



Poland is situated in the geographical heart of Europe. The Polish landscape consists almost entirely of the lowlands on the North European Plain, through the Sudety and the Carpathian Mountains from the southern border.

Poland is a very rapidly developing country, with a long tradition of excellent scientific research in new materials, natural fibers as well as in polymers and composite materials.

Poznan is the capital city of Wielkopolska - the western part of the country and the cradle of the Polish State. It is one of the oldest cities in Poland (IX century) with many well-preserved monuments of architecture like the Renaissance City Hall in Old Market Place and the Gothic Cathedral on an island. Poznan is an important industrial center and a traditional place of international trade fairs. It is the home of the Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plants [ <http://www.infmp.pl/> ] whose mission is to develop strong links between R&D centers, universities and industries.



Some useful links about Poznan:

- Information portal of Ministry of Foreigns Affairs of the Republic of Poland: <http://www.poland.gov.pl/>
- Wielkopolska in Brief: <http://www.winnova.pl/en/page.aspx?SP=EN%20Wielkopolska>
- Poznan in your pocket: <http://www.inyourpocket.com/poland/city/poznan.html>
- Discover Poznan: <http://www.poznan.pl/mim/public/turystyka/index.html?lang=en>
- Poznan City profile: <http://www.poznan.pl/mim/public/s8a/documents.html?co=print&id=11158&parent=1396&instance=1011&lang=en&lhs=s8a&rhs=null>
- Poznan City map: <http://www.poznan.pl/mim/public/turystyka/plan.html?lhs=tourism&lang=en>
- The Old Market Square Guide: <http://www.poznan.pl/mim/public/staryrynek/staryrynek.html?co=plan&lang=en>
- Poznan Convention Bureau: <http://www.pcb.poznan.pl/en/main.php>