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**Report**  
**Sabbatic Stay: 15-th May – 15 August 2015**  
**Agro-Bio-Tech Gembloux, Universite de Liege**  
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**General information**

1. on the hosting institution

The University of Liege has been founded in 1817. It has 9 faculties, one institute and one high school, 20 000 students, 3 300 teachers-researchers, 4 600 foreign students, of 121 nationalities. It organizes 193 Master programmes and is linked with 600 institutions all over the world. Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech is one of the 9 faculties and its department of economics and rural development is involved in teaching and research in the fields of development economics, rural development and economics and agricultural policy concerning both the EU and the developing countries (Vietnam, Congo, Niger, Burundi,...). More than 30 PhD students are working in the department thanks to different fellowships, dealing with specific national/product problems.

The department is located in Gembloux within the buildings of a former abbey founded in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. It has its own building, library, auditoria, computer room, ...

2. on the key person in a hosting institution

Philippe BURNY, PhD, is an agro-economist, professor of rural economics and agricultural policy with nearly 30 years of experience. He has been in contact with Dr Gazinski since 1988 and they cooperate regularly since then through EU projects, Erasmus, publications, conferences, ... Prof. Burny is in permanent contact with Prof. Gaziński and will follow his work regularly, giving opinion, receiving information, preparing joint papers, ... In Gembloux, Prof. Burny will support Prof. Gaziński, facilitating his work and solving of practical problems. It is the continuation of a more than 25 year-long fruitful cooperation.

### 3. on sending institution

The University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (UWM) was founded on the 1-st September 1999. The establishment resulted from merging three institutions of higher education in Olsztyn, i.e. the Academy of Agriculture and Technology, the Higher School of Pedagogy, and Warmian Theological Institute. The University has been settled in Kortowo – an academic campus well-known for its natural beauty (park, forest, two lakes).

UWM has undergone an intense transformation since its beginnings. Achieving such a progress would not be possible without funds of the European Union – educational and scientific bases of the University have been significantly reinforced.

Currently, there are 17 faculties at UWM, 11 of which have full academic rights, namely the right to grant postdoctoral degrees (in 13 disciplines). Furthermore, the doctoral degree can be granted at 16 faculties, within 24 disciplines. In the Academic Year 2014/15, there are c. 27.000 students that are educated at 17 faculties, and 65 branches of study, within either full-time or part-time studies. Additionally, there are also 600 doctoral candidates, and 1500 post-graduate students.

### 4. On the Visiting Scholar

Benon Gaziński is employed at the Institute of Political Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, Warmia and Mazury University of Olsztyn.

He has been involved in a number of international projects, mainly under the European Community framework (RSS – Central European University of Prague, the research scholarship of the Government of India, TEMPUS, ACE, COPERNICUS, PHARE-FIESTA II, Inicjatywy Proeuropejskie {Pro-European Initiatives} of the European Community, ERASMUS, Jean Monnet Programme *etc.*).

As a Coordinator of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, he organized 5 national Conferences on the European integration, some 50 open lectures, conducted 25 discussion meetings on the Treaty of Lisbon and tens of other workshops and seminars.

He has published 12 books and over 200 articles on the European integration and served as an editor of seven books.

### 5. Objectives of the sabbatic stay

The 3-month long research stay at the Agro-Bio-Tech Gembloux, Universite de Liege has been focused on the two broad areas:

- A. The European Union. Understanding the development of institutional framework, decision-making process and policy formulation;
- B. The Common Agricultural Policy: MFF 2014-2020 and beyond.

A number of different activities covers:

- a) Literature studies
- b) Visits and consultations
- c) Participation in Conferences and Seminars
- d) Work on the two student handbook:

- general introduction to the European Union
- a manual on the Common Agricultural Policy

e) Other publications

The outcome of the 3-month long research stay at the Agro-Bio-Tech Gembloux, Universite de Liege can be summarized as below:

**1. Study Visits and Consultations:**

- i) Dr. Mirosław Drygas, Director, the Institute for Agriculture and Rural Development, Warsaw (at the eve of the visit to Belgium):
- ii) Mrs. Hanna Jeziorańska, Representation of the European Commission, Warsaw (at the eve of the visit to Belgium):
- iii) Mirosław Fesnak, the Warmia and Mazury Agricultural Extension Office, Olsztyn, (at the eve of the visit to Belgium):
- iv) Andrzej Milkiewicz, Director, the Regional Office of the Agency for Agricultural Market (national Payment Agency), Olsztyn, (at the eve of the visit to Belgium):
- v) Professor Andrzej Babuchowski, Minister-Counsellor, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union, Brussels:
- vi) Mrs. Małgorzata Wasilenko, Representation of Warmia and Mazury Voivodship to the European Union, Brussels:
- vii) Professor Ion Dona, University for Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Bucuresti, Gembloux – during his Sabbatic stay at the Agro-Bio-Tech:
- viii) Dr. Tadeusz Sadowski – hosting his working visit to Agro-Bio-Tech and to CRA – Centre of Agricultural Research, Gembloux:
- ix) Dr. Marek Legowski, DG AGRI, Agricultural policy analysis and perspectives unit, European Commission, Brussels:
- x) Elena Neculcea, Head of Sector – Publications and Communication General Secretariat, Council of the European Union, Brussels:
- xi) Benedykt Olszewski, Assistant to Cz. Siekierski, Member of the EP, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development European Parliament, Brussels:
- xii) Natalia Mossor, Councillor, Polish Institute, Brussels:
- xiii) Katarzyna Hołdak, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the NATO, Brussels:
- xiv) Dr. Magdalena Sapała, Institute for European Studies, Free University Brussels/Budgetary Policy Unit, European Parliament, Brussels.

**2. Scientific publications**

1. Ph. Burny, B. Gaziński, *The Common Agricultural Policy in a changing world. Reforming and adjustment*, [in:] *Unia Europejska wobec wyzwań współczesności*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Ekonomicznego w Poznaniu, 2015 [already published];
2. B. Gaziński, *65 five years of the Schuman Declaration: EU retrospection and prospects*, [sent for publishing to the newly scientific quarterly of the Banking University, Torun, the first issue, to be publish at the beginnings of 2016];

3. Ph. Burny, B. Gaziński, *The EU membership vs rural development. A case study of Eastern Poland*, [already published as a book chapter by the Warsaw University];
4. B. Gaziński, *New Poland: 25 years of political transformation, economic reforms, 10 years of the EU membership – a changed perspective for agriculture and rural areas*, accepted for publishing by the University for Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Bucuresti ;
5. B. Gaziński, *Wspólna polityka rolna. Powstanie i rozwój*;
6. B. Gaziński, *Kierunki zmian wspólnej polityki rolnej. Reforma McSharry’ego*;
7. B. Gaziński, *Wspólna polityka rolna. Zmiany lat ostatnich*, [corresponding articles, ready for publishing] ;
8. B. Gaziński, *A (successful) story of Poland’s transformation and European integration. What can be advised to follow, and what – warned to avoid? –* [sent for publishing: “China – USA Business Review”];
9. B. Gaziński, contribution to the *Handbook on the Common Agricultural Policy*, to be published by the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Bucharest: author of the following parts – Part I, Chapter 1 *Genesis and developments of the European Union: I.1.The European Union: history and recast, I.2. EU institutional framework, I.3. Legal system of the European Union and decision-making*,  
Chapter II *The Common Agricultural Policy from its creation to the beginning of the 21-st century: 2.1.The Common Agricultural Policy: genesis and implementation, 2.3.3. CAP reform – impact of the Uruguay Round GATT negotiations and the WTO Doha Round*;
10. B. Gaziński, contribution to the *Treatise of Rural Economy*, a handbook to be published by the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Bucharest: author of the following parts (under the preparation, to be sent in October/November 2015) – Chapter 4 *Agriculture as a branch of material production* and Chapter 15 *Elements of agri-food geopolitics*.

### 3. Other publications

1. B. Gaziński, *Europa w blasku i cieniu. Gembloux – 24 lat współpracy*, *Wiadomości Uniwersyteckie*, 5, 2015, p. 34 ;
2. B. Gaziński, *Europa w blasku i cieniu. Rybaki* [on Ukrainian refugees in Poland] *Wiadomości Uniwersyteckie*, 6-7, 2015, p. 40 ;
3. B. Gaziński, *Europa w blasku i cieniu.Seminarium w Tbilisi* [on J. Monnet Seminar] *Wiadomości Uniwersyteckie*, 8-9, 2015, p. 34 ;
4. B. Gaziński, *Europa w blasku i cieniu. Tbilisi. Gruzja w trzech odsłonach* [on political situation in the country] *Wiadomości Uniwersyteckie*, [already published] ;
5. B. Gaziński, *Europa w blasku i cieniu. Przywracane dzieciństwo. India* [on Polish war refugees in India] *Wiadomości Uniwersyteckie*, [accepted for publishing].

## 11. Conferences and Seminars

1. Ph. Burny, B. Gaziński, *The Common Agricultural Policy in a changing world. Reforming and adjustment*, a Paper presented during: *Unia Europejska wobec wyzwań współczesności*, Scientific Conference, Uniwersytet Ekonomiczny, Poznań, 16 April 2015 [at the eve of the sabbatic stay – full text of the Paper completed in Gembloux];
2. B. Gaziński, *Wspólna polityka rolna. Retrospekcja i perspektywy*, a Paper presented during: Scientific Conference *Nasiennictwo i ochrona Ziemiaka*, IHAR, Bonin – Dzwirzyno, 13-15 May 2015 [at the eve of the sabbatic stay – full text of the Paper completed in Gembloux];
3. *The European Citizens' Initiative and the promise of participatory democracy*, Conference, the Council of the European Union, Brussels, 16 June 2015 [participation only];
4. B. Gaziński, *On the Polish transformation and integration with European structures. Which lessons can be drawn for others?*, a Paper presented during: *A changing neighbourhood – the Eastern Partnership*, the Jean Monnet Seminar, Tbilisi, 22-23 June 2015;
5. Ph. Burny, B. Gazinski, *The EU membership vs regional development. A case study of Eastern Poland*, [a Paper presented during: *Strategie gospodarcze i społeczne Unii Europejskiej*, Scientific Conference, Warsaw University, 28-29 September 2015];
6. B. Gaziński, *A (successful) story of Poland's transformation and European integration. What can be advised to follow, and what – warned to avoid?*, [a Paper presented during: *The Advantages and Disadvantages of Economic Crisis, 1-st International Conference of Developmnet and Economy*, Technological Educational Institute of Peloponnesse, Kalamata, Greece, 2-4 October 2015].

## 12. Other activities

1. Final works as an editor: *Szkice Europejskie. Unia Europejska wobec wyzwań współczesności*, ed. B. Gaziński, UWM Olsztyn, 2015, 217 p. [contributer of one chapter, on the Common Agricultural Policy – Philippe Burny, partner from the hosting Agro-Bio-Tech Gembloux];
2. Literature studies, the European Commission Library, Brussels;
3. the application – Global Fellowship, Marie Curie Action, [submitted in September 2015];
4. the application – Scientific Cooperation between PAN (Poland) and FRS-FNRS, Belgium, [submitted in September 2015].

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