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Polish and German presidents at inauguration of reflection group

Areas in which Poland and Germany can act together within the European Union need to be found, Polish President Andrzej Duda said in Warsaw on Friday at a meeting inaugurating the work of a Polish-German reflection group.

"I would like to underline with great joy that the initiative which the (German) president and I proposed during my previous visit to Berlin has been realised - the initiative to appoint a joint Polish-German reflection group for international policy", the Polish president said.

"Essentially, it is very simple: the aim is to find those areas in which we can work together on the European arena and answer questions about what European challenges there are and what they will be in future, so that we can prepare for them together as well as possible in strategic terms", Duda continued.

Germany's President Joachim Gauck, in Warsaw on a one-day visit, said at the reflection group's inauguration that there was something that united Germany and Poland, namely the Treaty on Good Neighbourhood and Friendly Cooperation and its words on the two countries' attachment to the norms of integrating Europe, of coexistence in friendship.

Nobody in Germany wants to see a weak Poland, a weak Poland is not in Germany's best interest, Gauck emphasised. He also pointed out that a weak Germany was in neither Poland's nor Europe's interest. Consolidating the European idea was of advantage to both Poland and Germany, he added.

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