### Berlin, 19 October 2015



























### **MILESTONES**

**31** August 2005

signing of the Deed of the ECS Foundation by 29 heads of states and prime ministers

**29 January 2007** 

Minister of Culture and National Heritage Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Mayor of the City of Gdansk Pawel Adamowicz, Marshal of the Pomeranian Voivodeship Jan Kozlowski, the chairman of Solidarity, Janusz Śniadek, president of the Foundation for Solidarity Centre Bogdan Lis sign a letter of intent on the establishment of cultural institutions ECS

13 December 2007

Gdańsk enterprise PPW FORT wins the international architectural competition announced by the City of Gdańsk on the design of the building ECS, which joined the 57 teams of architects from around the world

February 2008

The cultural institution ECS begins to operate



### **MILESTONES**

14 July 2010	Minister of Culture and National Heritage Bogdan Zdrojewski and
•	Mayor of Gdansk Pawel Adamowicz sign an agreement on financing

the construction of ECS

October 2010 beginning of construction of the European Solidarity Center building

14 May 2011 cornerstone laying ceremony attended by President Bronisław Komorowski

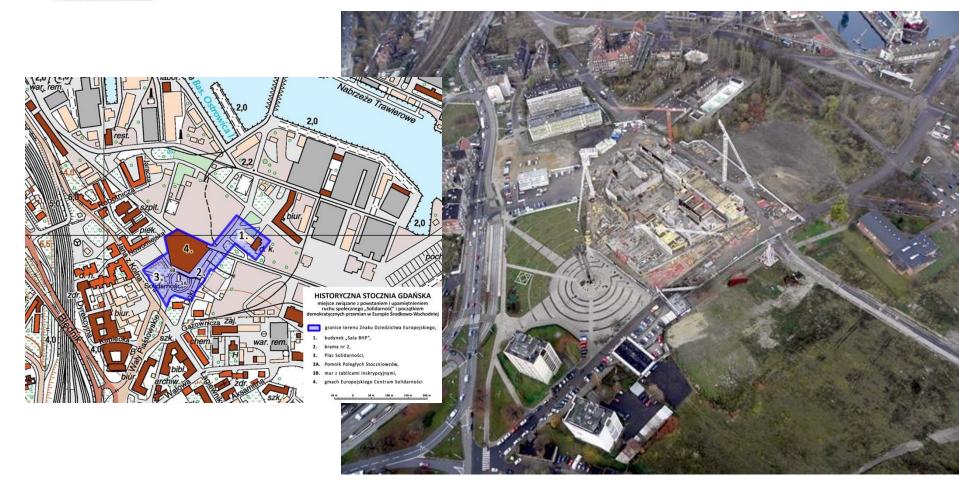
4 April 2012 topping out the ECS building

Opening of the new ECS building at Solidarity Square 1

2014



### **LOCATION**











## **BUILDING**

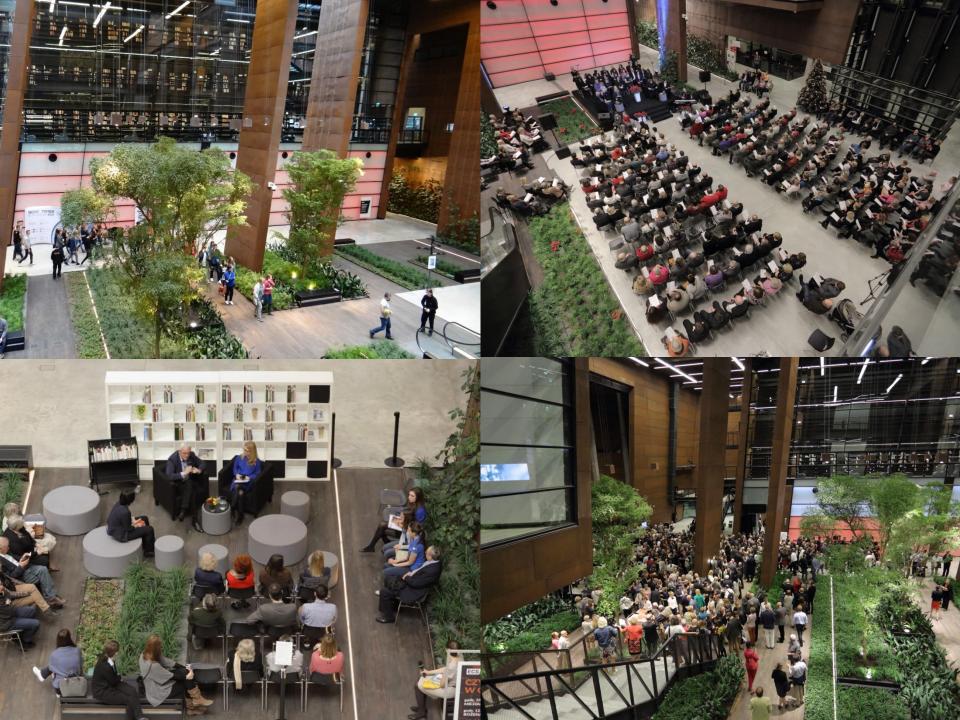


















### **SERVICES**

- RESTAURANT
- BAR | I floor
- CAFE
- OBSERVATION DECK
- MUSEUM STORE
- WINTER GARDEN
- AUDITORIUM

### NGO

10 NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Lech Wałęsa office





















Polnota

Nadzieja równość

Sziszacznej polnota

Sumienje

Godność prawa człowieka

Untuczniść unaci

Polnota

Polnota

Sumienje

Sumienj



### STUDY HISTORY

### AND DECIDE ABOUT THE FUTURE

We want to ensure that the Solidarność movement ideals – including democracy, open and solidary society, culture of dialogue – remain attractive and valid.

We want Poles and Europeans to remember about 'Solidarność' experience as a peaceful European revolution, in order to make Solidarność an important element of Europe foundation myth in the European democracies union.

We want 'Solidarność' to be a source of inspiration and hope for those, who do not live in open and democratic societies.



### LONG TERM GOALS

# European Solidarity Centre long-term goals § 3 of ECS statute

- 1. Commemorating, preserving and popularising the heritage and idea of Solidarność and the anti-communist democratic opposition in Poland and other countries,
- 2. inspiring new universal cultural, civil, union, local government, national and European initiatives, based on these values,
- 3. sharing the attainments of peaceful fight for freedom, justice, democracy and human rights, with those, who are deprived of it,
- 4. participating actively in development of the European identity and new international order.



### **ACTIVITIES**

### historic and civic education

WORKSHOPS | PROJECTS | CONFERENCES | DEBATES | PROGRAMME FOR FAMILIES AND ADULTS

### civic culture

CULTURAL PROJECTS | CIVIC PRACTISE | EUROPEAN REFLECTION

### archive | multimedia archive | library

COLLECTIONS ACQUIRING, PROTECTION AND POPULARIZATION | CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION

#### social science

PUBLICATIONS | RESEARCHES | LECTURES | SEMINARS | CONFERENCES | ACADEMIC EDUCATION

### ECS – PUBLIC SPACE

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS | EXTERNAL EVENTS



### **OPENING HOURS**

### **PERMANENT EXHIBITION**

October–April | 10.00–18.00 May–September | 10.00–20.00

SINCE 30 AUGUST 2014 ECS HAS BEEN VISITED BY **340 000 GUESTS** ALREADY















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