

EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE EUR-03-02(p2)

Date:	8 May 2002
Time:	9.30am
Venue:	Committee Rooms 3 and 4, National Assembly Building
Title:	Introduction of Mr Jan Olbrycht, Marshal of Silesia, Poland

Purpose

1. To give members a brief introduction to Mr Jan Olbrycht, Marshal of Silesia, Poland - who will be making a presentation to the European and External Affairs Committee (Agenda Item 2).

Recommendation

2. That members note the contents of this paper.

Background

3. Members of this Committee supported the establishment of a working group to advise on the opportunities and challenges for Wales presented by the enlargement of the EU. As part of the strategy of targeted engagement with the Central and Eastern European countries, the First Minister undertook a visit to Silesia in Poland last December.
5. The First Minister's visit took place on 18/19/20 December 2001. One of the issues under consideration during this visit was whether it would be mutually beneficial to conclude a formal Memorandum of Understanding between Wales and Silesia. The First Minister discussed this with Mr Olbrycht, the Silesian Premier and his Ministers and officials.
6. The First Minister also held discussions with the Polish Deputy Minister for

Economic Development and other leading figures in Warsaw, about the

possibility of a partnership between Wales and Silesia in a number of

policy areas.

7. Mr Olbrycht is here at the invitation of the First Minister on a reciprocal visit. A CV for Mr

Olbrycht is at **Doc A**, and a short briefing note on the

region of Silesia is at **Doc B**.

8. Mr Olbrycht will be giving a presentation on Silesia and discuss the prospects for future co-operation between Wales and Poland.

Compliance

5. There are no issues of regularity or propriety.

Financial Implications

6. There are no additional financial implications for the Assembly arising from the issues covered in this report.

European and External Affairs Division