

PROFESSOR JERZY PIOTR GWIZDAŁA – economist, specialist in areas of finance, financial risk and management, associated with the University of Gdańsk over the course of his entire professional career, he combines his work as researcher and academic teacher with being a practitioner in his field.

He graduated from the University of Gdańsk Faculty of Transport Economics with the diploma in Economics. In 1992 he earned Doctoral Degree, later in 2011 obtained Post-doctoral degree in Economics and became Associate Professor at the University of Gdańsk. He began his scientific career in 1994 at the Department of Banking. Currently, he is the Head of Department of Finance and Financial Risk of the Faculty of Management. From 1991 to 1996 he held the position of Administrative Director at the University of Gdańsk, from 2008 to 2016 he served as the University of Gdańsk Chancellor. In 2016 he was elected as Rector of the University of Gdańsk for 2016 – 2020 term and on 27 April 2020 UG Electoral College selected him again – for the 2020 – 2024 term. He has also been a Chairman of the Pomorskie Voivodeship Rectors Council since 2016.

He serves as an expert witness in areas of finance and banking, he compiled credit rating for the city of Gdańsk, he lead, on behalf of Gdańsk, the negotiations with the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development on transportation investments financing. He also gained professional experience as a director in one of the largest Polish commercial banks, Corporate Banking Center of KB SA in Warsaw. He completed „Euromenedżer XXI wieku” (21<sup>st</sup> century European Manager) Manager’s Training for senior management staff and a state-organized course authorizing him to represent State Treasury on Supervisory Boards.

He is a member of multiple scientific and social bodies, like: Polish Economics Society, Lech Wałęsa Regional Development Council, Kashubian Institute and Kashubian-Pomeranian Association, Gdańsk Scientific Society Management Board Member and cocreator of Professor Brunon Synak Pomeranian Science Institute Association.

His scientific interests focus on EU Member States banking systems, corporate banking in Poland, eco investments, managing systemic and credit risks, transactional, electronic and mortgage banking, residential construction funding and public-private partnership investments. He wrote and co-wrote several publications on finances and banking, including the monograph titled “Credit risks for commercial banks” and the monograph titled “Risk Management in Financial institutions”. He has been involved in multiple national and international projects, like: “Implementation of modern quality management models”, STARBIOS 2 (Structural Transformation to Attain Responsible BIOSciences) under Horizon 2020 Program, „EDU – EKO – HEL” project manager and „EU FP7 Project MOB14 Health” member of the International Steering Committee. He has been actively involved in numerous University of Gdańsk infrastructure and development investment projects.

Decorated with the following honors: Knight’s Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta (2011), Bronze Cross of Merit (1989), Silver Cross of Merit (1996), Commission of National Education Medal (2006), AZS Golden Badge (2011), Silver badge for “Distinguished Physical Culture Activist” (2001). The Recipient of *Primum Cooperatio* (Primarily Cooperation) Pomerania Employers Association Award (2015), Ministry of Science and Higher Education First Degree Prizes (2017,2018), European Economic and Social Committee at the European Commission European Medal and the Business Center Club Medal for the promotion of European values (2019).

He is married, has two sons. He spends his free time with his family, doing his hobbies and exercising.