

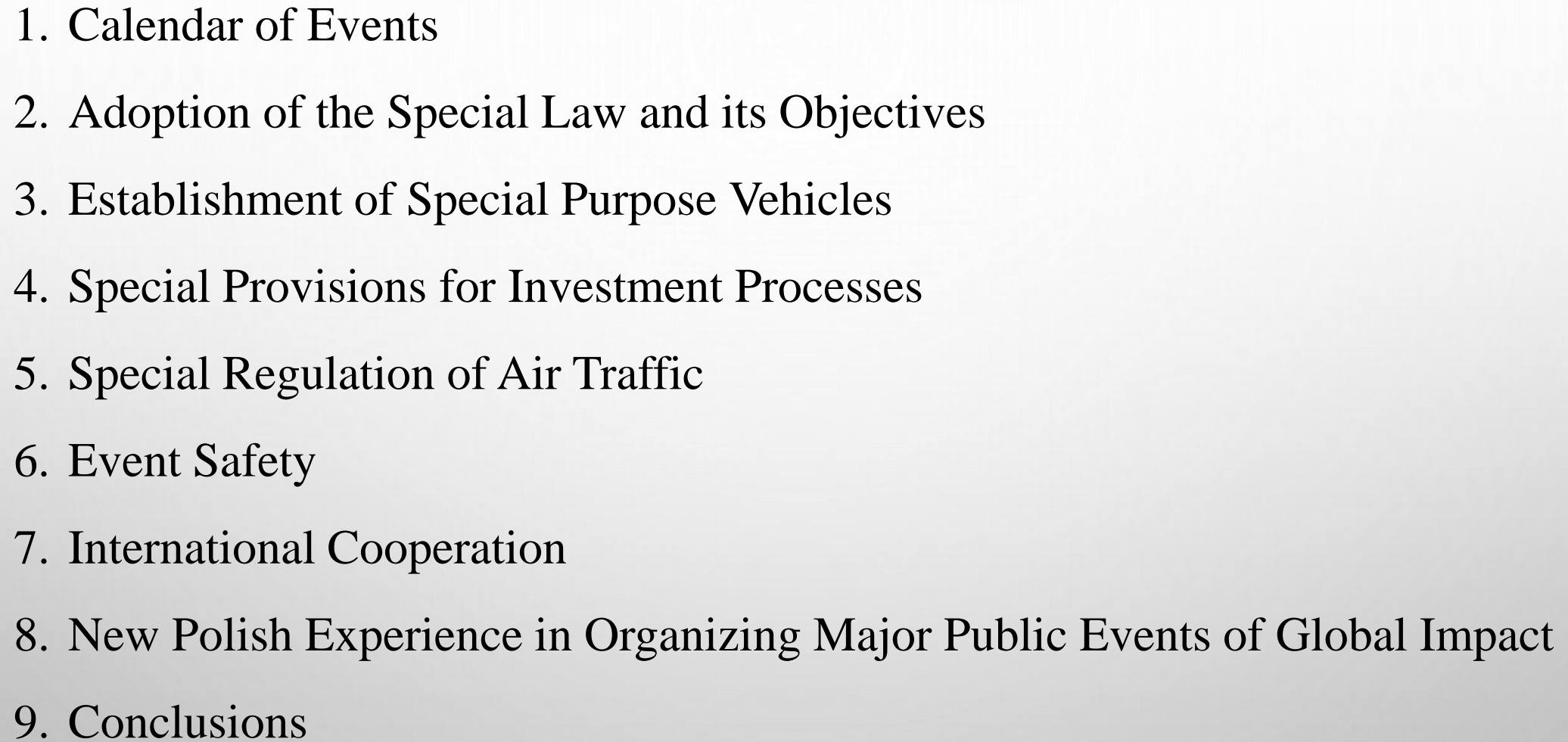


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**PREPARATORY LEGISLATIVE WORK PRIOR
TO THE UEFA 2012 EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
AND FURTHER POLISH EXPERIENCE
IN THE ORGANISATION OF MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS**

UEFA EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 WAS THE LARGEST SPORTING EVENT EVER
HOSTED BY POLAND. HOSTING SUCH A LARGE FIXTURE NEEDS EXTENSIVE PREPARATION IN
MANY AREAS, INCLUDING COUNTRY'S LEGISLATION.



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1. Calendar of Events
 2. Adoption of the Special Law and its Objectives
 3. Establishment of Special Purpose Vehicles
 4. Special Provisions for Investment Processes
 5. Special Regulation of Air Traffic
 6. Event Safety
 7. International Cooperation
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 9. Conclusions





THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP WENT TO SPAIN AGAIN WHO DEFEATED ITALY IN THE FINAL MATCH

Legislative work related to the preparation for the tournament started very early. On 3 September 2007 a governmental draft law was submitted to the Sejm. The work was tackled by the Extraordinary Committee for consideration of the draft acts associated with the coalition government program “Solidarity State”. As early as 7 September 2007 the law was passed by the Sejm (420 MPs were for, 0 against, with 2 abstentions). The Senate did not make any amendments. The President signed the law on 19 September 2007. In this way the act on the preparation of the final tournament of the UEFA European Football Championship EURO 2012 was introduced into Poland’s legal system.

The projects of EURO 2012

Main stadia: construction of the National Stadium in Warsaw,
expansion of the Municipal Stadium in Poznań,
construction of the stadium Baltic Arena in Gdańsk,
modernization of the Municipal Stadium in Wrocław.

Reserve stadia: expansion of the Wisła Stadium in Kraków,
reconstruction of the Silesian Stadium in Chorzów.

Other infrastructure projects: bridge for cyclists and pedestrians on the Vistula river in Warsaw and a shopping mall in Warsaw.



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NEW POLISH EXPERIENCE IN ORGANIZING MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS OF GLOBAL IMPACT

SIMILAR SOLUTIONS, ALTHOUGH PROGRAMMED MORE METICULOUSLY, WERE INTRODUCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF WORLD YOUTH DAYS 2016 IN KRAKÓW. AGAIN, A SPECIAL LAW WAS PASSED: THE ACT OF 18 MARCH 2016 ON THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS IN THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AND WORLD YOUTH DAYS 2016 IN KRAKÓW.

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CONCLUSIONS

- POLISH EXPERIENCE GATHERED DURING THE ORGANIZATION OF UEFA EURO 2012, BUT ALSO THE EXPERIENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF OTHER MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS OF GLOBAL SCALE (WORLD YOUTH DAYS 2016) DEMONSTRATE THAT NO SUCH EVENT CAN BE STAGED WITHOUT PRIOR AND ADEQUATE ADJUSTMENT OF THE LEGISLATION.

FIRST OF ALL, SUCH A PREPARATION UNDERTAKING ENTAILS SPECIAL POWERS FOR THE EVENT ORGANIZER. IN SPORTS, IT IS THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REPRESENTING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OR THE INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE, OR ANY RELEVANT GLOBAL SPORTS ORGANIZATION. AT THE SAME TIME, SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS ARE GUARANTEED RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION.

CONCLUSIONS

IN POLAND SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS ATTACHED TO INVESTMENT PROJECTS RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EVENT. MULTIPLE PROCEDURAL FACILITIES WERE INTRODUCED BY SIMPLIFYING AUTHORITY PROCESSES AND JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS. ALSO THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAW WERE EASED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES, YET APPLICABLE EXCLUSIVELY TO PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT.

SECURITY ISSUES WERE ALSO A PRIORITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EVENT. A NOVEL APPROACH WAS THE EARLY DRAWING UP OF SECURITY PLANS BOTH AT THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL. THE POLICE AND OTHER FORCES WERE GRANTED SPECIAL POWERS TO COLLECT AND PROCESS INFORMATION AND DATA. SOME OF THIS INFORMATION AND DATA WERE SHARED WITH THE ORGANIZERS. THE POLICE SERVICE HOURS WERE EXTENDED BEYOND THE LIMIT GRANTED BY THE RELEVANT LAW. THE PROBABILITY OF TERRORIST THREATS WAS STUDIED.

FINALLY, SOME SPECIAL REGULATIONS COVERED MEDICAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT.