

S&P rating agency affirmed Poland's credit rating

- **On 30 September 2022 rating agency S&P announced a decision about keeping Poland's credit rating unchanged at the level of A-/A-2 for long and short term liabilities, respectively, in foreign currency, and A/A-1 for long and short term liabilities, respectively, in local currency.**
- **Rating's outlook is stable.**

S&P rating agency in its press release justifying the Russia aggression to Ukraine and the associated stagflation shock has hit Poland's economy hard, so agency lowered their forecast of real Polish GDP growth for 2022 to 4.0% and for 2023 to 1.2%.

According to S&P, Poland's competitive and diversified economy, as well as strong external and public balance sheets, will help mitigate the downside risks the war presents.

Rating prospects

According to the agency, Poland's rating could be raised if, once the effects of the conflict subside, Poland continued its strong economic performance and fiscal performance. On the other hand, Poland's rating could come under pressure if the negative impact of the conflict in Ukraine were larger and more protracted than currently expect, resulting in a much weaker medium-term growth outlook. Ratings downside could also materialize in the event of weaker EU transfers to Poland as a result of continuous political tensions between Poland and EU authorities.