Latest forecast on the population for Poland by 2050

The Central Statistical Office has published a new demographic forecast for Poland by 2050. The previous CSO forecast, for the years 2008-2035, became outdated. The new forecast includes a new time perspective and is based on the revised assumptions.

As stressed by CSO, the demographic vision of the country arising from the forecast is not any surprise. We may expect the further, gradual reduction in the number of the population as well as significant changes in the age structure. Both these facts result from the known mechanisms of relations between the intensity of births and deaths and the states of the population. The expected reconstruction of fertility which appeared after 2004, proved to be too weak to bring tangible results for the size and composition of the population by age. A long-lasting decline in births started after 1983 and the persistent low intensity of births resulted in the fact that less and less numerous generations enter the age of procreation.

Poland has been in such a moment of the demographic development that even an increase in the fertility rate to the level guaranteeing the simple replaceability of generations in a short period will not reverse these processes and will not stop the reduction in the number of the country’s population. With the so much distorted population structure, the process of demographic reconstruction is slow and requires consistent, long-term actions.

In 2050, the Polish population will be 33 million 951 thousand. When compared to the reference year 2013, this means reducing the number of the population by 4.55 million i.e. by 12%. In addition to the negative birth rate, we will observe further adverse changes in the population structure by age and the decreasing number of women of reproductive age. People aged 65 years and more will account for nearly 1/3 of the population and their number will grow by 5.4 million when compared to 2013.

The detailed overview of the forecast is available here.