

Bart Kot is Program Director of the Warsaw Security Forum. He is responsible for conceptualising and managing the agenda of the conference, as well as building relationships with the key partners: speakers and institutional partners. He gained his policy research experience as analyst in Pulaski Foundation, Poland's Top Defence & National Security Think Tank, as well as in the Brussels Bubble: working with the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies – European People's Party official think tank, also ranked as the 11th Best Think Tank with a Political Party Affiliation worldwide. In addition to that, he has also supported private sector consultancy in ZN Consulting – the leading digital advocacy agency in Brussels with a portfolio encompassing EPP, Coca-Cola & Pfizer. Since the start of the War in Ukraine 2022, Bart has been active in the field of advocacy, becoming Strategic Policy Advisor to the International Center for Ukrainian Victory, the advocacy centre established by Ukrainian MPs and civil society activists. In this capacity he actively provides advice on key policy components, as well as supports contacts between key international stakeholders and Ukrainian politicians. Since 2022 Bart's new responsibilities within the Pulaski Foundation and the Warsaw Security Forum network include establishment of the newly forming Advocacy Office.

Bart's political research interests are: modern transatlantic relations and their impact on European security, Russia's hostile actions in Europe, CEE security environment, Polish politics, and the changing paradigm of democratic systems. In these subjects he provided expertise and managed projects in the international setting for renowned think tanks & organisations, such as: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung or Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania.

Trained as a lawyer at Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Bart later continued his studies in the area of economic diplomacy at the Warsaw School of Economics, and evidence-based policy-making at the European University Institute in Florence. In 2019, he was chosen to join Aspen CE Young Leaders (Czech Republic) – a group of emerging leaders from Central Europe. In 2021, he joined the selected group of the Transatlantic Security Initiative organised by International Republican Institute (USA). In the same year he was chosen to become Bled Young Leader by the Bled Strategic Forum (project of the Government of Slovenia). In 2022 he was selected as a member of Youth Political Leadership Academy of National Democratic Institute (USA). Bart is a member of Global Shapers Warsaw Hub – World Economic Forum global platform.

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