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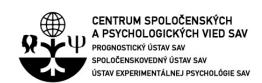
# GLOBAL MEGATRENDS and SLOVAK REPUBLIC

**OPEN CONFERENCE** 

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## CENTRE FOR SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES and INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY, SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES







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#### Day 1: 19. September 2016

#### **GLOBAL MEGATRENDS and Slovak Republic**

Day 1 of the conference is dedicated to the presentation of recent research related to Global Megatrends and their implications for Slovak Republic that was carried out by various Slovak scientific institutions and government agencies under the coordination of the Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences and Institute of Landscape Ecology of SAS. Following the Interim Workshop carried out by the GMT team in April 2016, where most of GMTs were presented and discussed, the goals of the final conference are threefold: (a) to present and discuss some of the new contributions made after the Interim Workshop, in particular the section on Food (Resources), (b) to discuss the final version of the monograph Global Megatrends and Slovak Republic, and (c) to provide bridging from the GMT-related topics to further interdisciplinary research, notably in the field of social and regional development and social inclusion.

Day 1 also offers presentation of the European Social Survey – an important European initiative and a part of ERIC network and the possibilities of using the ESS data for measuring and monitoring of social development and social inclusion in Slovakia and Europe.

10:00-11:00 Registration, Coffee and tea

11:00-12:00

**Opening of the conference** 

11:00 – 11:15 Global Megatrends and Slovak Republic, Martina Lubyova, Director, Centre for Social and Psychological Research SAS and Zita Izakovicova, Director, Institute of Landscape Ecology SAS

11:15 – 11:30 Global Megatrends and Next Europe Agenda by EASA, Stefan Luby, Vice-President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts

11:30 – 11:40 Opening of the event under the auspices of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Igor Hajdušek, Ambassador at Large, Science and Innovation, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovak Republic

**11:40-12:00** Global Megatrends in Slovakia and their importance in the European context, Milan Chrenko, Director General, Directorate for Environmental Policy, EU Affairs and International Relations, Ministry of Environment of Slovak Republic, and Radoslav Považan, Slovak Environmental Agency - tbc

12:00 - 13:30

Social cluster with focus on social inclusion and integration

12:00 – 13:30 Diverging population trends, Branislav Šprocha (Centre for Social and Psychological Research SAS), Boris Vaňo (VDC INFOSTAT, Statistical Office of SR)

13:30 – 13:00 Incorporating principles of European regional development policy into regional action plans, Anton Marcinčin, Plenipotentiary of the Government of SR for the Support of the Underdeveloped Regions





**13:00 – 13:30** Integration of Roma ethnic minority in Slovakia, Alexander Mušinka, Institute for Roma Studies, Prešov University

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:00

Environmental cluster with focus on food and water resources

14:30 – 15:00 Global Megatrends and Production of Food – Evaluation and Challenges from the point of view of the Slovak Republic, Peter Siekel, Martina Polovka (National Agriculture and Food Centre, Food Research Institute)

15:00 – 15:30 Water resources in Slovakia – Viliam Novák, Institute of Hydrology, SAS

Urbanisation - water and cities - Ľuboš Jurík, Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra

**15:30-16:00** Global megatrends and water – Space for interdisciplinary research 'water-economic development-employment nexus', Stefan Uhlenbrook (Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), Director, Programme Office on Global Water Assessment, UNESCO)

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 18:00 Measuring social integration and inclusion in Slovakia and across Europe

**16:30 – 16:40 ESS activities in the Slovak Republic,** Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport – tbc.

**16:40 – 17:10** The European Social Survey: charting social and political change in Europe, Rory Fitzgerald, Director European Social Survey ERIC, Centre for Comparative Social Surveys, City University London

**17:10 – 17:40** Reflecting Social Development in Slovakia through ESS Data, Jozef Výrost, National ESS Coordinator for the Slovak Republic

**17:40-18:00 Five Rounds of ESS in Slovakia,** Michal Kentoš and denisa Fedáková, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences SAS

18:00 Informal short talk by the reviewers of the Global Megatrends publication –Štefan Mihina, Director General of the National Agricultural and Food Centre and Daniel Gerbery, Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University

Dinner





#### Day 2: 20. September 2016

#### **GLOBAL DRIVERS and international development**

Facultative programme- trip to the Cave Driny: departure from the Congress Centre at 9:00, cave visit 10:00-11:00, return to the Congress Centre by 12:00

Day 2 is dedicated to the topics of global development, social development and inclusion, and possibilities for development of interdisciplinary research and cooperation focused on between UNESCO, other international organisations, and key stakeholders and partners in Slovakia (e.g. SAS institutes, Universities, Government agencies, NGOs, general public).

12:00-13:00 Registration, Coffee and tea

13:00-14:30 International research activities by UNESCO, Slovak Academy of Sciences, universities and NGOs in Slovakia

13:00-13:30 Opportunities and benefits of the cooperation with UNESCO - for the Scientific Community of a Member State, H.E. Klára Novotná, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic at UNESCO, Paris

13:30 – 14:00 UN World Water Assessment Programme and other Water Programmes of UNESCO – Activities, Challenges and Cooperation, Stefan Uhlenbrook, Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), Director, Programme Office on Global Water Assessment, UNESCO, Perugia, Italy

**14:00 – 14:30** International Cooperation Activities of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Dušan Gálik, Member of the Presidium and Scientific Secretary of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

14:30 - 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 17:30 International research activities by UNESCO, Slovak Academy of Sciences, universities and NGOs in Slovakia - continued

**15:00 – 15:15** Activities of the Slovak Commission for UNESCO, Edita Filadelfiova, General Secretary, Slovak Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of SR

**15:15 – 15:45 Activities of MOST project in Slovakia, Ľubomír Falťan,** MOST Coordinator, Institute of Sociology of SAS

15:45 – 16:15 Possibilities for establishing UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN projects – the Slovak experience, Lucia Mokrá, Dean, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University

**16:15-16:45** Bonds of Steel or Bonds of Straw? International Treaties and Anticorruption Policy in the Slovak Republic, Emília Sičáková-Beblavá, Head of Institute of Public Policy, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University

16:45 – 17:30 Activities and experience of Slovak NGOs – invited NGOs, tbc.





**18:00 Dinner** 



#### Day 3: 21. September 2016

Workshop WATERS Project: SAS, UNESCO, ERC

#### 10:00-11:00 Registration, Coffee and tea

Day 3 is dedicated to interactive workshop focused on the possibilities for developing interdisciplinary research focussing on the issue of water resources and water management in Slovakia with implications for Europe. Slovakia as a country with substantial water resources and geographical source of several major European rivers belongs to key stakeholders in the field of water management and protection. SAS developed initiative framed by the WATERS project that seeks cooperation with ERC, UNESCO, and other key international and national stakeholders. Workshop participants will discuss the project proposal, its activities and possibilities for collaboration and networking. Presence of resource persons from UNESCO and Ministry of Foreign Affairs will provide valuable information and orientation for the participants.

11:00 - 13:30

**Teaming up for WATERS project** 

Presentation and discussion of WATERS project, planned activities and possible synergies

#### **Workshop participants:**

Zita Izakovičová, Director, Institute of Landscape Ecology, SAS Prof. Stefan Uhlenbrook, Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), Director, Programme Office on Global Water Assessment, UNESCO, Perugia, Italy H.E. Klára Novotná, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic at UNESCO, Paris Yvetta Velísková, Director, Institute of Hydrology, SAS Daniel Michniak, Director, Institute of Geography, SAS Igor Broska, Director, Institute for Earth Sciences, SAS Martina Lubyová, Director, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences, SAS Viliam Novák, Institute of Hydrology, SAS Július Oszlányi, Institute of Landscape Ecology, SAS Ľubomír Falťan, Institute for Sociology, SAS Ľuboš Jurík, Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra Richard Filčák, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences, SAS Dusana Dokupilová, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences, SAS Eduard Nežinský, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences, SAS Edita Nemcová, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences, SAS Elena Fifeková, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences, SAS Richard Heriban, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences, SAS

#### 13:30 Departure of workshop participants





#### **LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE:**

Day 1 Slovak (with interpretation to English for foreign guests)

Day 2 English

Day 3 English