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### Editorial

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed the new Editor-in-Chief of *Gospodarka Narodowa. The Polish Journal of Economics* (GNPJE), effective from January 1, 2024. It is an honour to take on this role from Prof. Marek Gruszczyński, who was in charge of the journal for the past seven years. During Prof. Gruszczyński's tenure from 2017 to 2023, the GNPJE underwent a series of progressive changes and improvements, a mission I am committed to continuing. The goal is to transform our publication into a globally recognised, high-quality scholarly journal of economic sciences.

Under Prof. Gruszczyński's leadership, we transitioned to quarterly publication in 2018 and adopted the user-friendly *Editorial System* software in 2019. In 2020, in order to enhance international recognition, *The Polish Journal of Economics* was added to the publication's name. From 2022, the GNPJE became an online-only, no-fee, open-access journal, and in 2023 we implemented SimilarityCheck (iThenticate) software for plagiarism detection.

Throughout Prof. Gruszczyński's period at the helm, we expanded internationally by publishing more articles in English, gaining coverage in the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and other vital indexing and abstracting services. Our application to Scopus is currently under review. Additionally, the editorial board was expanded to include international scholars from outside the SGH Warsaw School of Economics.

Our ongoing challenge is to continue improving the average quality and impact of published articles, measured by citations in databases such as Web of Science and Scopus. Despite starting from a low impact factor, we are determined to work our way up gradually and ethically.

I would like to express my gratitude to our Managing Editor Dr. Grzegorz Konat, whose hard and competent work has been essential to achieving our ambitious goals. I look forward to continuing our productive collaboration in my new role as Editor-in-Chief.

The GNPJE appreciates the dedication of all reviewers, who provided valuable feedback on submissions from authors. In 2023, a total of

58 reviewers contributed, and the list of these is available on the journal's website, at [gnpje.sgh.waw.pl](http://gnpje.sgh.waw.pl).

In 2023, the *GNPJE* published 21 articles across four issues, including 16 in English. The proportion of English-language articles was the highest in our history last year, at 76 percent, up from 71 percent in 2022. We maintained our commitment that at least half of the articles in each issue should be in English, and the June issue of the journal exclusively featured English-language articles.

A total of 72 articles were submitted to *Gospodarka Narodowa. The Polish Journal of Economics* in 2023, compared with 74 in 2022, 78 in 2021, and 72 in 2020. Fifty-four of the articles submitted last year were in English, compared with 56 in 2022, 45 in 2021, and 30 in 2020.

The overall number of submissions has been stable, whereas the proportion of articles submitted in English has been gradually increasing over time, up to 75 percent of the total last year. One of the submitted papers was withdrawn and 40 were rejected: 11 after reviews and 29 as outright desk rejections. The overall rejection rate was 56 percent, down from 73 percent in 2022 and 58 percent in 2021. In 2020, the rejection rate was 53 percent. The average waiting period for a paper to be finally accepted after being submitted was 183 days in 2023, compared with 218 days in 2022, 181 days in 2021, and 161 in 2020. All accepted papers were subjected to at least one round of revision before acceptance. Often there were two or more rounds of revision.

I encourage you to read and cite the articles in this issue of the *GNPJE* and those from previous issues, all available in full on our open-access website.