1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 6 November 1946 (founding member)

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous term: 2009-2011)

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
   - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2019)
   - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2019)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
   - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage – member and Chair (term expires in 2017)
   - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires in 2017)

4. **The Director-General’s visits to Poland:** 4
   - 10 June 2016: official visit to receive the 2016 Global Women’s Leadership Award
   - 28 October 2014: official visit on the occasion of the official inauguration of the core permanent exhibition of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews
   - 4-6 September 2012: official visit
   - 1 February 2011: visit to Auschwitz

5. **The former Director-General’s visits to Poland:** 3
   - 4-6 June 2007: official visit to Warsaw, Wroclaw and Cracow
   - 22 April 2001: visit to the Auschwitz site and Katowice

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
   - Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Krystyna Zurek (since 6 October 2015)
   - Deputy Permanent Delegate.: Ms Agnieszka Wyżnikiewicz-Mabrouk
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Dariusz Karnowski (May 2014 – September 2015); H.E. Mr Krzysztof Kocel (September 2010 – August 2013); H.E. Ms Maria Wodzynska-Walicka (2004-2009); H.E. Ms Małgorzata Dzieduszycka-Ziemilska (2000-2004); H.E. Ms Alicja Ciezkowska (1996-2000)

7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Poland is covered by the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE).

8. **Polish National Commission for UNESCO:**
   - Date of establishment: 1956
   - President: Prof. Jacek Purchla
   - Secretary-General: Mr Slawomir Ratajski
   - Deputy Secretary-General: Ms Aleksandra Waclawczyk

9. **Polish personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:**
   - Ms Urszula Dudziak, Jazz musician, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since February 2016)
   - Prof. Ewa Bartnik, Member of the International Bioethics Committee (2010-2017)
   - Prof. Piotr Bielinski, Member of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 9
    - UNESCO Chair for Holocaust Education, established at the Jagiellonian University, Cracow (2014).
    - UNESCO Chair on Lifelong Guidance and Counseling, established at the University of Wroclaw (2013)
• UNESCO Chair in Institutional Research and Higher Education Policy, established at the Adam Mickiewicz University (2012)
• UNESCO Chair for Science, Technology and Engineering Education, established at the AGH University of Sciences and Technology, Cracow (2010)
• UNESCO Chair in Heritage and Urban Studies, established at the Cracow University of Economics (2008)
• UNESCO/Janusz Korczak Chair in Social Pedagogy, established at the Maria Gregorzewska Academy of Special Education in Warsaw (2004)
• UNESCO Chair in Quality Teaching and Learning in Higher Education under the Conditions of Systemic Social and Economic Transformations, established at the University of Warmia and Mazury (1996)
• UNESCO Chair in Women, Society and Development, established at the Warsaw University (1996)
• UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development, established at the European Institute for Local and Regional Development, University of Warsaw (1994)

11. Associated Schools: 111 (2 pre-primary schools, 1 pre-primary to secondary school, 9 primary, 7 primary and secondary, 83 secondary schools, and 9 vocational and technical institutions). Poland joined the ASP Network in 1956.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres : 1
   • European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology (Lodz)

13. UNESCO Clubs: 6 Clubs and 1 Federation

14. Biosphere Reserves: 10
   • West Polesie Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Belarus/Poland/Ukraine) (2012).
   • Tuchola Forest (2010)
   • Puszcza Kaminska (2000)
   • East Carpathians (Poland / Slovakia / Ukraine) (1998)
   • Krkonoše / Karkonosze (Czech Republic / Poland) (1992)
   • Tatra (Poland / Slovakia) (1992)
   • Babia Gora (1976, extension 2001)
   • Bialowieza (1976)
   • Lukajno Lake (1976)
   • Slowinski (1976)

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: 1
   • Muskauer Faltenbogen / Łuk Mużakowa UNESCO Global Geopark, transnational with Germany

16. World Heritage Sites: 14 (13 Cultural and 1 Natural)
   13 Cultural sites:
   • Wooden Tserkvas of the Carpathian Region in Poland and Ukraine (2013)
   • Muskauer Park / Park Mużakowski (2004), jointly with Germany
   • Wooden Churches of Southern Malopolska (2003)
   • Auschwitz Birkenau. German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945) (inscribed in 1979 as “The Auschwitz Concentration Camp” and renamed at the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee in 2007)
   • Centennial Hall in Wroclaw (2006)
   • Churches of Peace in Jawor and Świdnica (2001)
   • Medieval Town of Toruń (1997)
   • Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork (1997)
   • Old City of Zamość (1992)
   • Historic Centre of Warsaw (1980)
   • Wieliczka and Bochnia Royal Salt Mine (1978)
   • Historic Centre of Krakow (1978)

1 Natural transnational site:
Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest (1979), transboundary with Belarus

17. **Tentative List**: 6 properties
   - "Krzemionki", prehistoric flint mines (2016)
   - Extension to the Joint World Heritage Property “Primeval Beech forests of the Carpathians (Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and the Ancient Beech forests of Germany (Germany)” (2015)
   - Gdansk - Town of Memory and Freedom (2005)
   - The Augustów Canal (Kanal Augustowski) (2006)
   - The Dunajec River Gorge in the Pieniny Mountains (2006)

18. **Intangible Heritage Lists**: no elements

19. **Memory of the World Register**: 14 inscriptions
   - Files and library of the Unity of the Brethren (2015)
   - Peace treaties (ahdnames) concluded from the mid-15th century to late-18th century between the Kingdom (or Republic) of Poland and the Ottoman Empire (2013)
   - Collections of the 19th century of the Polish Historical and Literary Society / Polish Library in Paris / Adam Mickiewicz Museum (2013)
   - Archive of Warsaw Reconstruction Office (2011)
   - Radzwiłł’s Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection, jointly with Belarus, Finland, Lithuania, the Russian Federation and Ukraine (2009)
   - Codex Suprasliensis – Mineiačetia, Mart (The Supraśl Codex – Menology, March), jointly with the Russian Federation and Slovenia (2007)
   - National Education Commission Archives (2007)
   - Nicolaus Copernicus' masterpiece "De revolutionibus libri sex" (1999)
   - Warsaw Ghetto Archives (Emanuel Ringelblum Archives) (1999)
   - The Masterpieces of Fryderyk Chopin (1999)

20. **Creative Cities Network**: 2 cities
   - Katowice, a UNESCO Creative City of Music (2015)
   - Kraków, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2013)

21. **Legal instruments**: 23 ratified and 17 non-ratified
   - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: [ratified](16 May 2011)
   - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: [accession](17 August 2007)
   - International Convention against Doping in Sport: [accession](17 January 2007)

22. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017**: 2
   - 200th anniversary of the death of Tadeusz Kościuszko, political leader (1746-1817), with the support of Lithuania, Switzerland and the Kosciuszko Foundation: The American Center of Polish Culture (2017)
   - 100th anniversary of the death of Ludwik Zamenhof, physician and linguist (1859-1917), with the support of Germany and Slovakia (2017)

23. **Participation Programme**:
   - Since 2014: no requests submitted
• 2012-2013: 1 request approved for US$ 26,000 (“The first of a series of workshops for journalists from the Arab countries undergoing the process of democratic transformations”)
• 2010-2011: 3 requests approved for a total amount of US$ 62,000.

24. Fellowships Programme:
• 2 fellowships awarded to nationals of Poland since 2010 for a total amount of US$ 26,213
• A total of 120 fellowships of six months’ duration were awarded from 2014 to 2016 under the Programme “UNESCO/Poland Co-Sponsored Fellowships in Engineering” with an estimated value of US$ 2,717,000. The contribution of UNESCO towards international travel amounted to US$ 183,000.

25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: 1
  NGOs with Consultative status
  • International Federation Of East-Central European Institutes (1999)

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017: fully paid
  • Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.841%
  • Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US$ 5,491,730

27. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO’s extra-budgetary activities (expressed in US$):

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28. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented
  • 3 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 4, max. 6)