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# It will be a comprehensive and modern treatment center for cancer patients

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**In three years, in 2029. Lubuszans will be treated at the Lubuskie University Oncology Center. This is a priority investment for the hospital, which is to improve the comfort and quality of treatment of cancer patients. The assumption is to treat cancer patients in large and integrated centers.**

On May 19, 2026, a press conference was held at the University Hospital in Zielona Góra on the occasion of the signing of an agreement with the Ministry of Health to co-finance the construction of the Lubuskie University Oncology Center from the Medical Fund.

- Cancer is a huge challenge, and the equipment and infrastructure complement medical knowledge throughout this process. With this investment, we experienced a lot of emotions, because the competition was canceled and we had to make great efforts once again. I wanted to thank you that no one gave up on this investment. I dare say that this will be one of the most important, if not the most important task in the field of oncology in western Poland - emphasized **Marshal Sebastian Ciemnoczołowski**. He thanked the city of Zielona Góra for transferring his own contribution to the investment in the amount of PLN 30 million. Thanks to him, the project gained additional points on the ranking list in the competition.

Marshal Sebastian Ciemnoczołowski thanked for the great commitment of MPs Elżbieta Anna Polak, Katarzyna Osos, Krystyna Sibińska and MP Waldemar Śługocki, who piloted the proposals, monitored all changes in the criteria, was an effective link with the ministry and the mayor of the City of Zielona Góra Marcin Pabierowski."

The local government of the Lubuskie Voivodeship also allocated funds from its own budget for its own contribution to the construction of the center. As in the case of Zielona Góra, it is PLN 30 million.

- I am pleased with the complexity of this project, because in combination with the University Hospital and the polyclinic, we are creating a beautiful facility that will change this place, because the last old buildings remain to be demolished. This will complement the long, over 7-8-year investment process, the process of change that took place on the premises of the hospital - said the marshal.

The team of hospital employees involved in the investment, the rector of the University of Zielona Góra, who supported it, and **parliamentarians: Elżbieta Anna Polak, Katarzyna Osos, Waldemar Śługocki and Krystyna Sibińska** also received thanks from the marshal. There were no shortages of thanks to the **voivode of Lubuskie Marek Cebula**, for whom the safety of Lubuszans in the area of health care is one of the priorities.

The construction of the Lubuskie University Oncology Center will be completed in 2029.

### Modern infrastructure and equipment

**Dr. Marek Działożyński - President of the Board of the University Hospital** emphasized that it will be one of the largest investments in the region. Its total value is PLN 293 million. - This would not be possible if it were not for the efforts of all of us present here - he said. He appreciated the support in the form of targeted subsidies of 30 million each from the city of Zielona Góra and the voivodeship government. - These subsidies gave us points that form the basis for the fact that we can talk about the project - emphasized the president. He pointed out that four clinics and a modern pharmacy will be built. Oncological patients in our region will have the opportunity of comprehensive treatment and diagnosis.

### Health and quality of life are a priority

**MP Elżbieta Anna Polak** emphasized that this is another milestone in Lubuskie health care. - We have included the construction of the Oncology Center in our strategy. After the construction of the Mother and Child Health Center, the Oncology Center was a priority. In October 2023, we were quite high on the ranking list. It turned out that the competition had to be annulled. We did not rest on our laurels and joined the revised competition - she said.

The MP reminded about the competition criteria. The decisive ones were the own contribution and availability of oncological care. - In the Lubuskie region, we have less than 10 centers that deal with oncological treatment. This criterion gave us 10 points and influenced the fact that we were on the ranking list. The Oncology Center is essential and has been included in the oncology network, which was finally introduced in this term," she said.

**E. The Pole** added that in the Lubuskie region for the last decade we have understood that there is nothing more important than health. - Health and quality of life are a priority. I congratulate the hospital staff, headed by the president and the voivodeship marshal, because recently money for health has been flowing in a really wide stream. We have an excellent staff of professors today. Here you will be able to treat to the European standard, because after many years of neglect, Lubuszans deserve good conditions for hospitalization and treatment - she added.

### Care for residents, learning for students

The facility will be used by residents of the entire region, but due to its location, the largest group of patients will be Zielona Góra residents. LUCO will also serve as a place of learning and meetings with experts in the field of oncology for medical students of the University of Zielona Góra.

- The hospital has a basic medical function. This is the place where the residents of Zielona Góra recover. Professional treatment will be carried out here, but not only. LUCO will provide access to academic staff. What is also important for me as president, this hospital will primarily be a place of work for our Collegium Medicum graduates. Here they will deepen their knowledge. It is an important, crucial investment, developing the city. I thank the marshal, the president of the hospital, parliamentarians, and also the city councilors. Together we strengthen the city, we develop it, but most importantly, we invest in medical safety for Zielona Góra - said the **mayor of the city Marcin Pabierowski**.

**Prof. dr hab. Wojciech Strzyżewski - rector of the University of Zielona Góra** emphasized that the University Hospital is the primary place where internships and clinical education take place. - Thanks to this investment, the quality and conditions of clinical practices will improve. We hope that this will encourage medical graduates to stay in Zielona Góra and in our region. This is one of the most important tasks facing us - pointed out the rector.

**Prof. dr hab. n. med. Emilian Snarski - head of the Clinical Department of Hematology at the University Hospital** emphasized that this is a special moment for all patients. - The new center will provide care for our aging society. This is also great news for students. We will have something to encourage the most talented to stay with us. At the moment we are also focusing in these small buildings, but I hope that in three years medicine will flourish, becoming attractive to our graduates - he said.

### Foreign cooperation as a chance for progress in the treatment of diseases

At the press conference concerning the Lubuskie University Oncology Center, **prof. Richard K. Burtze** United States. He is a **specialist in the treatment of autoimmune diseases - multiple sclerosis and scleroderma**. He developed a pioneering method of treating these diseases by transplanting hematopoietic cells. He is in Zielona Góra at the invitation of the University Hospital, where he gave a lecture. He is the first professor from abroad to visit the hospital. The clinic plans to continue similar meetings and for this purpose launch a long-term program of cooperation with experts from different countries of the world.

- It will be an annual program. I had the honor of performing in it as the first speaker. I deal with stem cell transplants in the treatment of autoimmune diseases. I have over 30 years of research behind me. I will have the honour and privilege of contributing to the development of this hospital and the education of students under the leadership of the President, the Director, and the representatives of the authorities present here. Thank you very much. This is the challenge that we face - said prof. Richard K. Side.

### LUCO will bring an increase in hospital benefits

**Dr. Edward Jakubowski - director of the Lubuskie Voivodeship Branch of the National Health Fund** pointed out the need to build the Lubuskie University Oncology Center from the point of view of the availability of services. - The hospital will be able to develop oncologically, it will also be able to develop in other medical services. In 2023, the contract of the University Hospital amounted to about 524 million. In 2026, this contract amounts to over PLN 680 million. We see a very big jump - he pointed out.

### Calendar:

- ✓ 2023 - social campaign "Yes to Lubuskie oncology", whose goal was to create LUCO.
- ✓ October 2023 - for the first time, the hospital received a "check" from the Ministry of Health for the implementation of the investment of the Lubuskie University Oncology Center, amounting to almost PLN 243 million.
- ✓ 2024 - The Ministry of Health canceled the competition for the construction of oncological hospitals and decided to conduct it again.
- ✓ May 2025 - the hospital in cooperation with the Zielona Góra branch of the Association of Polish Architects decided the competition for the architectural and spatial concept LUCO. The first prize of PLN 120,000 was received by the Kalata Architekci office in cooperation with the 4105 ARCHITECTS office. According to the winning concept, the new center is to be bright, spacious, comfortable for patients and staff, as well as energy-efficient.
- ✓ May 2025 - the hospital submitted an application to the Ministry of Health for an opinion on the expediency of the investment as part of the competition announced by the Ministry of Health for the selection of proposals for strategic projects in the field of co-financing tasks consisting in the construction, reconstruction, modernization or retrofitting of the strategic infrastructure of medical entities providing health care services in oncological types and scopes.
- ✓ July 15, 2025 - until this date, the call for proposals for the new competition was ongoing.
- ✓ October 1, 2025 - The Ministry of Health published a list of hospitals that will receive funding for submitted projects in a competition dedicated to oncological investments. LUCO was ranked 17th out of 20 accepted applications.
- ✓ April 29, 2026 - signing of an agreement with the Ministry of Health for co-financing the investment
- ✓ May 2026 - signing a contract for the development of design documentation with a consortium of companies that won the architectural competition. The cost of the investment is estimated at about PLN 294 million.

### Sources of investment financing

- ✓ approx. PLN 293.8 million - funds from the Medical Fund,
- ✓ approx. PLN 30 million - funds from the budget of the Lubuskie Voivodeship Local Government,
- ✓ approx. PLN 30 million - funds from the budget of the City of Zielona Góra,
- ✓ approx. 600 thousand PLN - hospital's own contribution.

### The expected period of construction of the investment is 2026-2029.

The development of the construction documentation will be handled by the office that won the architectural design competition, i.e. Kalata Architects in cooperation with the 4105 ARCHITECTS office. The design stage will last about 14-18 months. Then it's time for the tender, the choice of the contractor and the start of construction. The whole thing is supposed to be ready by June 2029.

### What will be inside the Lubuskie University Oncology Center?

The construction of the oncology center is planned as an extension and expansion of the main buildings of the hospital, i.e. B and C. The building will stand behind the Polyclinic. LUCO will accommodate:

- ✓ Clinical Department of Oncological Surgery,
- ✓ Clinical Department of Thoracic Surgery,
- ✓ Clinical Department of Hematology,
- ✓ Clinical Department of Urology,
- ✓ Central Operating Block - the facility will have 3 operating rooms and a wake-up room,
- ✓ clinic complex, i.e.: Oncological Surgery, Theast Surgery, Hematology Surgery, Urological with registration serving the above-mentioned departments and clinics,
- ✓ Department of Nuclear Medicine with Scintigraphy Laboratory and PET/CT Laboratory,
- ✓ hospital pharmacy,
- ✓ medical magazine,
- ✓ Department of Laboratory Diagnostics,
- ✓ kitchen,
- ✓ locker rooms of staff, service, technical rooms.

In addition, the project will re-equipped the hospital's organizational units located in other hospital facilities: the Radiotherapy Department and the laundry room.

In addition to the gamma camera, the purchase of ultrasound and X-ray machines, a PET/CT scanner, an electron intraoperative therapy device, operating tables, a 4K video track, a laparoscopic column with ICG, and anesthetic devices were planned.

The idea of establishing an oncology centre was supported by Lubuskie parliamentarians (**Waldemar Śługocki, Elżbieta Anna Polak Katarzyna Osos and Krystyna Sibińska**), local government officials, patients (through the campaign of collecting signatures under the declaration "YES to Lubuskie Oncology" on the initiative of the Marshal's Office), hospital staff (especially those dealing with the treatment of cancer patients), the academic community and local media.

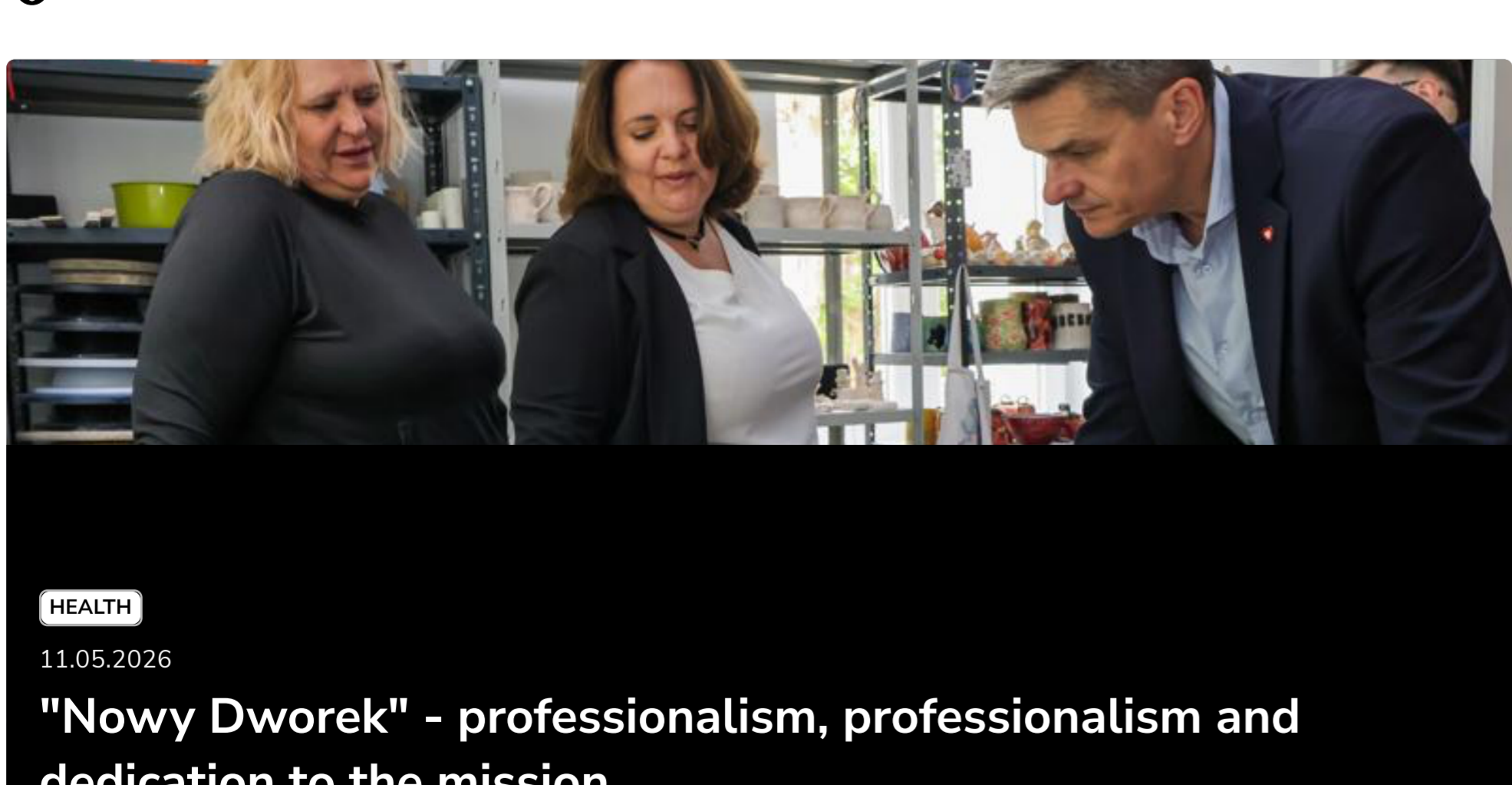
During the event were present: a member of the Board of the Lubuskie Voivodeship Łukasz Porycki, councilors of the province: Alicja Makarska and Dr. Stawomir Kotylak, dr. Antoni Ciach - director of Treatment at the University Hospital, Agnieszka Wilczewska-Swiekatowska - head of the Investment and Renovation Department, Magdalena Klekiel - head of the Medical Equipment Department, dr hab. n. med. Maciej Biczysko - head of the Clinical Department of General and Oncology Surgery, dr n. farm. Karolina Kieres - head of the hospital pharmacy, dr n. med. Roman Lewandowski - head of the Clinical Department of Thoracic Surgery.

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