

# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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AGH	University of Science and Technology
AHE	Academy of Humanities and Economics in Łódź
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
B.Sc.	Bachelor of Science
bn	Billion
CBOS	Public Opinion Research Centre
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe
CeL	Centre of Excellence in eLearning
CKP	Practical Training Centres
CLS	Certified Lotus Specialist R6 Application Development
CKU	Lifelong Learning Centres
COME (WU)	Centre for Open and Multimedia Education (Warsaw University)
CSC	Computer Skills Card
ECDL	Certificate of European Computer Driving License
ECSC	The European Computer Skills Card
ECTS	European Credit Transfer System
EDGE	Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution
ESF	European Social Fund
EU	European Union
EU10	European Union with 10 Member States
EU15	European Union with 15 Member States
EU25	European Union with 25 Member States
EUROSTAT	European Statistical Office
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product

GHz	Giga-hertz
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service
HCM	Human Capital Management
HTML	Hypertext Mark-up Language
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDC	International Data Corporation
IIPA	International Intellectual Property Alliance
IS	Information Society
IT	Information Technology
PLN	Polish Zloty
M.A	Master of Arts
MNE	Ministry of National Education
mn	Million
MCAD	Microsoft Certified Application Developer
MCSD	Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
MCSP	Microsoft Certified System Professional
MP	Member of Parliament
M.Sc.	Master of Science
NEWW	Network of East-West Women
NBP	National Bank of Poland
NCP	National Computerisation Plan
NDP	National Development Plan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIK	The Supreme Chamber of Control
NIS	Newly Independent States
NMS	Network Monitoring System
NRDS	The National Regional Development Strategy for the Years 2007–2015
NRCVG	National Research Centre for Vocational Guidance
OEC	Office of Electronic Communication
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OFEK	National Foundation for Computer Literacy
OP	Operational Program
PARP	Polish Agency for Enterprise Development
PHARE	Poland and Hungary: Aid for Restructuring of the Economies

PCLP	Principal Certified Lotus Professional (PCLP) R6 Application Development
PCSS	Poznań Supercomputing and Networking Centre
PIAP	Public Internet Access Points
PISA	Program for International Student Assessment
PIONIER	Program of Polish Optical Internet
PPP	Public-Private Partnership
PUAP	Platform of Public Administration Services
PUW	Polish Virtual University
R&D	Research and Development
SGGW	Warsaw Agricultural University
SME	Small and Medium sized Companies
SPO	Sector Operational Program
SPORZL	Sector Operational Program of Human Resources Development
TP S.A.	Telekomunikacja Polska S.A. (Polish national telecommunications provider)
UMCS	Maria Skłodowska Curie University in Lublin
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunication System
USD	United States dollar
VoIP	Voice over Internet Protocol
WiMAX	Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access