

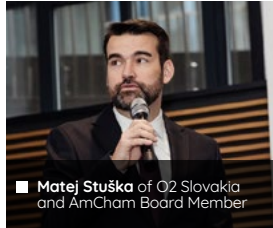
COMPETITIVENESS OF SLOVAKIA

May 24 | 2024

Earlier this year, on May 1, Slovakia celebrated the 20th anniversary accession, which was a great opportunity to reflect on its journey, achievements, and the promising future ahead. Given this milestone and this year's EU elections, AmCham organized its "European Parliament Pre-Election Debate", which brought together an intriguing lineup of political representatives.

The debate covered three main topical categories: EU legislation, the labor market, and energy. Some of the main discussion points concerned the need to encourage innovation

within the EU, while maintaining fairness, and not creating unnecessary administrative burdens. The desired outcome is efficient regulation which takes impact studies into account but doesn't stifle fast-developing areas such as AI. The panelists also talked about the need for decentralizing decision-making, and bringing more competencies to the local level. The Green Deal and its long-term impact was the mostly hotly-debated topic as the opinions of the panellists differed considerably.



■ **Matej Štuška** of O2 Slovakia and AmCham Board Member



■ From left: **Richard Sulík**, Sloboda a Solidarita; **Paula Puškárová**, Hlas-SD; **Katarína Roth Neveďalová**, SMER - sociálna demokracia; **Martin Hojsík**, Progressívne Slovensko; and **Miriám Lexmann**, Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie



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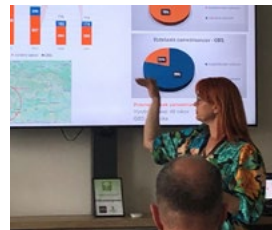
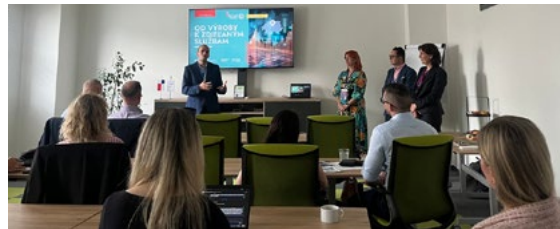
FROM MANUFACTURING TO SHARED SERVICES

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As a part of the SARIO Business Day - a full-day event offering practical tips, solutions, consultations, and inspiration for companies from the Banská Bystrica Region, AmCham Slovakia contributed with its own informal business development seminar exploring opportunities for companies considering establishing a shared services center in Slovakia. The entire day covered many intriguing topics such as state and regional support for economic growth; long-term economic vision for the region; cooperation between public institutions, educational institutions,

and businesses; or the benefits of foreign investments compared to increased support for local entrepreneurship.

AmCham's seminar utilized the know-how and extensive valuable data from the ten years of the Business Service Center Forum. AmCham member company Osram presented their unique experience of combining a shared services center with a manufacturing plant. BBSK shared the latest data on human capital and the trends related to migration in the region, while SARIO introduced available investment support for SSCs in the region.



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