



18th Annual Meeting and Conference

May 31 - June 2, 2019

Bratislava, Slovakia



About Slovakia

Slovakia is a landlocked, mostly mountainous, country in Central Europe and its territory spans about 49,000 km². The population is over 5.4 million. The Danube river connects the capital and largest city Bratislava with two capital cities of the neighbour countries – Vienna and Budapest. There are four seasons, each season (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter) lasts three months.

Slovakia became an independent state on 1 January 1993 after the peaceful dissolution of Czechoslovakia.





About Bratislava

Bratislava is the capital city of Slovakia. It has a population of approximately 420,000 inhabitants, but it is estimated that over 500,000 people live in the city. Bratislava is the biggest city in Slovakia and administrative, cultural and economic centre of the country.

In the past, Bratislava was one the most important economic and administrative center of Kingdom of Hungary. Several kings were coronated here what is still markable in the architecture and atmosphere of today's city.

Friday May 31

Conference programme

Location: [Austria Trend Hotel Bratislava](#)

8:30-9:00	Registration and Coffee	13:00-14:00	Lunch
9:00-9:10	Opening remarks by the hosts (Daniel Futej, Futej & Partners)	14:15-14:45	Session 4: Populism
9:10-9:30	Opening Keynote Speech Vladimir Simonak , Justice and Home Affairs Counsellor, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU	14:45-15:30	Session 5: Skilled Migration – How the need for labour is opening the doors
9:30-10:00	Session 1 : Populism, politics and attitudes to immigration Nick Rollason , Kingsley Napley LLP, London, UK	15:30-16:00	Closing Session: Future policy directions
10:00-11:00	Session 2: After the Crisis: Maintaining Open Borders within the EU <i>Examining the Schengen Border Crisis from the CJEU's case law 2017-19: Elsbeth Guild, Professor, Queen Mary University of London, UK</i> <i>Defending Schengen – the Challenges of 2016 – 2019 and the Meaning of Schengen's Open Borders: Vladimir Simonak</i>		Panel discussion Moderator: EILN member
11:00-11:30	Coffee		
11:30-12:45	Session 3: A View from the Visegrad Group countries Slovakia: Zuzana Stevulova , Director of the Human Rights League, International Woman of Courage Award 2016 <i>The UN's Global Compact for Migration – Real Threat or a Political Agenda?: Daniel Bednar, Deputy Head of the Department of International Law and International Relations of Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava</i> Hungary: Grusa Matevzic , senior legal officer, Hungarian Helsinki Committee		

What to see in Bratislava



Devín Castle



The Blue Church



St. Michael's Gate



Presidential palace



UFO Observation Deck



Slavín



St. Martin's Cathedral



Danubiana Art Museum

TOP in the world

- **The Kremnica mint** is the oldest enterprise in the world which operates without any break. The coins have been made here since 1328 and – for instance – the Slovak Euro-coins will be punched here as well.
- The so called „**Bratislava tapestries**“ exhibited in the Primate Palace are the world most complete collection of tapestries made in English royal manufactory in Mortlake (part of London). The collection consists of 6 pieces and is dated back to the 17th century. It shows a tragic love story between the priestess Hero and a young man Leandros.
- The **world highest wooden gothic altar** is to be admired in Levoča, in the St. James church. It is 18,6 m high and his author is Master Paul from Levoča. He carved it of lime wood at the beginning of the 16th century. It took him 10 years.
- The **world highest sinter column** is hidden in the Krásnohorská cave, in its „Giants´ Hall“. It is called „The dripstone of Rožňava speleologists“ and measures 32,6 m. You can find him in the Guinness book of world records as well.
- The first technical university in the world was the **Mining Academy** founded by Maria Theresia in 1762. It was placed in Banská Štiavnica, which used to be the centre of mining science and technical development in Europe.
- **The building of the first horse railway in The Kingdom of Hungary** is one of the oldest railway buildings in the world.
- The **Tatra Chamois** is a completely unique chamois kind (a separate subspecies), because after the end of the ice ages it evolved thousands of years totally isolated. Therefore it differs from its related chamois in the Alps or Apennines and you won't find this kind anywhere else on Earth. Because at present there are only slightly more than 1000 pieces, they are protected very strictly.



