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6. Special Economic Zones as a policy tool for the promotion of economic and occupational development in Poland

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Abstract

Poland's Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been operating since 1994. The SEZs are administratively designated areas within Polish territory where entrepreneurs undertaking new investments can benefit from regional aid, primarily in the form of corporate income tax exemptions on revenue generated from activities specified in the permit. The SEZs were established mainly to accelerate regional economic development, repurpose post-industrial property and infrastructure, create new jobs, and attract foreign investment to Poland. In July 2018, the Polish government launched the Polish Investment Zone (PIZ) as a reform of the SEZ model, introducing a more uniform, nationwide investment support scheme. Unlike the SEZs, which operated exclusively in designated areas, the new system is designed to stimulate both domestic and international investment across the entire country.

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