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GOOD BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

The 2025 global economy faces uncertainty, with 3.3% projected growth amid inflation risks, geopolitical tensions, and trade policy shifts. US tariffs complicate trade, impacting the Euro Area's competitiveness despite wage and employment gains. For Slovakia, which is deeply tied to global supply chains,

these changes threaten its key automotive sector, potentially costing €3 billion and 20,000 jobs. On this first conference day, experts will discuss global and Euro Area trends, assessing their impact on Slovakia and exploring strategies to boost competitiveness and mitigate risks.

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| 9.00 | GRAND OPENING | 10.45 | SLOVAK COMPETITIVENESS |
| 9.02 | OPENING REMARKS | 11.00 | BRUNCH BREAK |
| 9.10 | HOW DO AMCHAM SLOVAKIA'S CHAIRS VIEW OUR PATH TO COMPETITIVENESS? | 11.30 | SLOVAK COMPETITIVENESS. WHAT IS AT STAKE? |
| 9.20 | EU COMPETITIVENESS: WHAT IT MEANS FOR SLOVAKIA | 11.45 | BOOSTING INVESTMENT IN SLOVAKIA: BUSINESS PERSPECTIVES ON POLICY AND GROWTH |
| 9.35 | UNLOCKING SLOVAKIA'S GROWTH: MOBILIZING PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND COMPETITIVE ECONOMY | 12:30 | SMART FISCAL CONSOLIDATION: OECD INSIGHTS ON EFFICIENT PUBLIC SPENDING AND ECONOMIC GROWTH |
| 9.45 | STRENGTHENING SLOVAKIA'S ECONOMY: INVESTMENT, INNOVATION, AND FISCAL STRATEGY | 12.45 | CONCLUDING REMARKS |

SPEAKERS

LADISLAV KAMENICKÝ, PETER KMEC, RADIM DVOŘÁK, JULIÁN TÓTH, PAULA ŠINGLIAROVÁ, RONIT GHOSE, JOCHEN SCHANZ, ERIK FROHM, BRANISLAV REĽOVSKÝ, ANNA MICHALKOVÁ, VILIAM PÁLENÍK, JOZEF KISS, MARTIN ŠUSTER, MIRIAM GALANDOVÁ, CHRISTIANA SERUGOVÁ



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TALENT RETENTION & WORKFORCE ATTRACTION

Slovakia faces a crucial challenge: ensuring a strong, competitive workforce amid demographic shifts and evolving economic conditions. Upskilling and reskilling domestic talent, attracting and retaining an international workforce are key to sustaining economic growth and innovation. How can labor market policies, legal frameworks, and digital solutions enhance Slovakia's appeal to international professionals?

Slovakia is one of the fastest aging economies. The proportion of citizens of productive age is expected to decrease by 21.000, impacting the economy as of 2030.

Slovak companies are the most affected by brain-drain in the region and the least convinced of the country's ability to attract international talent, limiting their ability to innovate. Despite recent legislative changes, employers are struggling to bring in a foreign workforce fast enough

to fill their needs. On the other hand, the international talent pool in Slovakia has increased, mostly due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, yet its potential remains underutilized.

With an aging population and lack of skilled workers, tapping into the foreign workforce can support economic growth. Nevertheless, vision and effective cooperation between actors is essential to ensure that foreign workers can contribute positively to the economy and society. This session will explore strategic approaches to workforce retention and attraction, including the role of modernized labor laws, digitalization, and effective mechanisms to harness the potential of the foreign workforce. Experts will discuss what steps are necessary to create an inclusive and future-ready labor market and what is already being done in this domain at the national and municipal levels.

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SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

Slovakia has the potential to become a regional leader in innovation, but unlocking this potential requires bold strategies, collaboration between key sectors, and the right policy framework. This panel will explore how cutting-edge advancements in areas like AI, life sciences or healthcare can position Slovakia for long-term competitiveness. Experts from the private sector,

healthcare, and technology industries will discuss the opportunities, challenges, and global best practices that can help Slovakia transition into a knowledge-driven economy. The conversation will also touch on AI regulations, healthcare innovation, and digital transformation, with insights from international leaders and Slovak pioneers.

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- 9.00 OPENING
- 9.10 ENERGY SECURITY & THE GREEN TRANSITION IN EUROPE
- 10.00 FINANCING THE GREEN TRANSITION – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
- 11.00 THE POWER OF AI IN UNDERSTANDING HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND INNOVATION
- 11.15 INNOVATION AS A CATALYST FOR COMPETITIVENESS: SLOVAKIA'S NEXT BIG LEAP
- 12.30 CONCLUDING REMARKS

SPEAKERS

LÍVIA VAŠÁKOVÁ, OTA MELCHER, JUSTIN E. LANE, RADOVAN POTOČÁR, ANNA MICHALKOVÁ, PETER KOLESÁR, MICHAL HABRMÁN, MARTINA SLÁBEJOVA



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- 9.00 OPENING
- 9.30 RESTORING TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS: BUILDING TRANSPARENCY, STABILITY, AND BUSINESS CONFIDENCE
- 10.30 BUSINESS STRATEGIES FOR A COMPETITIVE SLOVAKIA
- 10.45 BEST PRACTICES FROM ABROAD
- 11.45 CONCLUDING REMARKS



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