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**Invitation**

**to the academic conference "Merger Control and Foreign Investment Screening in Poland and the EU in 2026: The Only Constant Is Change"**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Centre for National and Economic Security Law at the Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences (INP PAN), it is my great pleasure to invite you to the academic conference "Merger Control and Foreign Investment Screening in Poland and the EU in 2026: The Only Constant Is Change". It will take place on 12 January 2027 at the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Staszic Palace, ul. Nowy Świat 72, Warsaw).

The Centre's mission is to build a coherent and systematic foundation for research on national and economic security within Polish and European law. Bringing merger control and foreign investment screening together is therefore both natural and much needed. The conference will look at current issues in both fields, in Poland and across the EU. We also hope to go beyond purely legal analysis and consider the economic questions these issues raise.

We believe the start of a new year is always a good moment to take stock of the year just ended and to look ahead. In 2026, foreign investment screening and merger control both saw notable developments in legislation, case law and interpretation. Against this backdrop, 2027 looks set to be a year of putting these changes into practice and meeting new challenges. The geopolitical landscape is increasingly hard to predict or adapt to, and the regulatory environment never stands still. The only constant is change. Nowhere is this clearer than in the ongoing development of the rules and case law on foreign investment screening and merger control.

The conference will consist of two sessions, with at least three papers presented. Each session will include a discussion between the speakers and the audience. This format is meant to make room for an open exchange of views and for exploring possible solutions to the problems that participants identify.

With a warm invitation to join us, I attach an outline programme. The full programme will be published in November. Attendance is free of charge, and the event will be held in person only. Places are limited, so if you would like to attend, please confirm by **8 January 2027** at the latest by emailing **centrumpbng@inp.pan.pl**.

On behalf of the Organising Committee
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