#event report

WELCOME BACK TO WORK IN KOŠICE

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AmCham Slovakia's traditional autumn cocktail in Košice once again brought together business leaders, innovators, public sector representatives, academics, and community partners for an evening dedicated to the future of Eastern Slovakia. Held in the beautiful setting of the House of Arts, the gathering combined inspiration, networking, and meaningful discussion around the region's continued development and growing economic importance.

The evening opened with an exceptional film music concert performed by the State Philharmonic Košice, creating a unique atmosphere from the very first moments. In her opening remarks, AmCham Slovakia Executive Director Martina Slabejová highlighted the role of culture in connecting people across different backgrounds and sectors. Her message reflected the spirit of the event itself: bringing together business, the public sector, academia, culture, and the innovation ecosystem to strengthen cooperation and build new partnerships.

The formal program continued with remarks from representatives of the event's partners as well as Jan Melichar, First Vice President of AmCham Slovakia. Reflecting on the region's importance, he emphasized that Slovakia's future is not determined solely in Bratislava, but also in cities and communities across Eastern Slovakia. He noted that if Slovakia is to remain competitive, innovative, and attractive for future generations, it needs strong regions capable of attracting investment, developing talent, and creating new opportunities.

The discussions during the evening highlighted many reasons for optimism, such as the region's strong industrial base, growing technology sector, expanding startup ecosystem, academic excellence, and significant investments that continue to transform the economic landscape of Eastern Slovakia. References to collaboration among companies, universities, local governments, and public institutions reinforced a shared belief that the region's greatest strength lies in its people. The evening also featured a presentation by the winner of the Startup Connect Program, showcasing the innovative ideas emerging from the region.

The evening once again demonstrated the strength of the AmCham community in Eastern Slovakia and its commitment to helping shape a prosperous future for the region.

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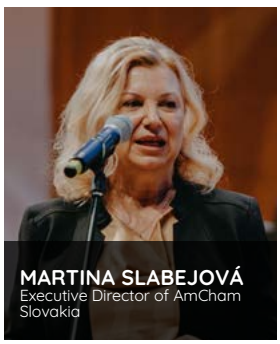












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