

XI POLISH-ITALIAN LEGAL COLLOQUIUM

“Partnership for Local Communities: Poland and Italy in Local Government Practice”

Toruń | 1–3 October 2026

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

A provisional schedule of academic sessions

1 OCTOBER 2026	Arrival Day
TIME	PROGRAMME
Afternoon / evening	Arrival of the Italian delegation in Toruń Check-in and accommodation.
2 OCTOBER 2026	Conference Day I – Collegium Maximum, Plac Rapackiego 1
TIME	PROGRAMME
09:30–10:00	Official Opening of the Conference Welcome addresses by representatives of the organisers, academic authorities and invited guests.
10:00–11:30	Panel I – Constitutional Foundations of Territorial Self-Government in Poland and Italy Constitutional principles of decentralisation and territorial autonomy; local self-government and the unity of the State; differentiated and asymmetric autonomy; constitutional guarantees of local and regional self-government; relations between central, regional and local authorities. BG Mattarella (Luiss), I rapporti tra i livelli di governo (relations between central, regional and local authorities) Katarzyna Witkowska-Chrzczonek - Udział polskich regionów i jednostek samorządu terytorialnego w kształtowaniu polityk Unii Europejskiej - podstawy konstytucyjne i praktyka ustrojowa Donatella Morana (Università di Roma Tor Vergata) - Regional autonomy, protection of social rights and financial conditioning in the Italian constitutional system (Autonomia regionale, tutela dei diritti sociali e condizionamento finanziario nell'ordinamento costituzionale italiano). Piotr Uziębło - Konstytucyjny status wspólnoty samorządowej - partycypacja mieszkańców i nowe formy demokracji lokalnej w Polsce Jacek Wojnicki, Izolda Bokoszanin- Gołaś - Konstytucyjny status wspólnoty samorządowej - analiza porównawcza Polski i Włoch

	Przemysław Niemczuk - Małe gminy wobec rosnącej liczby zadań publicznych - współpraca związki komunalne i problem zdolności administracyjnej
11:30–12:00	Coffee Break
12:00–13:30	Panel II – Local Democracy, Accountability and Institutional Capacity Democratic legitimacy of local authorities; citizen participation and new forms of local democracy; supervision and judicial protection of local self-government; financial autonomy; administrative capacity and professionalisation of local administration. Vincenzo Antonelli (Università degli studi di Catania), La forma di governo locale tra presidenzialismo e crisi delle assemblee elettive Marcin Czyżniewski - Demokratyczna legitymacja organów wykonawczych gmin w Polsce Krzysztof Eckhardt – Referendum w sprawie odwołania organu wykonawczego gminy Marco Di Folco, (Università di Roma Tor Vergata - Luiss), Local authorities and new forms of democratic participation Anna Frydrych-Depka & Karolina Rokicka – Wyzwania samorządowego prawa wyborczego w Polsce
13:30–14:30	Lunch
14:30–16:00	Panel III – Local Government Facing Contemporary Public Policy Challenges Civil protection and crisis management; migration and integration at the local level; climate policy, spatial planning and sustainable development; energy transition; digitalisation, artificial intelligence and innovation in local administration; local public services and EU law. Aldo Sandulli (Luiss) “Autonomie locali ed ecosistemi dell’innovazione” (“Local Government and innovation ecosystems”). Kamila Doktor-Bindas & Katarzyna Jachimowicz - Samorząd terytorialny w systemie ochrony ludności i obrony cywilnej - nowe zadania gmin, powiatów i województw Silvia de Nitto (Luiss), La nuova stagione dei servizi pubblici locali in Italia: un bilancio a tre anni dal Testo Unico (Local Public Services in Italy: Three Years after the Consolidated Act) Elena Griglio (Luiss), Territorialità e pianificazione strategica nei lavori pubblici in Italia: la “lezione” del Pnrr su investimenti e riforme e le prospettive del nuovo regolamento europeo (Local focus and strategic planning in public procurement in Italy: the ‘lesson’ from the RRP on investments and reforms and the perspectives of the new European regulation) Agnieszka Gajda – Gospodarka wodna jako zadanie samorządu terytorialnego. Uwagi na tle doświadczeń województwa pomorskiego

	Luca Golisano (Luiss), L'autonomia comunale in sede di pianificazione (Municipal autonomy in planning)
16:00–16:30	General Discussion and Conclusions of Day I
From 16:30	Free Time

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3 OCTOBER 2026	Conference Day II – Collegium Maximum, Plac Rapackiego 1
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10:00–11:30	Panel IV – Regions and Local Authorities in the European Multi-Level Governance System Participation of regions and local authorities in EU policymaking; EU cohesion policy and regional development; implementation of European programmes and recovery instruments; relations between European, national, regional and local levels of governance. Nicola Lupo (Luiss), Il nuovo metodo di governo “euro-nazionale” e le sue conseguenze sul ruolo dei Parlamenti e degli enti locali: l’esperienza del Next Generation EU e le prospettive della riforma della politica di coesione (The new "Euro-national" method of government and its consequences on the role of Parliaments and local authorities: the experience of the Next Generation EU and the prospects for the reform of cohesion policy) Maciej Serowaniec – Ochrona interesów finansowych UE na poziomie lokalnym Piero Gambale (Luiss) - Cristina Fasone (Luiss), Il ruolo delle autorità regionali e locali italiane nei processi decisionali euro-nazionali (The role of the Italian regional and local authorities in the euro-national decision-making procedures) Jan Podkowik - Sądowa ochrona samodzielności jednostek samorządu terytorialnego w sprawach finansowania zadań zleconych a konstytucyjne granice ustawowego modelu rekompensaty niedoboru dotacji Dorota Lis-Staranowicz - Prawo do dostępności w działalności samorządu terytorialnego
11:30–11:45	Coffee Break
11:45–13:15	Panel V – European Territorial Cooperation and the Future of Local Self-Government Cross-border and interregional cooperation; European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation; Polish-Italian partnerships between regions and local authorities; small municipalities and inter-municipal cooperation; new challenges for territorial communities in Europe; prospects for further Polish-Italian academic and institutional cooperation.

	Tanja Cerruti (Università degli di Torino), La cooperazione territoriale lungo confini dell’Unione europea: il caso dei GECT (Territorial cooperation along the European Union’s borders: the case of EGTCs) Jagoda Jaskulska - Zatrudnienie w administracji samorządowej w Polsce - profesjonalizacja kadr, niedobory pracowników i nowe modele organizacji pracy Aleksandra Głowczewska - Samorząd terytorialny jako podmiot realizujący politykę kulturową - instrumenty administracyjnoprawne Przemysław Kuczkowski – Współpraca ze społecznościami lokalnymi i regionalnymi jako zadanie własne gminy, Katus Gminy Miasta Toruń oraz Miasta Ferrara
13:15–13:30	Closing Discussion and Final Remarks
13:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–17:00	Free Time
17:00	Departure for Bierzgłowo Castle
	Guided Visit to Bierzgłowo Castle
	Concert
	Ceremonial Dinner An evening dedicated to Polish-Italian academic friendship, regional cooperation and the long-standing tradition of the Polish-Italian Legal Colloquia.

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