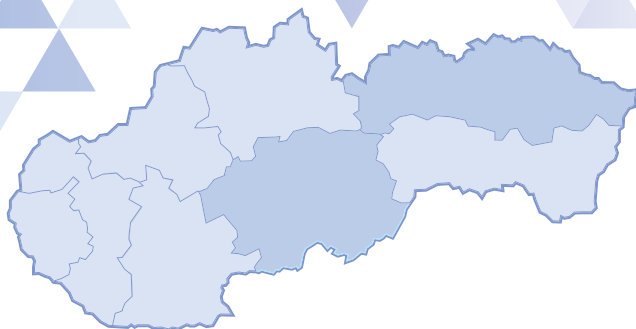


# SLOVAKIA CATCHING-UP REGIONS



## PROGRAMME

### FINAL CONFERENCE

### 2nd year of Catching-up Regions Initiative in Slovakia

Date: June 29, 2021

Venue: Hotel Partizán, Tále  
– Banská Bystrica region,  
Slovak Republic



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**08:30 – 09:30 Registration**

**Conference moderator:**

▶ **Mr. Peter Balík**, Director General,  
Section of Innovations, Strategic Investments  
and Analyses, Ministry of Investment,  
Regional Development, and Informatization  
of the Slovak Republic

**09:30 – 09:45 Welcome & Opening**

**Mr. Ján Lunter**, President,  
Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region  
**Mr. Milan Majerský**, President,  
Prešov Self-Governing Region

**09:45 – 10:30 Keynote speeches**

**Ms. Veronika Remišová**, Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister, Ministry of Investment,  
Regional Development and Informatization  
of the Slovak Republic  
**Ms. Elisa Ferreira**, Commissioner for Cohesion  
and Reforms, European Commission  
**Ms. Anna Bjerde**, World Bank Vice President for  
Europe and Central Asia (short video-greeting)  
**Ms. Gallina A. Vincelette**, Country Director  
for the European Union, World Bank

**10:30 – 10:40 Coffee break**

**Conference moderator:**

▶ **Ms. Mariana Badínska**, Project Manager  
of Catching-Up Regions Initiative,  
Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

**10:40 – 12:00 Discussion panel**

**Integrated approach to regional development  
– the new programming period of ESIF  
for a more effective regional policy and  
transformational results**

**Chairman:**

**Mr. Fabrizio Zarcone**, Country Manager  
for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia,  
World Bank

**Discussants:**

**Mr. Erich Unterwurzacher**, Director,  
DG REGIO, European Commission  
**Mr. Ján Ridzoň**, Director General,  
Section for Operational Programme Slovakia,  
Ministry of Investment, Regional Development  
and Informatization of the Slovak Republic  
**Mr. Erich Beneš**, Director of European Projects  
Coordination Unit, ITI Plzeň, Czech Republic  
**Mr. Tengiz Gogotishvili**, Senior Urban  
Specialist, World Bank  
**Ms. Martina Slivková**, Director of the Regional  
Development Section, Prešov Self-Governing  
Region  
**Ms. Zuzana Lafférová**, Director of the  
Regional Development and Tourism Section,  
Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

**12:00 – 13:00 Lunch**

## PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

13:00 – 14:15

**W1: Quality and efficiency of secondary schools in the regions: addressing the needs of the labour market and how to improve cooperation between schools and companies?**

### Topics:

- » Status and problems with the implementation of QA in Slovakia and in the regions
- » Current and planned Investments in schools – what do schools need?
- » How to ensure that investments are really geared to improving the quality of VET

### Chairman:

**Mr. Miroslav Martiš**, Director, EDU Section, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

### Panelists:

**Mr. Ján Varchola**, Team Leader for VET policy and stakeholders relations, DG Employment, European Commission

**Mr. Husein Abdul-Hamid**, Senior Educational Specialist, World Bank

**Mr. Ján Furman**, Director, EDU Department, Prešov Self-Governing Region

**Mr. Karol Jakubík**, Chief State Advisor, Ministry of Education SR

**Ms. Miroslava Hapalová**, Director, National Institute for Education in Slovak Republic

**Mr. Kamil Kordík**, Director, Secondary Technical School of Jozef Murgaš Banská Bystrica

**Mr. Milan Bohuš**, Expert on Dual Education, Continental Group

### • Discussion

**W2: HSS: Integrated care as a key to improve quality of health and social services for seniors.**

### Topics:

- » Quality of health and social services and its impact on the quality of life of the elderly in Slovakia: what national level reforms are needed to unlock and simplify development and integration of local health and social services (for the elderly and beyond)?
- » Integrated health and social care for the elderly – problems, potential, best practice and opportunities of financing
- » Through the eyes of mayors - providing health and social services for seniors from the perspective of municipalities

### Chairman:

**Ms. Mária Machajdík**, Expert and Project Manager, Foundation SOCIA

### Panelists:

**Mr. Václav Štěrba**, Team Leader for ESF implementation in Slovakia, DG Employment, European Commission

**Mr. Dmitry Sivaev**, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank

**Ms. Denisa Nincová**, Director, Health and Social Services Section, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

**Mr. Ján Králik**, Advisor, Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic

**Mr. Franz Wolfmayr**, Expert for Inclusive Social Service Systems ZFSW Graz, Austria

**Ms. Mária Veliká**, Director, Social Facility Nezábudka, n.o. in Filákov

**Mr. Marián Habovčík**, Mayor, Municipality of Lenka

### • Discussion

14:15 – 14:45 **Coffee Break**

## W3: Integration Marginalized Roma Communities (MRC): „Quo vadis, Slovakia?“

### Topics:

- » Integrated approach - soft & hard projects
- » Desegregation – lessons learned
- » The region as a partner in solving the social economy in the field of MRC
- » GIS supporting the MRC component

### Chairman:

**Mr. Andreas von Busch**, Head of Unit for Czech Republic and Slovakia, DG REGIO, European Commission

### Panelists:

**Mr. Peter Pollák**, Member of the European Parliament  
**Ms. Yondela Silimela**, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank  
**Mr. Miroslav Pollák**, Expert, Institute of Romani Studies at the University of Prešov (tbc)  
**Ms. Andrea Bučková**, Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic  
**Mr. Tadeáš Gavala**, Team Leader, Department of Strategic Development and Project Management, Prešov Self-Governing Region  
**Ms. Ľubica Pankievičová**, Mayor, Municipality of Varhaňovce  
**Mr. Milan Vaňo**, Specialist in Social Economy, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

### • Discussion

*We reserve the right to make changes to the agenda*

## W4: R&D: Be in, be innovative.

### Topics:

- » Innovation as a phenomenon of regional development
- » Support for research and young talent
- » How to attract investors to the region
- » R&D support in the new programming period

### Chairman:

**Mr. Grzegorz Wolszczak**, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank

### Panelists:

**Mr. Peter Petřík**, Programme Manager for Slovakia, DG REGIO, European Commission  
**Mr. Krzysztof Malicki**, R&D Expert, Excento sp. z o.o., Poland (tbc)  
**Ms. Andrea Uhrínova**, R&D Specialist, Ministry of Investment, Regional Development, and Informatization of the Slovak Republic  
**Mr. Edmund Škorvaga**, Director, Department of Operational Programs Management and Methodology, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic  
**Ms. Janka Pálková**, Head of Catching-up Regions Department, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region  
**Mr. František Šimančík**, Member of the Presidium of SAS, Slovak Academy of Sciences  
**Mr. Petr Chládek**, Director, JIC Brno (South Moravian Innovation Centre)

### • Discussion

## 16:00 – 16:15 Concluding remarks

**Mr. Peter Balík**, Director General, Section of Innovations, Strategic Investments and Analyses, Ministry of Investment, Regional Development, and Informatization of the Slovak Republic  
**Mr. Fabián Novotný**, Director of the Office, Prešov Self-Governing Region  
**Mr. Ondrej Lunter**, Vice-President, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region