



### Summer School of the University of Economics in Bratislava

#### Story of the Central Europe – Transformation Process:

#### Slovakia in Focus

#### PROGRAM

##### 1. VIII 10 - Sunday

9:00 Arrival of participants

18: 00 Welcome Drink + Welcome Speeches

19:00 Official dinner with the Rector of the University

20:30 Ice Breaking and Presentation of the Participants

##### 2. VIII 10 - Monday

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Basics of Slovak Introductory Lecture of basic Slovak Phrases

11:00 Brief History of Central Europe

12:00 Brief History of the Slovak Republic

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Coffee/Tea served while viewing a brief video about Slovakia today

15:00 *Culture of Central Europe* - Are we similar or different? + Basic stereotypes

17:00 Excursion to the city of Bratislava

21:00 Dinner – Samples of Traditional Central European Cuisine

##### 3. VIII 10 - Tuesday

08:30 Breakfast

10:00 Things do change - Impact of political changes on the national politics and society after 1989

11:00 The Morning After – Pitfalls of a Young Democracy

13:00 Lunch & Coffee – Discussion with a dissident from the former regime sharing his experiences of the Velvet Revolution

14:00 Dealing with the Past – Excursion to the Nation's Memory Institute



17:00 Peaceful Dissolution of Czechoslovakia (1993) – Fact or Fiction?

20:00 Dinner

21:30 Brief Recap of the Day (cca 10 min.)

#### **4. VIII 10 - Wednesday**

9:00 Breakfast

11:00 From a Planned Economy to a Free Market – Transition Process

12:30 Liberalization of the Economy and Its Social Consequences

13:30 Lunch

15:00 Case Study of the Transparency of Public Finances – background and reforms

17:00 The Impact of the Reform of Public Finances on the Slovak economy

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Brief Recap of the Day (cca 10 min.)

#### **5. VIII 10 - Thursday**

9:00 Breakfast

10:30 Official Welcome at the MFA

11:00 Integration Process of the Slovak republic after 1989 – Hurdles and Challenges

12:30 Role of Central Europe in the International relations

13:45 Lunch

15:30 Welcome at the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic

16:00 Transformation of the Security Sector What does NATO mean for us?

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Brief Evaluation of the Day ? (cca 10 min.)

#### **6. VIII 10 - Friday**

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Departure for the city of Piestany

11.30 Piestany – Official Welcome and Basic Information about Piestany at the City Hall

12:00 State Administration and Local Authorities – How do they work?



13.30 Lunch

14.45 Sightseeing in Piestany

16:00 Case Study of the Privatization in Piestany

17:30 Corruption and Crime in Central Europe – Achievements and Challenges, Transformation of the Legal System

19:30 Dinner at the Tourist Facility "Podkilava"

20:30 Brief Recap of the Day (cca 10 min.)

20.40 Relax

22:30 Transfer to Bratislava

### **7. VIII 10 - Saturday**

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Vine Route Excursion

11:00 Visit to the "Červený kameň" Castle

13:00 Lunch

15:00 Visit to the Museum of Ceramics and Majolic Arts

17:00 Degustation of Slovak Vine

19:00 Traditional Slovak Dinner

21:00 Departure for Bratislava

### **8. VIII 10 - Sunday**

9:00 Breakfast

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08:00 Breakfast

10:30 Departure by Boat for Vienna (Austria)

11:00 Sightseeing in Vienna

13:00 Lunch in Vienna

14:30 Austria 20 years ago and today

16:00 Case study – (tbd - Austrian proposal)

18:00 Dinner in Vienna



19:30 Brief Recap of the Day ? (cca 10 min.)

19:40 Free Evening

22:00 Departure for Bratislava

### **10. VIII 10 - Tuesday**

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Departure for Prague (Czech Republic)

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Czech Republic 20 years ago and today

16:00 Case Study – (tbd - Czech proposal)

18:00 Dinner in Prague

19:30 Brief Recap of the Day ? (cca 10 min.)

19:40 Free Evening

### **11. VIII 10 - Wednesday**

09:00 Breakfast

10:00 Sightseeing in Prague

12:00 Free Program in Prague

16:00 Departure for Bratislava

20:30 Dinner

22:00 Brief Recap of the Day ? (cca 10 min.)

### **12. VIII 10 - Thursday**

09:00 Breakfast

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Welcome and Tour through the National Bank of Slovakia (NBS)

16:15 Case Study of the New Currency Adoption

17:45 Slovakia - a Country to be Discovered? – Facts and Figures about Tourism and a Video Session about Slovakia

19:00 Dinner



20:30 Brief Recap of the Day (cca 10. min)

### **13. VIII 10 - Friday**

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Departure for Trnava

10:00 Welcome and Tour of the PSA Peugeot Facility in Trnava

12:00 Departure for Bratislava

13:00 Lunch

14:15 Case Study of the Car Industry – Evolution of Slovakia to the position of a regional player in the car industry

15:45 Case Study Energy Security and Dependency of the Central Europe

19:00 Dinner and Presentation: Slovakia - Land of opportunities and emerging markets or where do the investments flow? (SOPK)

21:30 Brief Recap of the Day ? (cca 10 min.)

### **14. VIII 10 - Saturday**

09:00 Breakfast

11:00 Free Program at the lido "Golden Sands"

16:00 Departure for the Dormitory

18:30 Concluding Remarks and Evaluation of the School by the Participants

19:30 Dinner

20:30 Open Bar + Farewell Party

22:00 Excursion: Bratislava by Night

### **15. VIII 10 - Sunday**

9:00 Breakfast

11:00 Departure of Participants