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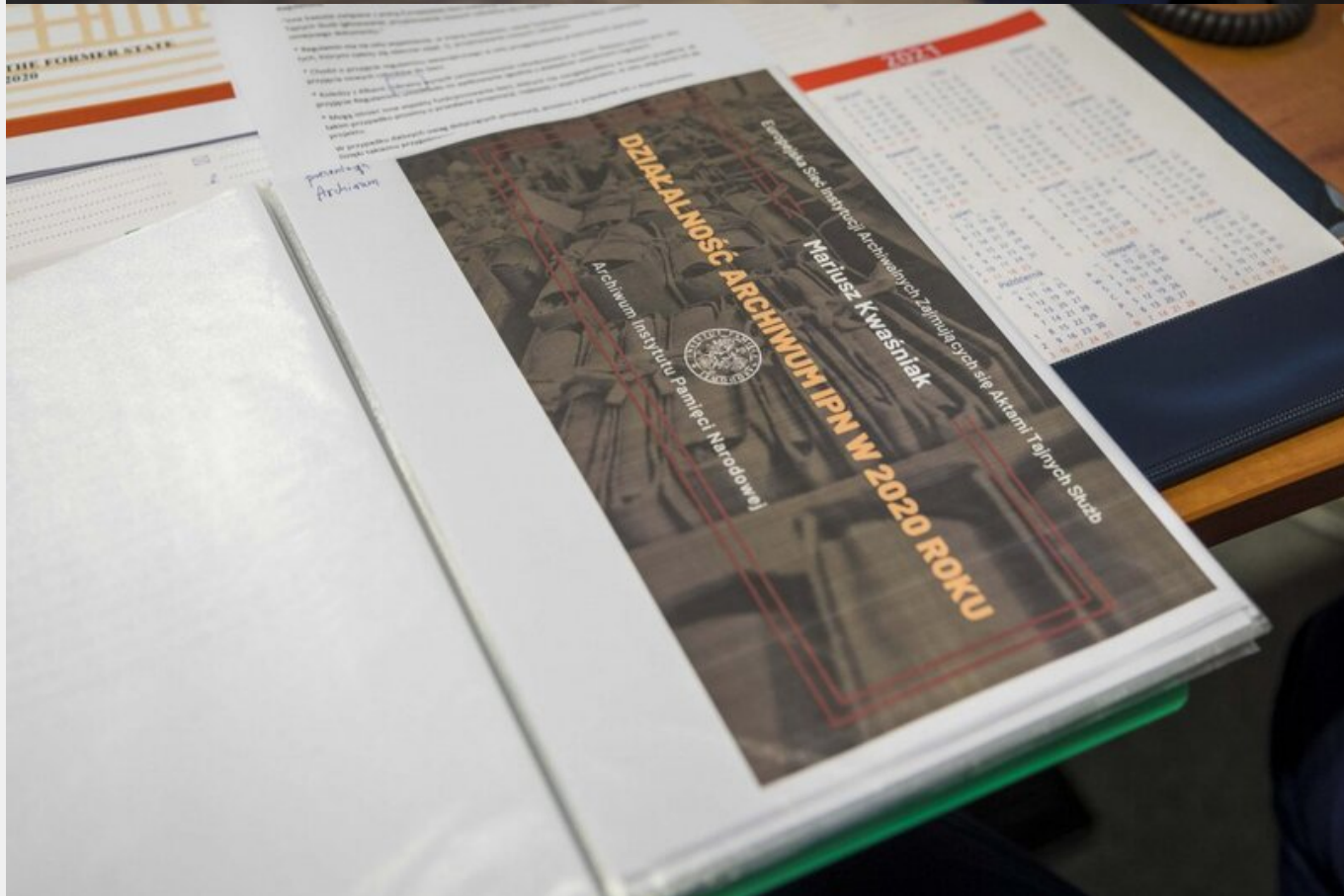
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## The annual meeting of the European Network of Official Authorities in Charge of the Secret Police Files.







On 28 January 2021, the IPN's representatives - Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance, Mateusz Szpytma, Ph.D. and Deputy Director of the IPN Archive, Mariusz Kwaśniak took part in an online meeting of the European Network of Official Authorities in Charge of the Secret Police Files. The network, established in 2008, brings together institutions from seven countries: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Hungary, as well as observer members. In 2020, the Czech Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes assumed the presidency over the Network.

Representatives of member institutions met to discuss the activities of their institutions undertaken in 2020 and to present their plans and projects in 2021. The subject of the talks was also the unification of procedures related to the functioning of the Network. During the meeting, the Albanian Authority on Access to Information on the former State Security Service AIDSSH (Autoriteti Për Informimin mbi



Dokumentet e ish Sigurimit të Shtetit) received member status. The Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance (Український Інститут Національної Пам'яті) joined the group of observers.

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**A delegation from the Albanian AIDSSH (Autoriteti për Informimin mbi Dokumentet e Ish Sigurimit të Shtetit), an independent state institution dealing with the collection, administration, processing and use of former state security documents visited the IPN on 5 February 2020.**



The European Network of Official Authorities in Charge of the Secret Police Files was founded in December 2008 on the initiative of the Federal Commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service of the Former German Democratic Party also known as the Gauck Institute. The network consists of seven archival institutions from Central and Eastern Europe, including the IPN. The network was

established to use the available archives of secret police agencies toward coming to terms with the former communist dictatorship in the countries of the former Eastern bloc.

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