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Cross-border dialogues IV.

Enhancing cooperation in the EU Eastern borderland

The EU Citizens Dialogues Initiative

Date	22 June 2018
Venue	Hotel Francesco, Prešov, Slovak Republic (address: Levočská 12, https://hotelfrancesco.sk/)
Organizers	Europe Direct Prešov and the Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association
Partner	CESCI-Carpathia
Languages	Slovak, Ukrainian, English (with simultaneous translation)
Aim	The aim of the Cross-border Dialogues Initiative (CBDI) that has been launched in 2013 is to facilitate finding shared solutions through the cross-border cooperation with the aim to improve regional development and living standards of citizens in the Slovak-Ukrainian borderland. The fourth edition of the CBDI will examine, first, strategic framework for the Slovak-Ukrainian cross-border cooperation, which is co-shaped by the policies on supranational and national level, e.g. further development of the Eastern Partnership and the EU relations with Ukraine, including the intergovernmental Slovak-Ukrainian cooperation; second, current state of affairs in the Slovak-Ukrainian cross-border cooperation, including plans and expectations of its stakeholders on regional and local level; and third, it will scrutinize the management of the Slovak-Ukrainian border, which is crucial for enabling cross-border people-to-people contacts in the borderland, but also it shall eliminate illegal activities on the external border of the EU, including the illegal trade and migration.

21 June 2018 (Thursday)

Arrival and accommodation of foreign participants

19:00 Welcome dinner

22 June 2018 (Friday)

8:00-8:55 Registration of participants

8:55-9:00 **Welcome**

Alexander Duleba, Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association



- 9:00-9:30 **Keynote speech**
Victor Bojkov, Advisor to the Director, Neighbourhood East, DG NEAR,
European Commission
Q&A
- 9:30-11:00 **Panel I. Eastern Partnership after its 5th summit: prospects for political
association and economic integration of Ukraine with the EU**
Chair **Myroslava Lendel**, Vice-Rector, Uzhhorod National University
Speakers **Yuriy Mushka**, Ambassador of Ukraine to the Slovak Republic
Miroslav Mojžita, Consul General of the Slovak Republic in Uzhhorod
Yuriy Vdovenko, Member of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
Alexander Duleba, Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy
Association
Discussion
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-13:00 **Panel II. Slovak-Ukrainian cross-border cooperation: opportunities and
barriers**
Chair **Rudolf Bauer**, Director, CESCO -Carpathia
Speakers **Renata Moysh-Shiman**, Head, Foreign Trade, Investments and Cross-Border
Cooperation Section, Regional State Administration of the Transcarpathian
Region of Ukraine (tbc)
Jana Kičurová, Head, Cross-Border Cooperation Department, Prešov Self-
Governing Region
Ľubomíra Gajdošová, Acting Director, Investments, Preparation and
Implementation of Projects Department, Košice Self-Governing Region (tbc)
Laura Dittel, Director, Carpathian Foundation
Discussion
- 13:00-14:15 Luncheon



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- 14:15-15:45 **Panel III. Management of the Slovak-Ukrainian border: implications for cross-border cooperation**
- Chair **Vladimír Benč**, Regional Coordinator and Consultant, Catching-up Regions Initiative of the World Bank
- Speakers **Pavol Buza**, Expert, Border Police Department, Bureau of Border and Alien Police of the Slovak Republic
- Vladislav Chernetskyi**, Deputy Head, International Cooperation and European Integration Directorate, State Border Guard Service of Ukraine
- Svitlana Mytryayeva**, Counsellor, National Institute for Strategic Security Studies of Ukraine
- Peter Tupta**, Expert, the Financial Directorate of SR
- Nataliya Maradyk**, researcher, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association
- Discussion*
- 15:45-16:15 **Concluding remarks**
- Ladislav Miko**, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in the Slovak Republic
- Q&A
- 16:15-16:45 **Closing session**
- Alexander Duleba**, Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association
- Rudolf Bauer**, Director, CESCO -Carpathia
- Vladimír Benč**, Regional Coordinator and Consultant, Catching-up Regions Initiative of the World Bank
- 16:45 Glass of wine
- The end of the conference

