABORATION IN HORIZON EUROPE AND  
EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S FP10 PROPOSAL-  
PL, POLISH NCP FOR HE, NCBR**

**12:00-1:00 PM**

**PANEL II: UK-POLISH R&D COLLABORATION  
IN FRAMEWORK PROGRAMMES – HORIZON  
EUROPE AND FP10**

- Prof. Ewa Bulska, University of Warsaw, member of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- Prof. Krzysztof Pyrc, President of the Management Board of the Foundation for Polish Science
- Piotr Szelenbaum, co-managing partner, Fieldfisher Law Firm
- Prof. Chris Johnson, DSIT CSA, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
- Jamie Arrowsmith, Director, Universities UK International (UUKI)

**1:00-1:15 PM**

**Q&A SESSION**



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**1:15-1:30 PM**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**1:45-2:45 PM**

### **PANEL III: SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN SCIENCE DURING AND AFTER THE WAR**

- Prof. Maciej Raś - Professor of International Relations, University of Warsaw, Vice-Rector for Student Affairs and Quality of Teaching and Learning
- Prof. Tomasz Stępniewski, Professor at KUL John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Academic Centre for Strategic Analysis at the War Studies University in Warsaw
- Dr Łukasz Gołota – Deputy Director of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA)
- Alexander Romanishyn - Board Member at ISE Group Think Tank, former Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine
- Sir Mark Walport FRS, Foreign Secretary for the Royal Society

**2:45-3:00 PM**

**Q&A SESSION**

**3.00-3:15 PM**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**3.15-... PM**

**LUNCH AND NETWORKING**