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Wish Poland a Happy Birthday!



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A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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1918

**Dear Friends,
Dear Foreign Friends of Poland!**

This year, on **November 11**, our country celebrates its **100th birthday**. The Republic of Poland is a state with an over thousand year history, with a long lasting tradition and rich, original culture. A country which, as the **first in Europe**, developed modern political ideas of freedom, democracy and equality. These values were all included in the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791 - the **first constitution in Europe**.

At the end of the 18th century, Polish lands were torn between its three aggressive neighbors: Russia, Austria and Prussia (Germany). The Polish Republic disappeared from the world map, but not from the minds and hearts of millions of Poles. Numerous attempts to fight for freedom were suppressed by the cooperating aggressors. It was only the period of the First World War, in which the invaders confronted each other, that created an opportunity for the revival of a free and independent Poland. We regained independence after **123 years**, on November 11, 1918.

In November 1918, Marshal Józef Piłsudski, the head of the Polish state, sent a joyous message about regaining independence to the governments of all countries in the world. There was no reply. Today Poland celebrates its **100th birthday**. Today you can answer us. You can wish us a happy birthday!

If you would like to celebrate this special occasion with us, please:

- Send a link to a birthday video with wishes to our address edu@ipn.gov.pl
- or
- send the movie via wettransfer.com or myairbid.com to the address edu@ipn.gov.pl

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