

Over 500 innovative companies came to Wolves Summit in Warsaw, Poland

520 startups, 404 corporate representatives and executives, 258 investors. A total of 2389 participants met on 9-11 April 2018 at Wolves Summit, an international conference focused on innovations in technology and business. The 7th edition of the event was held in the Warsaw's Palace of Culture and Science, yet again.

Warsaw supports young innovative companies

The 7th edition of Wolves Summit, an international conference for startups, investors, and corporations, has ended. Halls of the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw, Poland were filled with conversations about business, innovations, and investing in breakthrough technologies for 3 full days.

– *Warsaw is again co-organizing Wolves Summit. It's the perfect place not only thanks to transportation facilities, but also because of solutions that promote startups' development* – says **Piotr Piasek**, co-founder of Wolves Summit – *coworking spaces, accelerators within corporations, incubators, government grants and startup support programs, organizations that gather the startup community, such as Startup Poland, Reaktor Warsaw, or Startup Hub Poland. These are only a few signs of support Warsaw offers* – specifies Piasek.

Michal Olszewski, Deputy President of the City of Warsaw, opened the conference on 10th April. In his speech he underlined the city consistently invests in new technologies and introduces innovative solutions, for instance in public transport.

On the same day Warsaw entered the international business network, Start Alliance. The program is carried out by 3 PFR Group institutions, who also partnered with Wolves Summit: Polish Development Fund (PFR), Polish Investment & Trade Agency (PAIH), and Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (PARP).

From hardware to biotech and blockchain

The April edition consisted of two events. Wolves Hardware & R&D took place on 9th April. During the conference participants, including hardware startups and market experts, discussed and exchanged experiences. Representatives of the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR) and Industrial Development Agency JSC (ARP) were among key partners of Wolves Hardware & R&D.

10-11th April were days of the main event, Wolves Summit. 147 speakers joined more than 50 speeches and 18 discussion panels on the main stage and a separate one dedicated to blockchain technology and ICO (Initial Coin Offering) presentations. Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Mrs Jadwiga Emilewicz gave her speech about Poland and the challenges of Industry 4.0.

Wolves Summit also welcomed representatives of Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Polish Agency for Enterprise Development, international investment funds, and corporations.

Networking attracted crowds

Above all the organizers of Wolves Summit puts emphasis on high-value networking, along with 15-minute 1:1 meetings at designated tables. The 7th edition brought another record. Thanks to the matchmaking tool for setting up talks there were 4677 1:1 meetings held in a

few areas. It let 2389 participants get to know each other better and establish valuable business partnerships, begin investment negotiations, or gather feedback on their solutions. Evening events were an interesting extension of networking: VIP Party organized by SSW Pragmatic Solutions, and Networking Party for all attendees.

Among many attendees Wolves events welcomed representatives of 520 startups from over 50 countries, even such remote ones as Ghana, Philippines, and Colombia. 43% of innovative companies came from Poland, so English remained the main language during the conference.

Startups could participate in the event for free and in friendly conditions talk to investors and corporate representatives, who looked for innovative solutions from many industries, from medtech to robotics and artificial intelligence.

The 8th edition of Wolves Summit will take place in Warsaw, Poland on 23-24 October 2018. More information about the event and participation opportunities can be found on Wolves Summit's main website: www.wolvessummit.com.