



ESC'32



BRATISLAVA 2016



WELCOME WORDS

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Dear participants of the ESC 32

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 32nd European Students' Convention. We are happy to organise this event together with our member union SRVS, cooperating and joining efforts in order to prepare another memorable ESC.

We have the honour to be hosted in the capital city of the current Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU. Bratislava is at the moment an important place to be when it comes to higher education policy, considering that Slovakia is as well currently Co-Chairing the Bologna Follow-Up Group and is organising numerous events in the field.

The topics we will be discussing are broad, but coming together with one goal: „Education and Skills for the Future of Europe“. It is a forward looking topic, and it is a crucial one for student unions, as it is not only tackling the future of our education, but as well of our unions. Discussions about transversal skills and engagement in the civil society are becoming increasingly important in times which demand youth involvement in order to be able to shape a fast changing future by and with those who will be living in it.

We will be discussing the Skills Agenda and our reaction to it, as well as a Council of Europe Initiative on Competencies for Democratic Culture to be able to follow up on central initiatives on European level. Furthermore, we are going to look at the role of student unions in achieving learning outcomes and civil society involvement.

Speaking about student unions: of course this Convention is as well an important place to meet and discuss among us – one more example of how mutual learning in our environments can take place. I hope you will be able to seize the opportunity to learn from each other and enjoy a fruitful event.

Last but not least I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to SRVS organising team and everybody who is supporting them – without you



this ESC would not have been possible. Most sincere thanks are directed to the ESU team, for all the preparatory efforts.

Sincerely,

Lea Meister
President
European Students' Union



Dear students and friends!

I am pleased to welcome you; on behalf of SRVS and all the students we represent, in the capital of Slovakia – Bratislava. The Slovak Presidency brings a number of key meeting and thus for a short period of time Bratislava is becoming the center of Europe. It is a big challenge for such a small country, but we are trying to use all of our potential. Europe is going through difficult times, and it is facing crucial decisions. We must realize that it is the educated young people, we, university students, who will form a strong basis for the future Europe and stand by the decisions defining a common direction. The first summit on EU's future in Bratislava is followed by our small summit of European students, the summit about the future of education and young people. The ESC 32 is looking for not only the right way to educate versatile, educated and prepared young generation, but also the answers to topical issues, such as migration policies and extremism. Higher education is a cornerstone of a unified, common and stable Europe. I strongly believe that our conference will be an excellent ground for new ideas, fruitful discussions and a good source of information. Have a nice stay in Bratislava, welcome!

Jana Šmelková
Pressident
ŠRVŠ

PROGRAM

ARRIVAL DAY, 29TH OF SEPTEMBER

15:00 - 20:00

Registration

DAY I, 30TH OF SEPTEMBER

Interlinks between non-formal, informal and formal learning. Role of education in the society.

Comenius University

8.30 - 9.00

Registration

9.00 – 10.00

Opening of the 32nd European Students' Convention

Jana Smelkova, Chairperson, ŠRVŠ

Lea Meister, President, ESU

Peter Plavčan, Minister of education

*Eva Masárová, Director – Department of youth, Ministry of education
SR (Presentation of the presidency of SK PRES)*

10.00 – 11.00

Introducing the topic:

**What is the role of formal education in the contemporary society?
Can it prepare students for life, employment and active citizenship?**

*Jozef Jurkovič, Director General – Department of higher education,
Ministry of education SR*

Alexandra Junašková, Project manager, State institute for practical education

Luisa Black, Teacher Training Consultant, Member of the Council of Europe's expert group on Competences for Democratic Culture
Aleksandar Susnjar, Executive Committee member, ESU

Moderator: Beth Button, Executive Committee member, ESU

11.00 – 11.15

COFFEE BREAK



11.15 – 12.15

Non-formal education, informal learning and formal education under the microscope

Session will look into concepts of non-formal education, informal learning and formal education, and how they are inter-related. We will be trying to find out how and if non-formal and informal learning can be included in higher education, how to define learning outcomes in non-formal and informal learning and what's the meaning of it.

12:15 – 13:15

LUNCH BREAK Akademik Club



13:15 – 14:45

The role of student activism in non-formal education

Jana Miháliková, Slovak Youth Institute
Jana Šmelková, Chairperson of ŠRVŠ
Jaroslav Švec, Director of ACSA
David Kiss, HÖÖK

Context: Introduction to the functioning of NGOs, student activism as a tool to supplement student competences and to fulfil the mission of universities. This part of the programme is dedicated to the exchange of experiences and presentation of already functioning student structures in three different countries. During the short lectures the panelists will describe the legal framework, work, membership, functions and objectives of their student unions, but they will also focus at the functioning and social status of student organizations in their country in general. In terms of creating the general and specific conclusions, we will further devote our attention to the comparison of specific forms of how active students form an association and their

activities at the universities. It is very important to address the issue of student activism in terms of its usability, whether in education or in creating the student's personality and his responsibilities. One of the outcomes of this debate should be a set of recommendations for increasing the active and passive participation of students in the activities of student organizations.

14.45 – 18.00

Round of Parallel Workshops

15:00 – 16:00 Round I

16:05 – 17:05 Round II

Participants take coffee on the way to the final round of WS

17:10 – 18:10 Round III

WS-A: Student unions on ERASMUS+ implementation report and midterm review

Gramoz Shpendi, Executive Committee member, ESU.

Context: With the upcoming ERASMUS+ implementation report, as well as midterm review, the workshop will provide latest information and timeline on the processes, as well as gather inputs from student unions on further advocacy work of ESU.

WS-B: Competences for democratic culture – why? How? Who? In Higher Education. Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic culture.

Maria Luisa, Teacher Training Consultant, Member of the Council of Europe's expert group on Competences for Democratic Culture.

Context: The Workshop will look into the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture, developed by the council of Europe, for use in primary and secondary schools and higher education and vocational training institutions throughout Europe as well as national curricula and teaching. What are the competences for democratic culture and why it is important to change the teaching methods to teach these competences in higher education?

WS-C ESU trainers' pool: state and development

*Mike Day, ESU Trainers' pool
Filip Prihoda, Membership coordinator, ESU*

WS-D: Global Campaign "Fund our Future"

Beth Button, Executive Committee member, ESU.

Helge Sander Lie Schwitters, Human Rights and Solidarity Coordinator, ESU.

Context: The "Fund our future" campaign is a global campaign that brings together student movements from around the world under a shared struggle - for free, quality education- that's properly funded and supports those most in need.

The campaign will support, celebrate and promote the work, actions and campaigns of national unions, offering a platform through which you can access ideas, support and solidarity - connecting with student movements around the world in a shared struggle which will see actions take place all around the world on November 17th.

Come to the workshop to find out how you can be involved with the campaign, learn how to run a campaign on an issue affecting your students, and hear more about the global struggle to 'Fund our future'.

18:15 – 18:30

Conclusions and wrap-up of the day

General Rapporteur – *Frederik Bach*, Executive Committee member, ESU

DINNER Bratislava Flagship restaurant



DAY II, 1ST OF OCTOBER

Recognition of education as an instrument to broaden the participation in education and communities.

Slovak University of Technology

9:00 - 9:30

Welcome speech

Róbert Redhammer, Rector, Slovak University of Technology

9:30 – 11:00

The rise of extremism and the combating power of education: context and action

European Youth Forum speaker

Context: Guest Input and interactive part; After an introduction in order to provide an overview of the status quo of the rise of extremism and the current movements, the interactive session aims to discuss the role of students in particular and education in general in the current situation. Key elements of education to fight extremism will be gathered and discussed. Furthermore already implemented incentives and projects in the field that fight against extremism will be collected. The participants are very much invited to share and promote these during the session.

11:00 – 11:30

PROJECT MORNING COFFEE



During the coffee break ESU and NUSs are welcomed to disseminate current projects and project outcomes, and network with each other. Free space will be provided for your handbooks, publications, leaflets and more.

11:30 – 13:00

Deconstructing gender roles in extremism

Melanie Fröhlich, Equality Coordinator, ESU

Context: Extremist movements gain their strength on triggering fears and fostering stereotypes. The session aims to focus on the perception and image of gender roles that are promoted by extremist movements. Concrete examples will be presented and analysed in detail in order to deconstruct the hate speech and problematic picturing of gender roles that this movements are using.

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK AT THE UNIVERSITY



14:00 – 15:30

Open Organising sessions

According to the internal motion passed at the BM, NUSs are invited to host workshops on their own, tackling issues and topics that are important to them around their work or where the input is necessary from other NUSs.

Signing up will be organised during the morning of the first programme day of the ESC. Participants will be able to choose one of the workshops to participate in.

15:30 – 16:40

Recognition of prior learning – what, why and how? Alternative access routes to HE

Karolina Pietkiewicz, ESU Alumni

Workshop will look into different aspects of recognition of prior learning from social dimension to quality assurance. Participants will reflect on the recognition procedures and policies on institutional, national and international level, and conclude what change should be made in current settings.

16:40 – 17:00

COFFEE BREAK



17:00 – 18:00

Recognition of qualifications of refugees

State of art of the study on recognition of refugee qualifications and what student unions can do to open universities for students who have fled their homes.

Karolina Pietkiewicz, Project coordinator

Helge Sander Lie Schwitters, Human Rights' and solidarity coordinator

Presenting a unique legal recognition of qualifications of refugees in Slovak republic

Lucia Húšťavová, Ivan Šupej, Specialists, Ministry of education

18:00 – 18:15

Wrap up of the day

General rapporteur – *Frederik Bach, Executive Committee member, ESU*

DINNER + cultural night – Artists club, Safarikovo square



DAY III, 2ST OF OCTOBER

Defining student views on employability and skills policies.

University of Economics

9:00 – 10:00

Setting the scene – Employability of students, University – Business Cooperation

Frederik Bach, Executive Committee member, ESU - SAGE project on employability: utilising the findings.

Austris Štāls, International Affairs Officer, SAMOK - Experience in University Business cooperation.

10:00 – 11:00

New Skills agenda for Europe – can it tackle the challenges our societies face?

Līva Vikmane, Vice President, ESU

Gramoz Shpendi, Executive Committee member, ESU

The session will provide detailed information on the Skills Agenda and provisioned implementation in Member states, as well as ESU stands on it. We will look into what can be done on national level, in order to empower and mobilise representatives on national level to actively participate/follow up to the development of skills policies and implementation of the New Skills Agenda.

11:00 – 11:15

COFFEE BREAK



11:15 – 12:30

Discussions in groups about the employment-education policies and skills agenda: input for ESU advocacy work and further development of policies

1. Revision of the key competences framework
2. Revision of the EQF
3. Skills guarantee
4. University-Business cooperation

12:30 – 13:30

LUNCH



13:30 – 15:00

From students to graduates – how data can guide us to an evidence based approach?

Panelists:

Martin Unger – Researcher, representing EUROSTUDENT and EUROGRADUATE

Lea Meister, President, ESU

Tone Flood Strom, WG1 on Monitoring, BFUG, TBC

Moderator: *Chiara Patricolo*, Executive Committee member, ESU

Followed by facilitated discussion about graduate tracking mechanisms.

Context: Common framework for graduate tracking mechanisms is one of the priorities of the European Commission, developed under the New Skills Agenda. What can the collected data be good for? How to ensure that it is not misused to cut down the study programmes that are not profitable to industry? How to work towards more precise and elaborate data collection on the social dimension of HE? Those are just a few questions our panelists will try to answer.

15:00 – 15:15

COFFEE BREAK



15:15 – 16:30

Marginalized groups, study choices and the labour market

Melanie Fröhlich, Equality Coordinator, ESU

Lea Meister, President, ESU

Context: This session builds up on the work of ESU and its members have developed during previous events. After a short stepping-in exercise with the aim to familiarize all participants with ESUs understanding of marginalized groups, the session aims to explore the different dimensions of study choices and the access to the labour market of marginalized groups. Amongst others the impact of society and the surrounding environment in relation to the study choices and access to the labour market will be explored. The aim is to develop possible action lines for support structures.

16:30 – 17:00

Conclusions and closing of the ESC32

Report from the General Rapporteur *Frederik Bach*, Executive committee member, ESU

DINNER Hotel Tatra





ORGANIZERS

THE STUDENT COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (SRVS)

The Student Council for Higher Education (SRVS) is the highest representative body of the university students in Slovakia. SRVS was created in 1997 by the parliament with a law about higher education.

Mission and vision

Among others, we strive to improve the quality of higher education in Slovakia by implementing the Bologna process and student-centered learning into our system. We also aim at increasing the number of opportunities for mobility programmes (both incoming and outgoing) and to incorporate mandatory work experience into every field of study. We are against raising any kind of fees connected to studying (both direct and indirect), awarding ill-gotten degrees and any kind of students' rights violations.

EUROPEAN STUDENTS' UNION (ESU)

Created in 1982, the European Students' Union (ESU) is now the umbrella organisation of 45 National Unions of Students (NUS) from 38 countries. The aim of ESU is to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at the European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the European Union, Bologna Follow Up Group, Council of Europe and UNESCO. Through its members, ESU represents over 15 million students in Europe.

Activities

Since decisions concerning higher education are increasingly taken at the European level, ESU's role as the only European-wide student platform is similarly growing. Activities include:

- *Bringing together, training and informing national student representatives on policy developments in higher education at the European level;*
- *Organising seminars, training, campaigns and conferences relevant to students;*
- *Conducting European-wide research, partnership projects and campaigns;*
- *Producing a variety of publications for students, policy-makers and higher education professionals.*

Vision

Equal educational and social opportunities in an open and democratic Europe where students shape a sustainable future.



WHAT IS A EUROPEAN STUDENTS' CONVENTION (ESC)?

The European Students' Convention (ESC) is a biannual event organised by ESU where students' representatives from the national unions of students from 38 different European countries, other stakeholders, experts and policy-makers have the opportunity to meet and discuss the recent and future developments in higher education.

ESU usually organises the ESC in the country which is holding the presidency of the council of the European Union at that point of time, in order to create synergies with the country presidency's priorities on education, or in another country/city with a significant relevance for Europe as a whole.

The program of the event includes debates, presentations, panel discussions, workshops and networking opportunities provoking a dynamic exchange of ideas and different points of view. An outcome document is produced and shared with all the participants, member organisations of ESU, other stakeholders and policy-makers.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

HOTEL TATRA

Hotel Tatra will be your accommodation for the event. Open since 1930, this polished hotel in a straightforward, functionalist building is 5 minutes' walk from a tram stop, 1 km from the baroque Bratislava Castle and 2 km from the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral.



The hotel is located at Námestie 1. mája 5, 811 06 Bratislava-Staré Mesto.

More information can be found at <http://www.hoteltratra.sk/en>.

DIRECTIONS

Vienna Schwechat – Bratislava main bus station "Mlynské Nivy"

In front of the airport search for the bus stop no. 4 or 5, there are direct buses (Slovak lines, RegioJet, Blaguss) to Bratislava main bus station "Mlynské Nivy".

Bratislava airport – Hotel Tatra (Bus stops in the surroundings of the hotel: "Hodžovo námestie," "Námestie 1. Mája," "Kollárovo námestie")

Take the bus no. 61, get off at "Račianske múto", and then you have to change buses, take either bus no. 31 or 39. Get off at "Námestie 1. Mája".

Bratislava main train station – Hotel Tatra

Take the bus no. 93, get off at "Hodžovo námestie" (afterwards it is a 5-minute walk to the hotel).

Bratislava main bus station "Mlynské Nivy" – Hotel Tatra

Take the trolleybus no. 210 (or bus no. 21), get off at " Račianske múto", then change buses, take either bus no. 31 or 39 and get off at "Námestie 1.Mája" (that is right next to the hotel).

VENUES

COMENIUS UNIVERSITY



The first day of the conference will be held at the Comenius University. Comenius university in Bratislava is the oldest and biggest university in the Slovak republic. Established in 1919, the university draws on the tradition of Academia Istropolitana that



was founded in 1465 in Bratislava by Matthias Corvinus, the King of Hungary. Since its founding the university has ranked among the best educational institution on the national level and it has become an internationally recognised centre of scientific study and research. Being the most comprehensive provider of classical university education in Slovakia, Comenius university has retained the status of the Slovak national university.

Comenius university in Bratislava has 13 faculties and serves 27,000 students each year within all three degree study programmes, 21,000 of whom are full-time students. Comenius university offers diverse study programmes encompassing a broad range of human knowledge - from medicine, humanities and social sciences, to natural sciences, mathematics and theology.

Almost 2,400 international students from 70 countries enjoy studying at the oldest university in Slovakia. Students who wish to attend foreign universities as part of our study abroad programme can choose from 340 European universities located in 30 countries, all of which have concluded bilateral agreements with Comenius university as part of the Erasmus+ programme. The most visited countries by our students as part of the LLP/ERASMUS programme include Spain, Germany and the Czech republic.

With more than 2,500 doctoral students, Comenius university in Bratislava is also a major scientific institution. Comenius university participates in the most advanced research projects in various scientific disciplines (primarily biology, biochemistry, chemistry, computer sciences, clinical medicine, ecology, geosciences, materials science and engineering, molecular biology and genetics,

neurosciences, pharmacology, physics, life sciences and space sciences).

The address is , P.O.BOX 440,814 99 Bratislava 1.

DIRECTIONS

Address: Šafárikovo námestie 6

Tram: Šafárikovo námestie (1,3,4,8)

SLOVAK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN BRATISLAVA

STU

During the second day our host will be the Slovak University of Technology, precisely the building of the Rectorate.

Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as "STU") is a modern educational and scientific institution. Since its foundation in the year 1937 more than 145.000 students have graduated. In average, 17.000 students study at the STU every year.



At present, the STU consists of seven faculties based in Bratislava and Trnava. All the faculties provide a study in accredited study programmes within the complex system of a bachelor, master and PhD. study. Faculties realise credit system compatible with the European credit transfer system enabling mutual mobility of students within European Union member countries and a larger European space. In the area of scientific and research activities the STU successfully joins European Union programmes.

STU is a public university and offers education mainly in technical, technological, technical-economical, technical-information and technical-artistic fields of study using the modern methods of education, laboratories and practical training. It is aimed at the study branches with stable opportunities of students' employment at the labour market.

The studies at STU and its faculties are performed at 3 levels:

1. the bachelor degree study programme
2. the engineer or master degree study programme
3. the doctorate degree study programme

STU offers education in foreign languages, primarily in the following areas: civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, chemistry and food technology, architecture.

International cooperation is a significant area based on interactive contact with educational as well as scientific-research institutions of the countries all over the world. First of all, it is focused on solution of the joint projects within the EU framework and other international programmes, mobility of students, teaching staff and researchers.

STU system of education is connected with the prestigious partner universities in the framework of international programmes, especially Erasmus+.

Today, one of the main tasks of STU is the active policy in the area of foreign students' recruitment. The number of foreign students at individual STU faculties has been raised several times during the past years. STU creates for the students high-quality conditions for the study and for active use of free time.

STU also fulfils its mission in the field of further education, by means of the preparation, organization and assuring of further education, which is prepared at the particular faculties of the university and by the Institute of Life-Long Education of STU.

The Study and Information Centres (libraries) are parts of the faculties of STU and by means of the special and scientific book stock, the information, bibliographic and documentary activity, these centres can create for the students and university employees good conditions for successful studies and scientific work. Apart from the faculty libraries, students can study in other libraries of Bratislava and Trnava.

The University has its own university artistic ensemble Technik which has 3 parts: a chamber orchestra, a choir and a folklore dance group. The members of the ensemble are mostly the students of the university.

STU was the first university in the Slovak Republic, where a Careers Advisory Centre (CKP) was created as a part of the Department of Education and Student Care by a decree of the STU Management Board in 2005.

DIRECTIONS

Address: Vazovová 5

Tram: Station BLUMENTÁL (2,3,5,7,8)

Bus: Station BLUMENTÁL (31,39,94)

UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA



The University of Economics in Bratislava (UEBA) is nowadays considered one of the most important educational and scientific research institutions in the Slovak Republic. The UEBA is a public Higher Education Institution focusing on Economics, Business, and Management.



It provides higher education in Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programmes for full-time and part-time students. On the basis of the comprehensive accreditation of Higher Education Institutions in the Slovak Republic, which took place in the years 2008-2009 in compliance with the Act on Higher Education, the UEBA was included in the highest category of HEIs in the Slovak Republic, among "Higher Education Institutions of University Type"

The mission of the University, as part of the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area, is - by delivery of university education - to develop harmonious personality, wisdom, goodness and creativity in human beings; to develop knowledge on the basis of creative scientific research in the fields of economics, social and human sciences, and so contribute to the development of a knowledge-based society.

University of Economics in Bratislava at a glance

The University of Economics in Bratislava (UEBA), established in 1940, is historically the first Higher Education Institution focused on Economics, Business and Management studies in Slovakia.

The UEBA is a public Higher Education Institution, considered nowadays as one of the most important educational and scientific-research institutions in the Slovak Republic.

It provides higher education in Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programmes for full-time and part-time students.

In terms of student numbers the UEBA's share of the Slovak Higher Education market is significant, and it maintains its leading position in the provision of Economics, Business and Management degree programmes.

On the basis of the comprehensive accreditation of Higher Education Institutions in the Slovak Republic, (2008 - 2009), the University was classified by the Slovak Accreditation Commission as a "university type higher education institution" which is the highest category of higher education institutions in Slovakia.

The University has achieved an excellent reputation as a result of the high employability of its graduates.

The UEBA has established a wide and mutually beneficial network with various institutions from both private and public sectors in Slovakia and abroad.

Numbers of University graduates hold leading positions in the Slovak economy and society.

DIRECTIONS

Address: Dolnozemska cesta 1

Bus: Station EKONOMICKÁ UNIVERZITA (68, 87, 88, 90, 98,184)

VISIT SLOVAKIA / ABOUT SLOVAKIA



BASIC INFORMATION

Date of establishment: 1 January 1993

Population: 5.4 million (2015)

Population as % of total EU population: 1.1 % (2015)

Neighbouring countries: the Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, and Austria

Geographical size: 49 036 km²

Official language: Slovak

Currency: Euro

Even though Slovakia is a young country, established only on 1 January 1993 after the dissolution of Czechoslovakia, it has a very long and diverse history.

The territory of Slovakia has been inhabited since early times. Several cultures flourished here until they were dominated by the expanding Celts in the 4th century BC, followed by Germanic tribes. The first Slavs arrived here in the Migration Period. The establishment of Samo's Kingdom in the 7th century and of the Nitra Principality at the beginning of the 9th century was followed by the Great Moravian Empire, the first common state of Slovak and Czech ancestors, which came into existence in 833. After the fall of Great Moravia at the beginning of the 10th century, Old Hungarian tribes seized control of the land, so the territory of today's Slovakia became part of the Kingdom of Hungary for a thousand years. The Kingdom of Hungary experienced gradual economic growth with thriving mining towns and trade centres. In 1467, the first university in Slovakia, Academia Istropolitana, was founded in what is now the city of Bratislava. 1762 saw the establishment of the world's first technical college, the Mining Academy in the town of Banská Štiavnica.

Independent Slovakia and European integration

In 1939, an independent Slovak State came into existence in the territory of Slovakia as an outcome of international events. However, the end of the Second World War brought about the restoration of Czechoslovakia.

The communist party gradually seized power in the country and the communist dictatorship was overthrown only by the Velvet Revolution in 1989.

Democratic society exposed several problems, which resulted in the break-up of the common state of the Czechs and Slovaks and the establishment of the independent Slovak Republic on 1 January 1993.

Slovakia joined NATO on 29 March 2004 and the European Union on 1 May 2004.

In December 2007, it became part of the Schengen Area and on 1 January 2009 it joined the euro area when it adopted the euro, the single European currency.

BRATISLAVA



Bratislava is not only the capital of Slovakia, but also the country's largest city. Located on the Danube river, it has a unique location, thanks to which, it is easily accessible. Bordering Austria and Hungary, it is the only capital in the world that borders two independent countries.

Bratislava is the political, cultural and economic centre of Slovakia. It is the seat of the Slovak president, parliament and Slovak government and home to several universities and important cultural and educational institutions.

It is a great place to hang out, because everything is there – monuments, museums, galleries, theatres, shopping malls, bars and restaurants. The best thing is that you can enjoy it all without spending too much money – the prices in the Slovak capital are far lower than in the Western Europe.

Now, all you need to do is come and enjoy the beautiful city we have chosen for our convention.

TALKING SLOVAK / HOW TO SPEAK SLOVAK

HELLO

BYE

WELCOME

THANK YOU

PLEASE

HOW ARE YOU?

BON APPETIT!

CHEERS!

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PROSÍM

AKO SA MÁŠ

DOBRÚ CHUŤ

NA ZDRAVIE!

PIVO

VÍNO

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NIE

ESC'32 DESIGN

If you wonder about the origins of our graphic design, now it's the right time to tell you!

This cute decoration isn't an invention of ours, but we wanted to bring closer to you a piece of Slovak folk culture and heritage by means of something that is called "Cicmany ornament." These ornaments have their origin in a Slovak village – Cicmany or Čičmany (Slovak spelling), where you can actually see them on houses and as an embroidery on folk dresses.

The picturesque wooden village of Čičmany at the foothills of Strážovské vrchy (Strážovské Hills) is actually the first-ever folk architecture reserve in the world. How did Čičmany come into existence? How did Slovak ancestors live? How did they dress? How did they build painted wooden houses that resemble fairy-tale gingerbread cottages? This place has many interesting stories from the distant past to tell. After all, the first mention of the village dates back to 1272.



CODE OF CONDUCT

PREAMBLE

Based on the principles of equality, accessibility and respect, that ESU has given itself and agreed upon by adopting this code of conduct at the Board Meeting 68 in Yerevan, Armenia, the representatives and participants on internal and external events are expected to adhere to the points detailed below. The purpose of this document is to have guidelines that prevent unwanted behavior in the organization and also determine the process to follow up on potential breaches. The participants of each event have to assure that they are aware of the code of conduct and behave according to it. The EC is responsible for promoting the code of conduct in an appropriate way in the beginning of each event.

PARTICIPATION RULES

Actively engage in the organized activities during seminars, panel sessions and discussions as well attending all the organized sessions, meetings, discussions and debates. Respect the timeframes given by the organizers of the event. Respect the event's facilities and any rules associated with such use. Respect the environment and take care about their surroundings.

GENERAL BELIEVES

- > Treat everyone equally irrespective of socio economic background, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, political views, reduced mobility, gender expression, disabilities or any other basis of discrimination, abstaining from any direct or indirect discrimination as well from any form of harassment.
- > Do not make any inappropriate jokes or remarks, based on any discriminative grounds that cause people to feel uncomfortable or discriminated against.
- > Behave and react towards their colleagues with respect.
- > Respect the different multicultural backgrounds of their colleagues and reflect on the own behavior.
- > Proactively create an inclusive welcoming atmosphere for all of the participants, during both formal and informal parts of the event.

> Do not use demeaning or abusive language towards other participants

We are emphasizing herein that this list is not exhaustive and that the violations of the Ethical Guidelines might happen outside of the frames given by this Code of Conduct.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Depending on the gravity of the behavior, the EC in accordance with the ad hoc committee (see below) reserve the right to address the issue in the best way they see fit by applying one or more of the measures listed below through the set procedure.

ACTIVE LEGITIMACY

Any of the participants witnessing the breach or the victim her/himself may report the matter to one of the two persons specifically entrusted to that role for that particular event. These are designated by the EC for every event and are bound to discretion towards the reported matters. The trusted persons need to be briefed by the equality coordinator before being assigned to be able to handle sensitive situations adequately. The two persons will be announced at the beginning of the event and should reflect the participants' diversity.

The person informed will immediately forward the information to the ESU Executive Committee and the Equality Coordinator. The person informed will immediately forward the information to the ESU Executive Committee and the Equality Coordinator. However, in case it was not the victim itself reporting the breach, the trusted persons must not forward any information before consulting the perceived victim.

THE ACTING PROCEDURE

Upon receiving the report, the EC has to set up an ad hoc committee balanced with regard to region, gender and other relevant parameters of three to five persons within 24 hours. The ad hoc committee is bound to discretion and obliged to handle the issue brought up with the utmost care.

The ad hoc committee is chosen by the EC including one representative of the EC, the Equality coordinator, and one representative from a member union. The ad hoc committee is chosen by the EC including one representative of the EC, the Equality coordinator and one representative from a member union not involved in the conflict.

At least one member of the ad hoc committee will be of a different gender.

The ad hoc committee will immediately look into the report, consult the acting parties and bring a decision whether there has been a breach of the Code or not.

If the ad hoc committee decides, there has been a breach of the Code, it will immediately decide upon enacting one of the below proposed measures, on their free estimation of the most appropriate reaction to the breach.

The decision making process within the committee needs to be unanimous.

If the situation requires it, the decision of the ad hoc committee will be read before the beginning of the next session of the event.

MEASURES

Spoken warning to the perpetrator in question

Written warning to the perpetrator read before the beginning of the next session of the event in question

Removal of the perpetrator from the session/event in question

Official ESU letter to the sending organization of the perpetrator

Restriction of participation in future ESU events of the individual breaching the code.

Allow the injured party (also if no individual was harmed) to make a statement before the next session

Any other measure not mentioned here, in agreement with the Executive Committee. No public action must be taken without the consent of the injured individual or party.

RIGHT TO APPEAL

If the perpetrator (or his/her NUS) in question, or the injured party, feels that the EC decision is wrongly based, whether on fact or principle, they must send in an appeal in writing to the EC or the trusted person within two hours. No action can be taken within that two-hour period, unless there is a reason to protect the victim's person. Otherwise the objection has to be presented in writing to the EC or the trusted person within 12 hours. The EC then decides unanimously to revoke the decision or not or to propose an alternative sanction. If unanimity cannot be reached, the original sanction stays valid.



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