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16.10.2018 Modern laboratory campus of Central Office of Measures (GUM) in Kielce - signing a consortium agreement between GUM and Kielce University of Technology

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On 13th of October 2018 a consortium agreement was signed with the aim of detailed development and implementation of the "Świętokrzyski Kampus Laboratoryjny GUM" Project. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland Mr Mateusz Morawiecki, Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology Mrs Jadwiga Emilewicz and representatives of GUM and Kielce University of Technology were present there to formally finalize this agreement.



Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki



Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology Jadwiga Emilewicz



Officials at the conference



Representatives of Polish government, GUM and Kielce University of Technology

The strategic goal of the consortium agreement is to construct a modern research laboratory, which will become the center of Polish metrology and will work on to increase the competitiveness of Polish companies on the European and global market.

- Construction of the Campus, a new GUM laboratory and research space at the Kielce University of Technology will strengthen the links between higher education, research sector, innovation system and entrepreneurs – said Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology Jadwiga Emilewicz. – Campus will collect qualified staff and the most modern equipment which will enable to be an important research and development center, which will transpose into the development of Kielce and the entire Świętokrzyskie Province.

A modern campus on a world-class level

GUM Laboratory Campus in Kielce will have measuring stands equipped with the most modern equipment. All of them will satisfy the needs of enterprises and research units from the region, the country and from abroad. The Campus will carry out research projects which equal to the needs reported by the domestic industry, state services and the scientific community. These are studies concerning, among others:

1. new technologies in the field of energy,
2. civilization diseases, new medicines and regenerative medicine,
3. advanced information and telecommunications technologies,
4. modern material technologies,
5. natural environment.

Strengthening cooperation between science and business for innovation

Establishment of the GUM-Kielce Univ. of Techn. Consortium will enable effective scientific and research cooperation, running joint projects, and will increase the potential of highly qualified staff. This huge project will enable the implementation of tasks in the field of economic activity, i.e. research services, commissioned research, development works for the enterprise sector.

The significance of the project for the Central Office of Measures and Polish metrology is justifying by Maciej Dobieszewski, fulfilling duties the President of GUM:

- A strong national metrological institution that is capable of development is always a catalyst for the rapid economic growth of the country. The current location of the Central Office of Measures in a historic building, in the center of Warsaw, due to electromagnetic interferences, vibrations and the inability to install modern air-conditioning, prevents the development of laboratories necessary to solve the basic problems of the Polish economy - President Dobieszewski stressed. - In many countries the transfer of national metrological institutes occurred in the last 30 years.

Examples are: USA, China, Korea, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, UK, Ireland, France, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Norway and even Egypt, Greece and Iceland.

- I am very pleased that the Central Office of Measures will have its headquarter in Kielce - where the main development center will be created, which will have its specialists: doctors, professors, specialists and experts - said Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki. - This extremely important field for the development of any industry, such as metrology, stands at the heart of the German industry's strength serves the economy and the entire industry. He added that the measures implemented and presented today will certainly help in the development of the city, which will translate into higher salaries for people who work here and for a higher standard of living - the head of the polish government concluded.

According to prof. Wiesław Trąmpczyński, rector of the Kielce University of Technology this is a project of great importance not only for GUM, but also for the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship and its academic environment, including the two largest universities - the Kielce University of Technology and the Jan Kochanowski University. *- Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship obtains the Laboratory Campus of international importance. The University of Technology receives the opportunity to cooperate in world-class laboratories and provide research and development services for industry, as well as the possibility of implementing interdisciplinary research projects on an international scale, scientific cooperation or employment of graduates - noted prof. Trąmpczyński.*

The value of the project is approximately PLN 160,000,000. It will be implemented in 2019-2023 as a part of the Regional Operational Program of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.