

Post-crisis Economic Renewal and Mobilisation of Growth Sources (Challenges in Combating Unemployment, Social Exclusion and Poverty in the EU and Slovakia)

An international conference

- Venue** Congress Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic,
Hlboká St. 2, Bratislava
- Date** 21 June 2010
- Organizers** Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava/Prešov (SFPA)
Representation of the European Commission in the Slovak Republic (ZEK)
- Partner** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic (MFA SR)
- Languages** English, Slovak
- Aims** The aim of this conference is to discuss the ways and possibilities of solving the main social and economic challenges that the EU and Slovakia face in relation to the global financial and economic crisis. The conference should also be a platform for evaluating economic policies and measures that have been adopted by the EU and Slovakia in order to face the crisis. The participants should also look for answers on how to reform economic and social policies for the next EU programming period of 2014-2020; how to achieve aims within the Europe 2020 strategy that sets out a vision of Europe's social market economy for the 21st century; and on how to coordinate policies with the aim to intensify fight against unemployment, social exclusion and poverty.

Agenda

8:30-9:00 Registration of conference participants

9:00-9:20 **Opening remarks**

Mr. Juraj Stern, President of Board of Directors of the SFPA and Member of the EESC

Ms. Andrea Elscheková-Matšiová, Head of the European Commission Representation in the Slovak Republic

Mrs. Oľga Algayerová, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

9:20-11:20

1st panel: Economic policies and fight against the global financial and economic crisis

Chair: *Mr. František Ružička*, Director General, Directorate General for European Affairs, MFA SR

Panellists:

Ms. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General - Development, Coordination and Communication of Cohesion Policy, European Commission

Mr. Miroslav Beblavý, Elected Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Mr. Laurent Moulin, Deputy Head of Unit G3, Economies of the Member States II: Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

Mr. Radomír Boháč, Director General, Directorate General for Economic Cooperation and ODA, MFA SR

Mr. Anton Marcinčin, Economist, Vice-president of the KDH (confirmed by 90%)

11:20-11:40 Coffee break

11:40-13:30

2nd panel: Post-crisis challenges: how to increase employment and business activity

Chair: *Mr. Richard Ďurana*, Director, INESS

Panellists:

Mr. Joost van Iersel, President of the EESC Consultative Commission on Industrial Change

Mrs. Natália Dianišková, ESF programme manager for Slovakia, Direction ESF, Monitoring of Corresponding National Policies III, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

Mr. Štefan Kišš, Director, Department of Structural Policies, Institute of Financial Policy, Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic

Mr. Eugen Jurzyca, Economist, Head of the anti-crisis team of SDKÚ-DS (confirmed by 90%)

Mr. Ján Oravec, President of the Entrepreneurs Association of Slovakia and Member of the Board of Directors of F.A. Hayek Foundation

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:20

3rd panel: Impact of the crisis on development and regions, and how the EU Cohesion policy can contribute to post-crisis recovery

Chair: *Mr. Vladimír Benč*, Research fellow, RC SFPA, n.o.

Panellists:

Mihail Peleah, Human Development Programme and Research Officer, UNDP, Europe and the CIS

Mr. Daniel Ács, State Secretary and *Euboš Littera*, Director, Department for Regional Policy, Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of SR

Mr. Jozef Geci, Director, KPMG Slovakia

Mr. Viktor Nižňanský, President, MESA 10

16:20-16:30 Concluding remarks by Vladimír Benč, RC SFPA, n.o.

16:30-17:30 Glass of wine