Since joining the European Union in 2004, Poland and the Czech Republic have worked to develop their economies and living standards to be on par with advanced countries in the EU. To this end, the countries continue to invest significant resources in the development of infrastructure, including, intelligent transportation systems, smart governance, smart grids, energy efficiency and green buildings. The European Union is providing structural funds to support Poland and the Czech Republic in key initiatives such as:

- **Smart Mobility** – Intelligent transport systems are being installed in several Czech and Polish cities. Implementation plans should appear in approximately 15% of municipalities by 2020 with total investment, in both countries, of over $4 billion. Nearly half of the resources will be invested in radar, cameras, automatic scales and advanced electronics for road transport. The Polish and Czech governments have approved extensive upgrades of transportation infrastructure.

- **Smart Governance** – In Poland, a central data repository and single point-of-contact platform will be created to enable easier access to all eServices and government authorities. In addition to existing extensive eGovernment initiatives, the Czechs are also promoting deeper information sharing between the public and private sectors.

- **Smart Buildings** – In Prague and other Czech cities, the government and private sector are converting current buildings into smart buildings including renewable energy sources, advanced access controls, and sophisticated security management among other innovations. Poland’s Energy Performance of Building Directive provides opportunities to substantially strengthen the energy efficiency of Poland’s building stock with passive energy houses and zero energy buildings.

- **Smart Living** – In both countries, smart living is a dynamically expanding area with promising opportunities for U.S. firms. Around 90% of families, and their planners, are incorporating smart living technologies into housing designs and their lifestyles. The Internet of Things (IoT) will be everywhere with growing access to free Internet in major cities.

Website: [export.gov/trademissions/smartcitiespolandczech](http://export.gov/trademissions/smartcitiespolandczech)
In each city, mission participants will benefit from expert briefings on the policy frameworks in Europe supporting smart cities and the particulars of smart cities developments in Poland and the Czech Republic.

The mission will include opportunities to meet key Government officials and decision-makers in both countries, one-on-one meetings with potential business partners and networking events. The government and private sector in Poland and the Czech Republic are investing billions of USD in smart cities projects.

**SCHEDULE**

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| **Sunday, September 10th** | • Trade Mission Participants arrive in Warsaw.  
                          | • Country briefing and welcome event.                                        |
| **Monday, September 11th** | • Meetings with Polish Government officials and industry experts.  
                           | • One-on-one business matchmaking appointments.  
                          | • Networking Reception at Ambassador’s residence.                           |
| **Tuesday, September 12th** | • Morning Site Visit.  
                           | • Depart for Krakow mid –to –late morning.  
                          | • Arrive in Krakow between 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm.  
                          | • Evening Reception at U.S. Consul General’s Residence.                     |
| **Wednesday, September 13th** | • Briefings/Presentations/Meetings with key local government officials/decision makers.  
                           | • One-on-one matchmaking meetings.                                           |
| **Thursday, September 14th** | • Travel to Prague.  
                           | • Country briefing and welcome event.                                       |
| **Friday, September 15th** | • One-on-one matchmaking meetings.                                          |
| **Saturday, September 16th** | • Trade Mission Participants depart.                                        |

**Estimated Lodging & Transportation Costs During the Mission**

- **Lodging in Warsaw**: two nights @ $200 each
- **Lodging in Krakow**: two nights @ $200 each
- **Lodging in Prague**: two nights @ $255 each

- **Transportation within Poland**: train connection Warsaw-Krakow-Warsaw approx. $120
- **Airfare between Warsaw and Prague**: approx. $250

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