

INICIATÍVA CATCHING-UP REGIONS

Slovakia: Catching up Regions Initiative 3
Final Conference



June 14-15, 2022
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Hlavná 1, Košice
Slovak Republic

— Programme

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09:00-09:30
Registration

Conference moderator: Ms. Anna Terezková, Košice Self-Governing Region

09:30-10:30
SK CuRI's role in the Regional Development

Chairperson:

Ms. Gallina A. Vincelette, Country Director for the European Union, World Bank

High-level participants:

Ms. Veronika Remišová, Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatization, Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic

Mr. Rastislav Trnka, President, Košice Self-Governing Region

Mr. Ján Lunter, President, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

Mr. Milan Majerský, President, Prešov Self-Governing Region

Ms. Emma Toledano Laredo, Director, Better implementation, Closure and Programme Implementation III, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Ms. Anna Bjerde, Vice President for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank (tbc)

10:30-10:45
Coffee break

10:45-12:00

Discussion panel: EU funds post 2020 Regional development with a focus on the green, digital and just transition

Topics:

- Programme Slovakia and its significance from the perspective of the regions
- Promoting equitable transformation and smart solutions in the Slovak regions
- Challenges and ways forward for green, digital and just transition in Slovakia and EU

Chairman: Mr. Fabrizio Zarcone, Country Manager for Bulgaria, Czechia and Slovakia, World Bank

Discussants:

Mr. Peter Balík, Director General, Section for Innovation, Strategic Investments and Analysis, Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic

Mr. Matej Ovčiarka, Director, Regional Development Department, Košice Self-Governing Region

Mrs. Martina Slivková, Head of Strategic development department, Prešov Self-Governing Region

Mr. Ondrej Lunter, Vice-President, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

Mr. Jaroslav Straka, Programme manager, Unit for Czechia and Slovakia, DG REGIO, European Commission

Foreign Expert on Digital or Green transition – to be nominated by WB

12:00-13:00
Lunch break

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Parallel Workshops

13:00-14:15

W1: Accelerating the VET development for more labour market relevance and prosperous regions in Slovakia

Chairperson: Ms. Svetlana Síthová, State Secretary, Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic (TBC)

Topics:

- The session will summarize progress in the third year of CURI and engage with stakeholders to highlight achievements and lessons learned
- VET before and after CURI: Accomplishments to-date and lessons learned
- Regional (employment, digitalization, learning environment, quality assurance, integration of marginalized groups, and green agenda) and stakeholder's perspective (partnerships, relevance, national agenda in support of VET)

Discussants:

Mr. Husein Abdul-Hamid, Senior Educational Specialist, World Bank
Ms. Kateřina Kapounová, Deputy Head of Unit for Czechia and Slovakia, DG REGIO, European Commission
Mr. Albert Németh, Director General, Integrated Regional Operational Programme, MIRD
Mr. Branislav Hadár, Director, ŠIOV (TBC)
Mr. Martin Džbor, Head of Strategy Development & Innovation, T-Systems Slovakia (TBC)
Ms. Jaroslava Kaňuchová Pátková, Executive Director, Union of winegrowers and winemakers of Slovakia (TBC)
Mr. Slavomír Kožár, Head of Education department
Mr. Ján Furman, Head of Education department
Ms. Mária Vydrová, Director of Department of Education Reform, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

W2: Sustainable tourism development

Chairperson: Ms. Michala Puškárová, Consultant, World Bank

Topics:

- Tourism as a driver for local economic development
- Promising examples from Austria and the EU – what we can learn from the neighbours
- Poloniny Trail – a long journey of project preparation – challenges and solutions

Discussants:

Mr. Tengiz Gogotishvili, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank Representative of the Section of Tourism, Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic (TBC)
Ms. Eva Wenigová, Programme manager, Unit for Czechia and Slovakia, DG REGIO, European Commission
Mr. Ivo Franschitz, ENITED Austria
Mrs. Jana Jačišinová, Tourism officer, Košice Self-Governing Region
Mrs. Soňa Kožárová, Project manager for Poloniny Trail, Prešov Self-Governing Region
Ms. Daniela Chrančoková, President of the Regional Tourism Organization at the BBSK/ Leader for Tourism, Development Agency of the BBSK, n.o.
Mr. Ján Holinka, Mayor of Ulič municipality (TBC)

10:30-10:45

Coffee break

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14:45-16:00

W3: Integration of MRC

Chairman: Mr. Gelu Calacean, Head of Unit for Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia, DG EMPL, European Commission

Topics:

- Reflect and showcase – Lessons, successes and failures learnt and experienced by the pilot municipalities and CuRI partners
- Solicit additional inputs from participants
- Inform future program design – Embed some of the key lessons into the design of the 2021-2027 Programme Slovakia implementation mechanisms
- Engage and maintain momentum – contribute to sustained dialogue and solutioning on this topic

Plenary Session – Discussants:

Ms. Yondela Silimela, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank (video)

Mr. J. Hero – Roma Plenipotentiary Office of the Plenipotentiary (ORP) Representative of the Central Coordination Body, MIRD (TBC)

Ms. Veronika Poklembová, Director, ETP Košice (TBC)

Three Breakaway Groups:

- I. Integrated fiscal instruments for integrated outcomes
- II. Soft investments
- III. Social economy

W4: Regional innovation policy and approaches to enhance collaboration between businesses and researchers

Chairperson: Mr. Grzegorz Wolszczak, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank

Topics:

- Conducting regional innovation policy in BBSK and KSK – successes, opportunities and bottlenecks identified during CuRI
- Commercial R&D collaboration between academia and entrepreneurs – results of CuRI work on a framework for the release of R&D infrastructure and the next steps
- Linking regional initiatives to the national strategies and funding opportunities

Discussants:

Mr. Andreas von Busch, Head of Unit Czechia & Slovakia, DG REGIO, European Commission

Mr. Peter Balík, Director General, Section for Innovation, Strategic Investments and Analysis, Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic

Mrs. Michaela Kršková, Director General, Section of Research, Development and Innovation, Government Office of the Slovak Republic (TBC)

Mr. Peter Breyl, Head of ICKK, KSK

Ms. Janka Pálková, Managing Director, Development Agency of the BBSK, n.o. /Head of R&D Component CURI, Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

Mr. Pawel Wais, Director of the Regional Development Department, Urząd Marszałkowski Województwa Podkarpackiego (TBC)

Mr. Pavol Miškovský, UPJŠ Košice

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16:00 – 16:15

Concluding remarks

Ms. Emma Toledano Laredo, Director, Better implementation, Closure and Programme Implementation III, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Mr. Rastislav Trnka, President, Košice Self-Governing Region

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Field Trip visits:

8:30 – 12:30 / 17:00

see specific schedule for each field trip

FT1 – PSK

Roma settlements and VET related to MRC

FT2 – BBSK

HSS – South Gemer / Tornala + Social Enterprise + VET

FT3 – KSK

VET Schools + R&D



Field Trip PSK

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8:00 – 8:15

meeting points:

Košice – DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Hlavná 1, Košice
Prešov – PSK office, Nám. Mieru 2, 080 01 Prešov

8:15 – 8:50

Travel to Varhaňovce (meeting at municipal office)

8:50 – 10:20

Field visit in Varhaňovce (MRC)

- property settlement
- disposal of illegal landfill
- project DOM.ov

10:20 – 11:00

Travel to Ostrovany

11:00 – 12:30

Field visit in Ostrovany (MRC)

- water supply and sewerage
- new sidewalks

12:30 – 13:20

Travel to Stará Ľubovňa

13:20– 14:30

Lunch in Stará Ľubovňa, in the VET schools (TBC)

14:30 – 15:20

Field visit in Stará Ľubovňa (VET)

- Secondary vocational school, Jarmočná 108, Stará Ľubovňa

15:20 – 16:00

Travel to Kežmarok

16:00 – 17:30

Field visit in Kežmarok (VET+MRMRC settlement + Rakúsy + Pradiareň

- Secondary vocational school of agri-food and technical, Kušníerska brána 349/2, 060 01 Kežmarok

17:30 – 18:45

Travel back to Prešov (1 h) and Košice (1h 14m)

Field Trip BBSK

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8:00

Departure from the Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton (Hlavná 1, 040 01 Košice)

8:00 - 9:30

Transfer from Košice to Tornaľa

9:30 - 11:00

Visit of the Integrated Elderly Services Agency in Tornaľa (HSS)

- Presentation of the premises, introduction of individual professional employees
- Introduction of provided health and social care services
- Meeting with a chairman of the association as the representative of 15 local governments and with a mayor of Tornaľa participating in the project

11:00 - 12:00

Transfer from Tornaľa to Lučenec

12:00 - 13:30

Lunch at the SVS of Hotel Services and Transport in Lučenec (VET)

- Lunch with short discussion on the relevant activities under the VET component

13:30 - 14:30

Transfer from Lučenec to Vinica

14:30 - 16:00

Visit of Municipal Social Enterprise Vinica, s.r.o. (SE)

- Presentation of the activities of the enterprise
- Wine tasting

16:00 - 17:30

Transfer from Vinica to Banská Bystrica

17:30

Estimated end of the Field Trip Visit in Banská Bystrica

17:30 +

Individual programme of the participants after arrival to Banská Bystrica. Possibility to travel back to Prešov/Košice by ordered bus

18:32

Departure of the train from Banská Bystrica to Bratislava for the EC and other partners

Field Trip KSK

June 15, 2022

8:00

Departure from the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Košice (Hlavná 1, 040 01 Košice)

8:00 – 9:15

Transfer to the Secondary Technical School Spišská Nová Ves

9:30 – 11:00

Presentation of the school, Spišská Nová Ves (VET)

11:00 – 12:00

Transfer to Košice for the lunch

12:00 – 13:15

Lunch in Košice

13:15 – 14:00

Presentation of the project ICKK (DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel), Košice

14:00 – 14:15

Transfer to the Hotel Academy akadémiu (HA), Južná trieda 10, Košice

14:15 – 15:45

Presentation HA, Košice (VET)

