One of the original 52 signatories to the Chicago Convention of 1944

Member of the Council – 2013 to the present

Chair of the Central European Rotation Group comprised of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia

Maintains a permanent mission at ICAO Headquarters

State Statistics

Capital: Warsaw

Official Language: Polish

Area: 312,679 km²

Population: 38.5 million

Gross Domestic Product*: USD 490 billion
USD 12,721 per capita

Air Transport Statistics

International Airports: 13

International Passenger Traffic: 20.9 million passengers
31 billion revenue passenger-kilometres

International Cargo Traffic: 33,683 metric tonnes
120.6 million freight tonne-kilometres

National Airlines with International Services: 15

Foreign Airlines: 197

Quick Facts

The Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air signed in Warsaw in 1929 is one of the oldest air conventions still in use.

LOT Polish Airlines, founded in 1929, celebrated its 85th anniversary in 2014.

The largest Polish International Airport, Warsaw Chopin Airport, celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2014.

LOT Polish Airlines was the first European airline to fly the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Poland and the Polish Air Navigation Services Agency both organized in 2013, in Gdansk, the International Air & Space Law Conference attended by international experts from around the world.

Two new Polish International Airports, Warsaw Modlin Airport and Lublin Airport were opened in 2012.

Stanisław Skarżyński flew the Polish-made single engine airplane, RWD-5os, over the Atlantic Ocean on 8 May 1933. The flight lasted 17 hours and 15 minutes; it broke the world record for tourist aircraft in the under 450 kg category.

In 2012, glider pilots Sebastian Kawa and Zbigniew Nieradka won Gold Medals at World Gliding Championships in the 15m and 18m classes. Both occupy the top two positions in the ranking of the FIA International Gliding Commission (IGC).