

OPENING OF THE 25TH INTERNATIONAL METAL RECYCLERS MEETING

Welcome to Gdańsk

Connect. Trade. Recycle.

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The voice of the Polish non-ferrous metals and recycling industry

We connect and represent the companies that keep metals in circulation — so that the Polish industry stays competitive and is heard in Warsaw and in Brussels.

30+

years of activity — founded 4
founded 4 October 1995 by
by 55 companies

81+

member companies and
institutions

5

key metals: copper,
aluminium, zinc, lead, silver

4

European and global
federations

Who we represent

1

Producers

Copper, zinc, lead, aluminium
aluminium and silver
producers — from mining to
to refined metal

2

Processors

Rolling mills, foundries, wire
wire and cable, semi-finished
finished products

3

Recyclers & traders

Scrap collection, sorting,
refining and international
trade in secondary raw
materials

4

Science & services

Universities, research
institutes, engineering,
finance and logistics

FIVE METALS, ONE CIRCULAR LOOP

29

Cu

Copper

13

Al

Aluminium

30

Zn

Zinc

82

Pb

Lead

47

Ag

Silver

From 55 founders to the voice of the industry

1995

Foundation

55 companies establish the the Economic Chamber of of Non-Ferrous Metals

2010

Recycling joins

Merger with the Polish Metal Recycling Association; IGMNiR joins joins BIR

2011

A voice in Europe

Membership of EUROMETREC, Eurometaux Eurometaux (European Metals) and EuRIC

2025

30 years

Jubilee; the Gdańsk meeting meeting becomes the largest largest metal recyclers' gathering in Central & Eastern Europe

2026–2035

Next decade

Competitiveness, lower energy costs, technological technological transformation transformation

Presidents of the Board: Eugeniusz Rączka (1995–2000) · Józef Chlebicki (2000–2001) · Roland Stasiak (2001–2009) · **Kazimierz Poznański (since 2009)**

One voice — in Brussels and in Warsaw

EUROPEAN & GLOBAL FEDERATIONS

European Metals

European non-ferrous metals association
(Eurometaux)

Recycling Europe

European recycling industries' confederation
(formerly EuRIC)

EUROMETREC

Non-ferrous metals recycling branch of
Recycling Europe

BIR

Bureau of International Recycling — the
global recycling federation

NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

KIG

Polish Chamber of Commerce — national
national business self-government

FOEEiG

Forum of Electricity and Gas Consumers —
— energy-intensive industries

SIX EXPERT TEAMS

Innovation & Development · Energy & Climate · Market & Economics · Sustainability · Aluminium · Batteries & Catalysts
Catalysts

Where the Chamber speaks

● IN PROGRESS

CRMA

Critical Raw Materials Act — the position of Polish industry on extraction, processing and recycling targets

● CONSULTATION

WSR revision

Waste Shipment Regulation — impact on trade in non-ferrous scrap ferrous scrap within the EU and with third countries

● MONITORING

CBAM & minerals tax

Competitiveness of domestic producers under the carbon border adjustment and raw-material levies

● PRIORITY

Energy costs

Affordable electricity for an energy-intensive industry — with FOEEiG and Recycling Europe

EU scrap exports keep growing

Exports of scrap from EU countries, January–May 2025 vs
January–May 2026 (tonnes)

	I–V 2025	I–V 2026	CHANGE
Aluminium scrap	1 991 609	2 022 004	▲+1.5%
Stainless steel scrap	1 054 459	1 239 328	▲+17.5%
Copper scrap	856 051	959 473	▲+12.1%
Lead scrap	120 756	143 502	▲+18.8%
Zinc scrap	88 426	89 986	▲+1.8%
Tin scrap	1 544	1 542	▼–0.1%
Total	4 112 845	4 455 835	▲+8.3%

+8.3% total non-ferrous scrap exports,
year on year

+18.8% lead scrap — the fastest-
growing stream

+12.1% copper scrap — over 100 000 t
more left the EU

Every tonne of scrap exported is a tonne of secondary raw material unavailable to European smelters — the case for the WSR revision and the CRMA recycling targets.

Imports grow faster than exports

Imports of scrap into EU countries, January–May 2025 vs
January–May 2026 (tonnes)

	I–V 2025	I–V 2026	CHANGE
Aluminium scrap	1 754 352	1 793 840	▲+2.3%
Stainless steel scrap	899 239	1 237 934	▲+37.7%
Copper scrap	815 537	877 313	▲+7.6%
Zinc scrap	111 475	97 740	▼–12.3%
Lead scrap	85 261	90 279	▲+5.9%
Tin scrap	2 656	3 350	▲+26.1%
Total	3 668 520	4 100 456	▲+11.8%

+11.8% total scrap imports, year on year — faster than exports (+8.3%)

+37.7% stainless steel scrap — the strongest inflow

–12.3% zinc scrap — the only stream in decline

The EU remains a net exporter of non-ferrous scrap, but the surplus is shrinking: roughly 355 000 t in January–May 2026 against 444 000 t a year earlier.

Poland exports less scrap

Exports of scrap from Poland, January–May 2025 vs
January–May 2026 (tonnes)

	I–V 2025	I–V 2026	CHANGE
Aluminium scrap	164 252	146 073	▼ -11.1%
Stainless steel scrap	63 747	63 926	▲ +0.3%
Copper scrap	36 434	35 887	▼ -1.5%
Zinc scrap	3 582	4 318	▲ +20.5%
Lead scrap	1 391	927	▼ -33.3%
Tin scrap	28	14	▼ -50.2%
Total	269 434	251 145	▼ -6.8%

-6.8% total Polish scrap exports —
against +8.3% for the EU as a
whole

-11.1% aluminium scrap — the largest
stream, down by 18 000 t

+20.5% zinc scrap — the strongest
growth, from a small base

While EU scrap exports rise, Poland's fall — the Polish share of EU exports slipped from about 6.6% to 5.6%.

Poland imports more scrap — led by copper

Imports of scrap into Poland, January–May 2025 vs
January–May 2026 (tonnes)

	I–V 2025	I–V 2026	CHANGE
Aluminium scrap	103 813	100 813	▼ –2.9%
Copper scrap	69 583	83 411	▲ +19.9%
Stainless steel scrap	11 080	12 785	▲ +15.4%
Zinc scrap	3 830	2 566	▼ –33.0%
Lead scrap	2 995	1 820	▼ –39.2%
Tin scrap	1 286	1 515	▲ +17.7%
Total	192 589	202 910	▲ +5.4%

+5.4%

total Polish scrap imports, year
on year

+19.9%

copper scrap — almost 14 000
t more for Polish smelters

+17.7%

tin scrap and +15.4% stainless
steel scrap — three streams
growing at double-digit rates

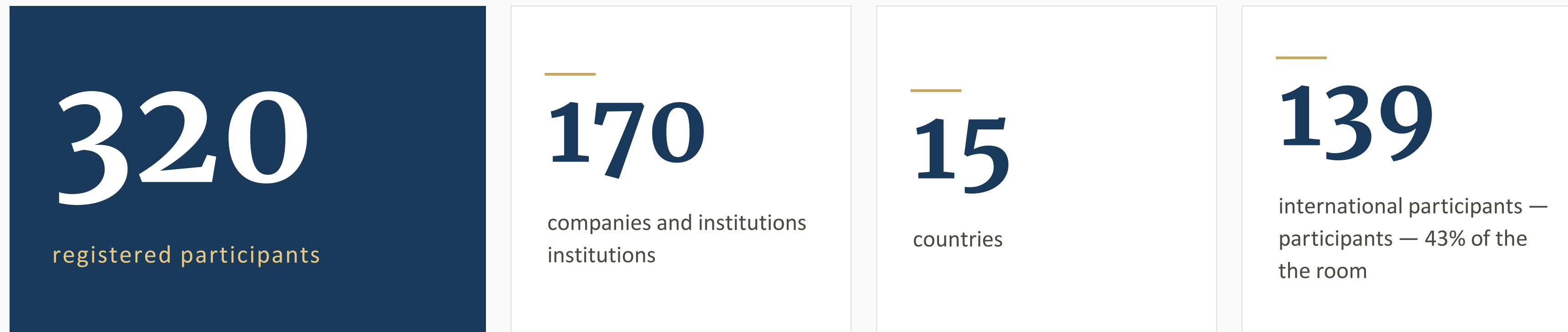
Over 10 000 t more scrap came into Poland in January–May 2026 — copper, stainless steel and tin all growing at double-digit rates.

PART TWO

The 25th edition in numbers

Who is in the room today

320 participants from 15 countries

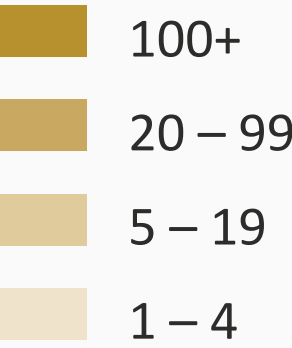


Largest delegations: **Poland 181 (89 companies)** • Germany 74 (40) • Italy 12 (6) • Netherlands 11 (7) • Slovakia 8 (5) • Belgium 8 (5) • Austria 7 (5) • Czechia 7 (5) • Austria 7 (5) • Czechia 7 (5)

11 PARTICIPANTS BY COUNTRY

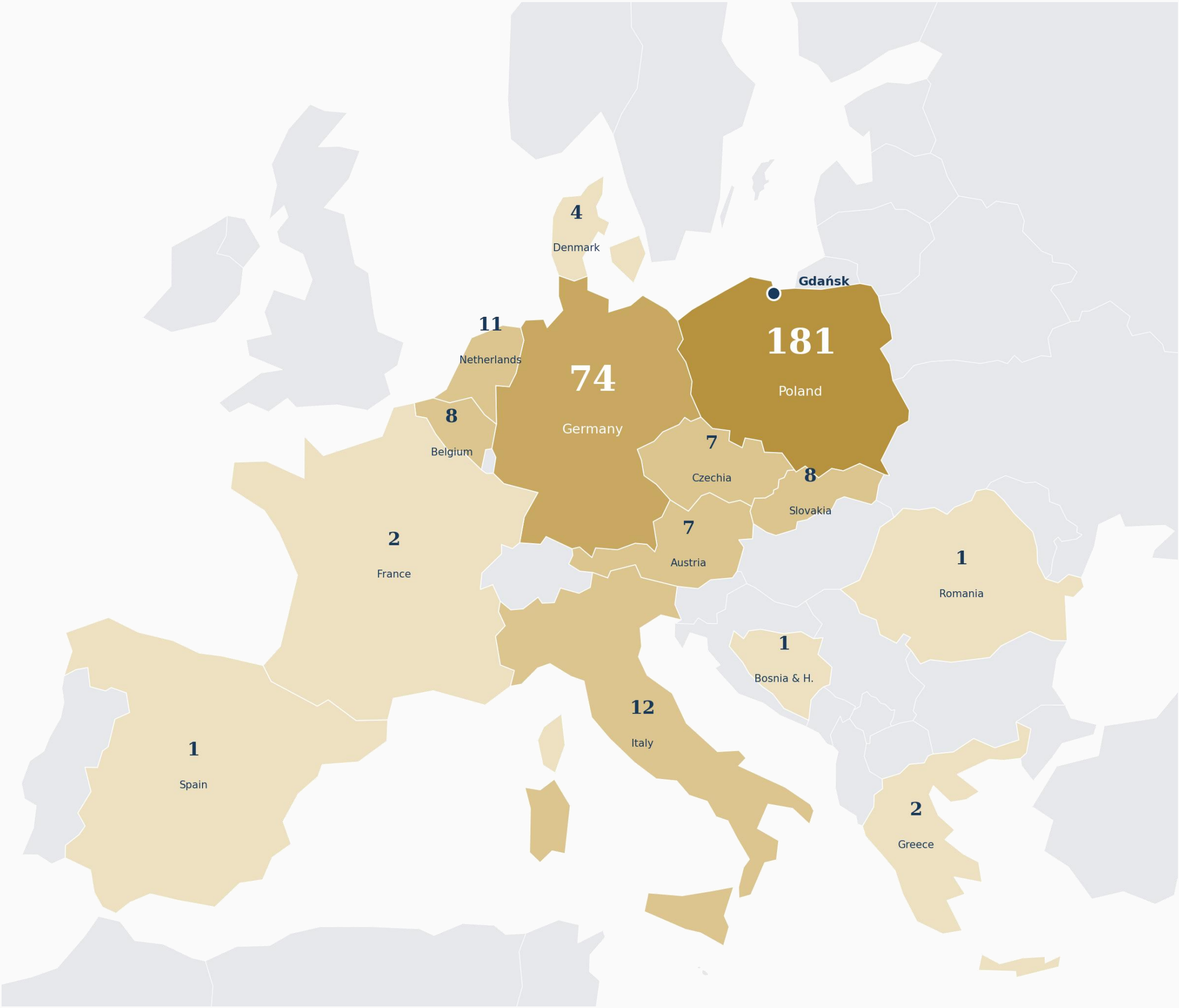
Europe meets in Gdańsk

PARTICIPANTS



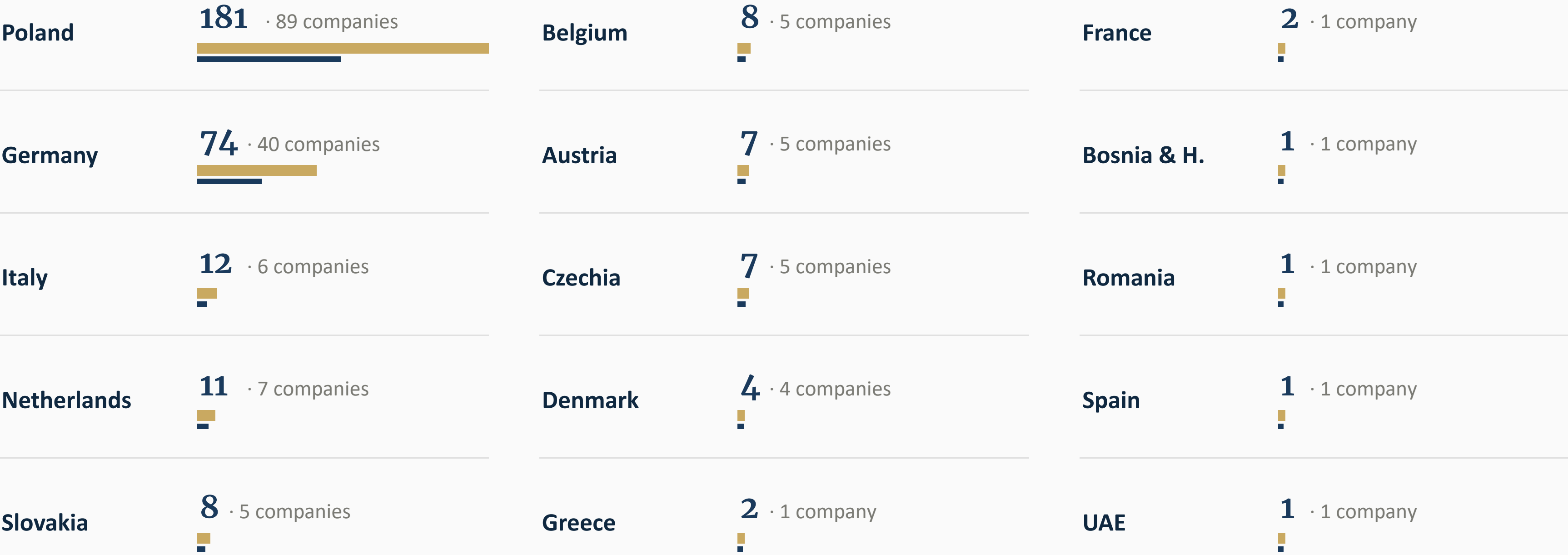
15 countries

14 European states and one participant from the United Arab Emirates



Participants and companies by country

participants companies



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ENJOY THE MEETING

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15:30 – 17:30

Conference

17:30

Networking & B2B — Hilton Gdańsk

19:00

Gala Dinner · Oktoberfest — Brovarnia

Footbridge to Ołowianka open for pedestrians 18:30 – 19:00 — please leave the Hilton by 18:35.
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