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## Project Management Update from Kraków

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## Introduction

Poland is expected to be a leading centre for research and development in Europe especially in the IT field. The number of scientists holding master degrees in computer science is constantly growing. There is also observable employment growth in this sector, in each type of research and development unit.

Foreign investors are keenly interested in Poland especially because of the large highly educated and competitive workforce, as well as conditions favorable for establishing businesses. Companies perceive great possibilities for their own development in the R&D sector. They are looking especially for financial benefits. Development of the R&D sector is also very advantageous for Poland's economy, because it stimulates the implementation of high technology in Poland as well as

gives direct access to the scientific methodology applied in the most developed countries.

According to the “Investment Attractiveness in Poland” report – published by the Institute of Economic Research - Krakow and the Region of Małopolska are considered to be highly attractive development locations in Poland. While there are other competitors, Krakow is the leader amongst other cities in the Region, attracting the majority of businesses willing to invest in commercial development activity. Krakow is the globally recognized academic and scientific centre hosting 32 higher education schools and 30 scientific institutes.

Many international projects are being kicked off in Krakow by international companies in the recent months. Global players that have facilities in Krakow and are running multinational projects out of here are among others: Google, IBM, Sabre Holdings, International Papers, Motorola, Philip Morris.

## **PM Profession News**

**PMI Poland Chapter** elected new members of the board on the meeting held in Warsaw, 17<sup>th</sup> June. The chapter grows further in the region with the current members count increasing every month.

**International Project Management Association (IPMA)** Poland celebrates its 10 years anniversary this year. The organization has been started in November 1999 in Gdansk. Since then it's an important body shaping the world of project management in Poland.

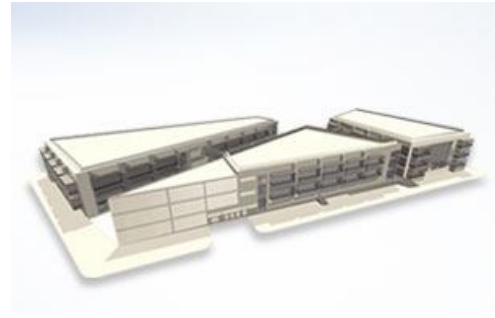
## **PM Events**

24-25 September - **IV International PMI Poland Congress**. More info at: <http://pmi.org.pl/congress/>

19-22 September – **XIII Project Management Conference organized by IPMA Poland**. More info at: <http://www.konferencja.smp.org.pl/>

## Project Updates

The LIFESCIENCE PARK project in Krakow met the important milestones.



The Krakow Life Science Park is the Poland's first high-value specialist real-estate product for the commercial Life Science markets, offering companies very good opportunities to take advantage of investment opportunities, high technology laboratories, analytical and contract research services ranging across all life science areas.

Development of the lifescience park is now underway for the staged delivery of three interlinked specialist laboratory facilities providing 25,089 sq m.

UEFA EURO 2012 projects are moving forward despite the complex financial situation around the world.

The ground for construction of the Public stadium in Wrocław was the first one to be prepared among all of the stadium for Euro 2012.



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