

**BRIEFING NOTE: Janusz LEWANDOWSKI**

Name:	Janusz LEWANDOWSKI 
First time Commissioner?	Yes
Date of Hearing	Monday 11 January 13.00-16.00
Country	Poland
Political Party	Platforma Obywatelska – Civic Platform (EPP)
Previous Polish Commissioner	Pawel Samecki
Portfolio	Budget and Financial Programming
Services	DG Budget (BUDG)
Personal details	Born June 13, 1951 in Lublin, Poland Married 1 daughter
Current duties	Since May 2004: Member of the European Parliament
Political career	(2004-2009) MEP (during which time has been Chairman & Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Budgets and also sat on Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy) (2003-2004) Observer in the European Parliament (Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy) (2001-2004) Member of Parliament, Deputy Chairman of European Integration Committee (1997-2001) Member of Parliament, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for State Treasury and Privatisation (1991-1993) Member of Parliament, during which time he was Minister of Privatisation (1992-1993), Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Privatisation (Dec 1991- July 1992) & Minister of Privatisation (Jan 1991-

	Dec 1991)
Professional career	1984-1991: Polish Ocean Lines and private consultancy 1974-1984: Associate Professor of International Trade and Maritime Transport at University of Gdańsk
Education	1984: Phd in Economics, University of Gdańsk 1974: Master's degree in Economics, University of Gdańsk
Languages	Polish: mother tongue English, German: thorough knowledge French: basic knowledge
FYI....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lectured for a time at Harvard University. ▪ Economic adviser to the Lech Walesa's Solidarity Movement for 10 years. ▪ Formed the Civic Platform with other Liberals, including Poland's current Prime Minister Donald Tusk. This has been the largest political party in the Polish Parliament's lower house since 2007. ▪ Has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees in the Gdansk Institute for Market Economics since October 1993.

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