

Information week for European Commission Officials in the Slovak Republic

Date: from 29 May (Sunday) until 3 June (Friday) 2005

Objective: Presentation of politics, economy and culture of Slovakia to European Commission Officials

Draft programme

29/5 Sunday - arrival of participants at the hotel, transfer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

19,00 - official welcome, cocktail in the Palugyay Palace at the MFA

30/5 Monday

9,00-12,00 Information block aimed **at the political situation** in Slovakia
Representatives of central public administration bodies, National Council of the Slovak Republic, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Office of the President of the SR, universities
Time for presentations: approx. 25 – 30 min.

12,00 – 13,30 Lunch

14,00 – 16,00 Excursion to the Devín castle on a ship

16,30 – 18,30 Sightseeing around the historic centre of Bratislava

31/5 Tuesday

9,00 – 12,00 Information block aimed **at economic situation** in Slovakia
Representatives from the Ministry of Finance of the SR, Office of the Government, universities, Slovak Academy of Science etc.

12,00 – 13,30 Lunch

13,30 – 16,00 Presentation of **media** environment in SR (optional visit in a TV studio)

17,00 – 18,00 Visit to the **EC Representation** in SR (House of Europe)

19,00 Opera performance in the Slovak National Theatre

1/6 Wednesday

9,00 - 12,00 Information block **on business environment** in the SR
representative of SOPK (Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry),
Business Alliance of Slovakia, Federation of employers' associations of the
SR, Traders Union of SR, National agency for development of small and
medium enterprises
Information block **on trade unions** in SR
Representatives from KOZ (Confederation of Trade Unions) and other trade
unions' organizations

12,00 – 13,00 Lunch

13,00 – 22,00 Excursion along the path of the “Small Carpathian wine road” (project
supported from the Phare CBC funds) together with visit of Majolika (ceramic)
in Modra and Červený kameň castle, meeting with people responsible for the
implementation of the “Small Carpathian wine road” project

2/6 Thursday

9,00 – 10,30 Information block **on public administration**
Authorized representative of the Government for decentralisation of public
administration, representative of universities, Ministry of Interior

10,45 – 13,00 Meeting with Members of European affairs Committee of the National Council
of the SR, short visit of the building of the National Council and the Bratislava
Castle

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 17,30 Lectures **on sectoral policy in SR – education, health**

19,00 - **Farewell dinner at Government Office facility**

3/6 Friday

9,00 – 12,00 Lectures from the **area of regional policy, culture and national minorities**
Representatives of central public administration bodies, authorized
representative for Roma minority issues, representative of regional autonomy

12,00 – 13,30 Lunch

14,00 – 14,30 Information week **assessment and closure** with participation of a
representative from the EC Representation in SR