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**Abstract:**

The aim of this article is to present the history of what has become the first and currently the only Polish Civil Code. The codification work began shortly after Poland regained independence in 1918 and concluded with the adoption of the Code in 1964. These efforts, spanning over almost 50 years, were made under various political and socio-economic conditions. The way the codification work was carried out, the methods used and even the importance attached to the codification by the authorities were entwined with the rhythm of political breakthroughs and turning points. The article describes the course of the codification work, emphasizing methods chosen by various bodies entrusted with the task of preparing the draft version of the Civil Code. These considerations concerning the area of recent legal history contribute to the always topical discussion on how to establish legal norms that are sustainable, of high quality and in line with social needs.