

# TOPICAL FOCUS EVENTS & SPECIALS

PART OF THE **THE FESTIVAL OF FUTURE**

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Topical Focus Events and Festival Specials September 10-12  
Over the course of three days, the Festival of Future delved into global megatrends shaping Slovakia and the world. In addition to major conferences on Digital Innovations, The Future of Health, ESG Trends, and The Future of Work, the program featured ten Topical Focus Events and various Festival Specials.

Most Topical Focus Events addressed one of the most pressing challenges reported by executives and HR managers worldwide: the skills gap—the disparity between the available workforce and the skills organizations require. It is estimated that over one billion jobs, or nearly one-third of all jobs globally, will be transformed by technology in the next decade. As the competition for talent intensifies, companies are finding it increasingly difficult to hire externally. Consequently, many are focusing on upskilling and reskilling their existing workforce to bridge this gap.

During these three days, more than 200 participants attended expert-led workshops and discussions, bringing together insights from academia, the public sector, and the business community. Below is an overview of the topics covered:

- Don't Be Afraid of AI by Develor
- Back to the Future Leader (Atlantis – a labyrinth of perspectives) by Develor

- Change Your Change Game: How to Make Organizational Change Initiatives More Successful by Edutrea
- Collaboration: Advancing Teamwork and Productivity by Edutrea
- Innovative Management: Building a Culture of Accountability by Edutrea
- Workshop on Green Claims Enforcement Risks by CMS
- Is Feedback a Gift or a Bitter Pill to Swallow? by Maxman Consultants
- Meet the Hacker: Defending Your Digital Fortress by Void and Soitron
- Mental Health and Well-Being in the Workplace by Human Dynamic Europe
- Governance of Health Data: How to Utilize Their Value and Potential?

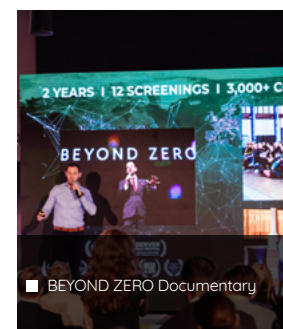
The Festival Specials added to the vibrant atmosphere of the three-day event, providing unique experiences for attendees.

One of the highlights was an expert conference on Ukraine's reconstruction titled 'Bordering Regions at the Forefront: Slovakia's Role in Ukraine's Reconstruction'. This important session examined Slovakia's strategic role in supporting Ukraine's recovery efforts. Another exciting feature was 'The Alley of the Future', where festival-goers engaged with Slovak startups showcasing innovative solutions to future challenges.

Additionally, 'The Coaching Tasting Corner: Where Your Future Fulfillment Begins', organized by Human Dynamic Europe, allowed guests to experience coaching firsthand with professional coaches. The AmCham Mini Cinema offered screenings of documentary films that captured the complexity and urgency of the rapidly changing world. A standout moment was the screening of 'Beyond Zero', followed by a thought-provoking panel discussion.

Finally, 'Health Check Day', organized in collaboration with Dovera, Dr. Max, Posvanc Fitness, and Vas Lekar, offered guests the chance to monitor key health metrics and consult with experts about their results.

These Topical Focus Events and Festival Specials enriched the Festival of Future, making it an immersive and unforgettable experience. These events deepened the participants' understanding of the trends shaping the future, while also creating a dynamic and memorable festival atmosphere.



BEYOND ZERO Panel Discussion  
From left: Igor Sulik, Amrop Slovakia; Robin Dufek, Sustainova; Kristina Cajánková, ProInterier; Peter Molnár, EY Slovakia; and Lucas van der Schalk, Corplex

