



Slovak Presidency of the Council
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***Social Economy as a key player in providing effective
answers to current societal challenges in the EU and
the world***

Hotel Saffron, Radlinského 27, Bratislava

30th November- 1st December 2016

Practical Information

The Slovak Presidency is delighted to host the conference Social Economy as a key player in providing effective answers to current societal challenges in the EU and the world. This practical information guide will assist you during your stay in Bratislava. We welcome you to Bratislava and hope you enjoy our hospitality.

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REGISTRATION

The accreditation system for delegations will be available from **25.10.2016**. Delegates are requested to complete the accreditation online.

A username and password will be sent by e-mail to the participants of the conference.

The registration system will be accessed at the following address:

<https://delegation.eu2016.sk>

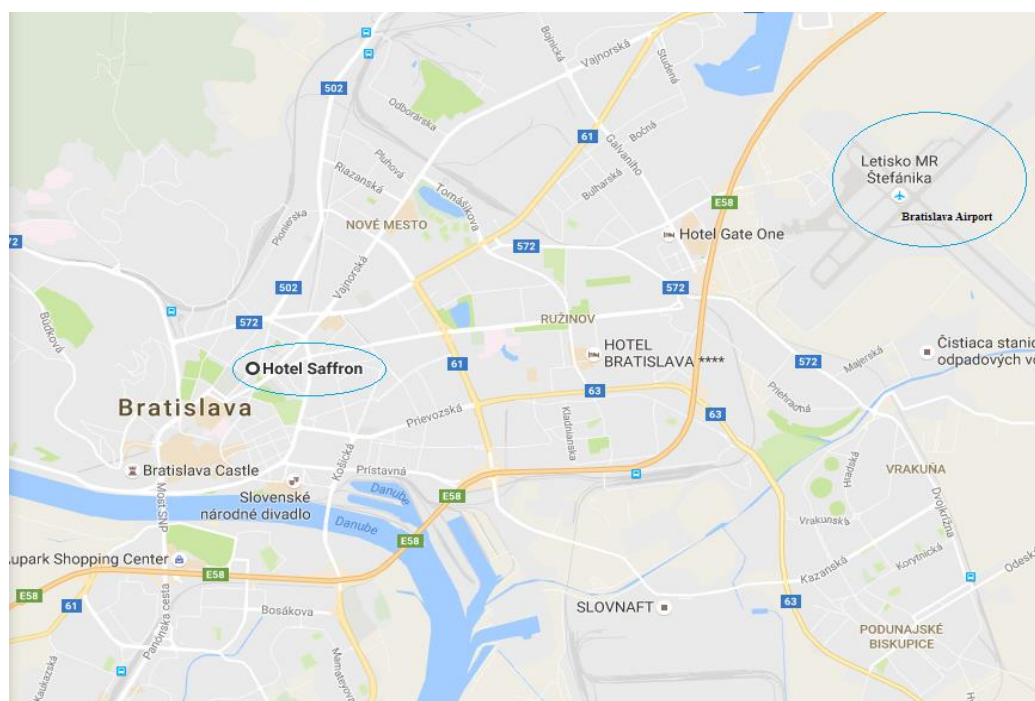
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DATE AND VENUE

The Conference will be held on **30th November- 1st December 2016**. The meeting will take place at Hotel Saffron, Radlinského 27, Bratislava, Slovakia.



ACCOMODATION

Rooms are pre-booked and paid by the Presidency for **speakers** and **GECES Private Members** only.

A large number of hotel rooms is pre-booked for the conference participants, and they should take advantage of this during the registration process. Rooms can also be booked at the hotel independently of the registration website, but participants need to make it clear during the booking process that they are coming for the Presidency Social Economy conference. **Please note that the accommodation costs will be covered for the speakers and GECES Private members only."**

We would like to recommend to book a room in one of the hotel bellow by clicking on the link:

Hotel Saffron: <http://www.hotelsaffron.sk/> or

Hotel Falkensteiner: www.falkensteiner.com/en/hotel/bratislava?GACX=1

Please kindly note, there will be no daily allowance paid out.

DINNER AND CULTURAL PROGRAM

Slovak Presidency is pleased to invite you to a **gala dinner** on **30th November** at 19:30 in Hotel Saffron, Bratislava. Details related to the cultural program will be confirmed closer to the date.

Attendance at the dinner as well as the cultural program should be confirmed by completing the relevant fields in the online registration system. Dietary restrictions can be confirmed via the online registration system.

TRANSPORTATION

Please note, all participants of the conference are required to arrange their transport.

Transport needs to be arranged by the participants themselves. Reimbursement for transportation costs will be paid again for **the speakers, for the GECES Private members, and for one Public Authority GECES member only.**

Taxi fares will not be reimbursed.

FLYING INTO BRATISLAVA VIA VIENNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Vienna International Airport/Flughafen Schwechat is a popular choice when travelling to Bratislava due to its proximity (40 km) and excellent connections.

There is a direct bus connection from the airport to the centre of Bratislava. Buses leave the airport approx. every 30 minutes, the journey takes approx. one hour and the cost varies according to the time and provider, from €1 to €10. For more information and to plan your journey from Vienna International Airport to Bratislava, please, see the following websites:

www.slovaklines.sk

www.eurolines.com

www.viennaairport.com

www.regiojet.sk

FLYING INTO BRATISLAVA

Bratislava Airport/Letisko Bratislava offers the largest number of international connections in Slovakia. Bratislava airport is connected to the centre of Bratislava by public transport or by taxis (Please see *Transport in the City* section).

For more information please, see the following website:

www.bts.aero

ARRIVAL AT BRATISLAVA CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION

The Central Railway Station is situated 1 km north of the historical city centre Old Town. The station is well connected to the whole city by public transport.

For more information please, see the following websites:

www.slovakrail.sk

www.imhd.sk

ARRIVAL AT BRATISLAVA BUS STATION

Bratislava is also conveniently connected with many European cities via a network of bus lines. The buses arrive and depart from **Mlynske Nivy Bus Station**.

For more information please, see the following websites:

www.slovaklines.sk

www.flixbus.com

www.imhd.sk

TRANSPORT IN THE CITY

a) Buses, trams and trolleybuses

The public transport network in Bratislava is dense. Although there is no subway in the city, there are buses, trams and trolleybuses. Night buses run every hour. Tickets are purchased from a ticket vending machine at bus stops or newsstands and are valid for a specific period of time. It is necessary to validate them in the vehicle. These through-tickets are valid for all types of public transport in the city. The shortest period tickets are valid for 15 minutes and cost 70 cents.

For more information about schedules, journey planners, maps and routes, please, see www.imhd.sk.

b) Taxi

Several taxi companies offer their services in the city. They are available 24 hours a day and are located outside the arrivals area at Bratislava airport, as well as in front of Central Railway Station and

Central Bus Station. A cheaper option is to book a taxi by phone or via a mobile app- the most widely used application is called Hopin www.hopin.sk. Taxis standing at taxi ranks are traditionally more expensive.

We would like to recommend you some of the most frequently used taxi services:

- Prima Taxi +421 2 16 661, www.primataxi.sk
- Taxi Bratislava +421 2 16 300, www.taxibratislava.eu
- Taxi Gold +421 2 16 001, www.taxigold.sk
- Profi Taxi +421 2 16 222, www.profitaxi.sk

c) On foot

Due to the short distances, walking is often the most convenient option in much of the city centre. The Old Town is a single large pedestrian zone, so the majority of attractions in the city can be visited on foot..

ABOUT SLOVAKIA AND BRATISLAVA

For more information about sights and other attractions in Slovakia see <http://www.sacr.sk/en/slovak-tourist-board/news/> or www.slovakia.travel/en and for Bratislava see www.visitbratislava.com .

Useful information

Emergency numbers: Slovak Police: 158; Emergency medical service: 155; Fire service: 150 or use EU emergency number 112.

Language: The official language spoken in Slovakia is Slovak.

Time in Slovakia: Central European Time (GMT+1)

International dial code for Slovakia: +421

Currency: The currency of Slovakia is Euro.

Credit cards: All major credit cards are generally accepted everywhere.

Smoking: All restaurants are fully or partially non-smoking. Some cafés and pubs still allow smoking, but cannot serve food due to the anti-smoking law requirements. Smoking is permitted in most open areas with some exceptions.

Shop opening hours: Most of the shops in the city of Bratislava close at 18:00, grocery shops and shops in the shopping malls close usually later, at 21.00.

Contact information

For general queries pertaining to organisational matters of this meeting, please contact

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SLOVAKIA!