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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024



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Following an eventful and successful 2023, the time has come to assess AmCham's performance and main accomplishments at the annual General Assembly. As in previous years, the General Assembly was held online. After being elected President of AmCham Slovakia in February, Martin Mašťalír presented an overview of AmCham Slovakia's achievements in 2023. He began by thanking his predecessor, Gabriel Galgóci, who served as President for nearly five years.

Since 2024 marks AmCham Slovakia's 30th anniversary, Martin Mašťalír also highlighted AmCham's achievements and evolution over the past three decades, stating, "We are celebrating 30 years of cooperation with the business community, 30 years of tireless improvement of the business environment, and 30 years of critically important milestones, meetings, and successful projects on the common path of positive change for the development of Slovakia."

Regarding AmCham Slovakia's main achievements for 2023, as part of its Policy and Advocacy efforts, AmCham members were united in 14 advocacy platforms, submitted 99 legislative comments, and maintained a productive dialogue with public stakeholders through over 140 meetings with national, local, EU, and foreign officials.

**WE Help OUR MEMBERS AND THE SLOVAK ECONOMY TO Fulfill THEIR Potential**

As part of its pre-election debate series, AmCham Slovakia, through its policy committees, drafted and presented a robust set of recommendations for public administration. These recommendations aimed at increasing the

competitiveness of the Slovak economy and offered solutions in key areas such as health care, education, labor market, digitalization and innovations, rule of law, and beneficial ownership transparency.

The Rule of Law initiative and the Business Service Center Forum, were both very active in 2023, reflecting the latest developments in their areas. Both initiatives celebrate their tenth anniversary in 2024 and have matured into AmCham's flagship initiatives. Responding to member companies' demand to embrace ESG challenges, AmCham launched its ESG Committee, with its first meeting taking place in October 2023. The committee didn't waste any time and its efforts resulted in a very successful ESC conference in April of 2024.

Another major initiative was launched in Košice. In response to new investments and opportunities in the East, AmCham Slovakia initiated its most ambitious regional project to date, "Mapping the Potential of Eastern

Slovakia." In May 2023, AmCham, along with its members and partners, identified the challenges Eastern Slovakia faces in realizing its potential. By October, specific solutions to address these challenges were proposed, and after thorough feasibility assessments, 18 actionable steps for the successful management of the region's social and economic transformation were published and presented. Turning to statistics, in 2023 AmCham Slovakia proudly represented 289 companies, gaining 28 valuable new members during the year. AmCham organized and co-organized a total of 73 events, ranging from workshops and business breakfasts to networking business cocktails and major topical conferences, with over five thousand attendees.

Traditionally, the official results of the 2024 elections for the AmCham Board of Directors were announced to the members during the General Assembly. This year, nine nominees were

elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term: Ana Dodea (Merck Sharp & Dohme), Dušan Eľko (SAM International), Lúgia Fullbrook (KPMG Slovensko), Alena Kanabová (Accenture Slovakia), Martil Mašťalír (DELL), Michal Pintér (U. S. Steel Košice), Tomáš Rybár (Čechová & Partners), Christiana Serugová (PwC), and Peter Sobôtka (Citi).

All of AmCham's achievements and efforts are due to the solid support of its members. With their support and expertise, member companies enable AmCham to focus on meaningful work and a wide array of policy activities aimed at making Slovakia more competitive. The Top 10 supporters for the previous year were traditionally revealed at the General Assembly – these companies were AmCham's strongest financial supporters during the year, enabling the organization to host high-quality conferences on its core topics and exciting networking events for members.

## TOP SUPPORTERS FOR 2023

