



## Michał Kurtyka, former Polish climate minister and COP 24 president, joins Eiffel Investment Group



**Eiffel Investment Group, a corporate finance and energy transition specialist, announced today the appointment of Michał Kurtyka as Strategic Advisor.**

**A former Polish Minister of Climate and COP 24 President, he will be tasked with accelerating the development of Eiffel Investment Group's energy transition activity in central and eastern Europe.**

Kurtyka has been working for 25 years in the field of energy, both at the highest-level international bodies and with companies.

After starting his professional career on the team that negotiated Poland's accession to the European Union, he served for more than 10 years as a consultant to Polish and international companies, particularly in the energy sector and in the context of increasing trade between Poland and the rest of Europe.

From 2018 to 2021, within the Polish government, first as secretary of state at the Ministry of Energy and the Environment, then as Minister of Climate, Kurtyka led many technological and regulatory innovations in the energy sector. He was also in charge of the supervision of Polish energy companies. He is the author of the "Electromobility Development Plan" and he guided the law on electromobility and alternative fuels through the legislative process. As minister of climate, he was in charge of introducing Poland's 2040 energy policy. He designed the implementation and financing of the energy transition, particularly in launching programmes such as "My Water", "Green Public Transport", "Green Cars" and "The City of Tomorrow".

At the international level, as President of the COP 24 climate summit, Kurtyka in December 2018 led the 196 parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to adopt the "Katowice Rulebook", which enabled the implementation of the Paris Agreement. He also presided over the work of the International Energy Agency in 2016-2017, particularly the adoption of the reform that ensured the IEA's sustained financial security. He also chaired the IEA's ministerial meeting in 2019, which ended with the adoption of the initial findings on the energy transition over the past 10 years. In June 2021, he chaired the UN's biannual global Food and Agriculture conference, which brought together 117 ministers and vice-ministers from around the world.

Fabrice Dumonteil, President of Eiffel Investment Group, said: “We are honoured and proud to welcome Michał Kurtyka to our team. With his in-depth knowledge of national and global economic and environmental challenges, as well as his wealth of international experience, he will strengthen our ability to support energy transition players while providing us with additional multi-dimensional expertise that will make an active contribution to the Group’s development.”

Michał Kurtyka said: “Eiffel Investment Group has a recognized expertise and a remarkable track-record in financing innovation in Europe, whether in energy transition, healthcare, agri-food or digital technologies. I am delighted to join Eiffel in order to take part in the emergence of players who are working on solving environmental and social challenges for a more sustainable world.”

## Enhancing the fund’s deployment in the “Europe of the three seas”

This top-quality appointment illustrates Eiffel Investment Group’s desire to actively strengthen its teams in order to accelerate the deployment of its funds in Europe, in particular in the “Europe of the three seas”, named after the Baltic, Adriatic and Black Seas, which includes twelve central and eastern European countries – Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. Michał Kurtyka’s broad remit will not be limited to energy transition funds and could extend beyond Europe, thanks to his international network of contacts.

## About Eiffel Investment Group

Eiffel Investment Group is an asset manager with €4 billion under management. Its clients are primarily large institutional investors (insurers, mutual funds, pension funds, banks). Eiffel Investment Group finances companies and their assets with four pillars: private debt, energy transition infrastructure, private equity, and listed equities and credit. The company cultivates a strong industrial expertise, particularly in the field of energy transition.