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**Day 1: 19. September 2016**

 **GLOBAL MEGATRENDS and Slovak Republic**

Day 1 of the conference is dedicated to the presentation of recent research related to Global Megatrends and their implications for Slovak Republic that was carried out by various Slovak scientific institutions and government agencies under the coordination of the Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences and Institute of Landscape Ecology of SAS. Following the Interim Workshop carried out by the GMT team in April 2016, where most of GMTs were presented and discussed, the goals of the final conference are threefold: (a) to present and discuss some of the new contributions made after the Interim Workshop, in particular the section on Food (Resources), (b) to discuss the final version of the monograph Global Megatrends and Slovak Republic, and (c) to provide bridging from the GMT-related topics to further interdisciplinary research, notably in the field of social and regional development and social inclusion.

Day 1 also offers presentation of the European Social Survey – an important European initiative and a part of ERIC network and the possibilities of using the ESS data for measuring and monitoring of social development and social inclusion in Slovakia and Europe.

**10:00-11:00 Registration, Coffee and tea**

**11:00-12:00**

**Opening of the conference**

**11:00 – 11:15 Global Megatrends and Slovak Republic,** Martina Lubyova, Director, Centre for Social and Psychological Research SAS and Zita Izakovicova, Director, Institute of Landscape Ecology SAS

**11:15 – 11:30 Global Megatrends and Next Europe Agenda by EASA,** Stefan Luby, Vice-President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts

**11:30 – 11:40 Opening of the event under the auspices of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union,** Igor Hajdušek, Ambassador at Large, Science and Innovation, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovak Republic

**11:40-12:00 Global Megatrends in Slovakia and their importance in the European context,** Milan Chrenko, Director General, Directorate for Environmental Policy, EU Affairs and International Relations, Ministry of Environment of Slovak Republic, and Radoslav Považan, Slovak Environmental Agency

**12:00 – 13:30**

**Social cluster with focus on social inclusion and integration**

**12:00 – 12:20 Review of the scientific monograph Global Megatrends and Slovak Republic,** Štefan Mihina, President, Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences

**12:20 – 12:40 Diverging population trends,** Branislav Šprocha, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences, SAS and Boris Vaňo, VDC INFOSTAT, Statistical Office of SR

**12:40 – 13:00 Integration of Roma ethnic minority in Slovakia,** Alexander Mušinka, Institute for Roma Studies, Prešov University

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 16:00**

**Environmental cluster with focus on resources (food and water) and regional development**

**14:00 – 14:30 Global Megatrends and Production of Food – Evaluation and Challenges from the point of view of the Slovak Republic,** Peter Siekel, Martina Polovka (National Agriculture and Food Centre, Food Research Institute)

**14:30 – 15:00 Water resources in Slovakia** – Viliam Novák, Institute of Hydrology, SAS

**Urbanisation - water and cities** – Ľuboš Jurík, Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra

**15:00-15:30 Global megatrends and water – Space for interdisciplinary research ‘water-economic development-employment nexus’**, Stefan Uhlenbrook (Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), Director, Programme Office on Global Water Assessment, UNESCO)

**15:30 – 16:00 Incorporating principles of European regional development policy into regional action plans,** Anton Marcinčin, Plenipotentiary of the Government of SR for the Support of the Underdeveloped Regions

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30 – 18:00 Measuring social integration and inclusion in Slovakia and across Europe**

**16:30 – 16:40 ESS activities in the Slovak Republic, Lukáš Zendulka,** Department for the Implementation of State Policies, European and International Initiatives of Research and Development, Section for Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of Slovak Republic

**16:40 – 17:10 The European Social Survey: charting social and political change in Europe,** Rory Fitzgerald, Director European Social Survey ERIC, Centre for Comparative Social Surveys, City University London

**17:10 – 17:40 Reflecting Social Development in Slovakia through ESS Data,** Jozef Výrost, National ESS Coordinator for the Slovak Republic

**17:40-18:00 Five Rounds of ESS in Slovakia,** Michal Kentoš and Denisa Fedáková, Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences SAS

**18:00 Informal short talk by the reviewers of the Global Megatrends publication –Štefan Mihina, former Director General of the National Agricultural and Food Centre and Daniel Gerbery, Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University**

**Dinner**

**Day 2: 20. September 2016**

**GLOBAL DRIVERS and international development**

**Facultative programme- trip to the Cave Driny: departure from the Congress Centre at 9:15, cave visit 10:45-11:30, return to the Congress Centre by 12:15**

Day 2 is dedicated to the topics of global development, social development and inclusion, and possibilities for development of interdisciplinary research and cooperation focused on between UNESCO, other international organisations, and key stakeholders and partners in Slovakia (e.g. SAS institutes, Universities, Government agencies, NGOs, general public).

**12:00-13:00 Registration, Coffee and tea**

**13:00-14:30 International research activities by UNESCO, Slovak Academy of Sciences, universities and NGOs in Slovakia**

**13:00-13:30 Opportunities and benefits of the cooperation with UNESCO - for the Scientific Community of a Member State,** H.E. Klára Novotná, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic at UNESCO, Paris

**13:30 – 14:00 UN World Water Assessment Programme and other Water Programmes of UNESCO – Activities, Challenges and Cooperation,** Stefan Uhlenbrook, Coordinator, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), Director, Programme Office on Global Water Assessment, UNESCO, Perugia, Italy

**14:00 – 14:30 International Cooperation Activities of the Slovak Academy of Sciences,** Dušan Gálik, Member of the Presidium and Scientific Secretary of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

**14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break**

**15:00 – 17:30 International research activities by UNESCO, Slovak Academy of Sciences, universities and NGOs in Slovakia - continued**

**15:00 – 15:15 National Commission for UNESCO – as the focal point for cooperation with UNESCO and wide UNESCO Family,** Edita Filadelfiová, General Secretary, Slovak Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of SR

**15:15 – 15:45 Activities of MOST project in Slovakia, Ľubomír Falťan,** Coordinator of UNESCO MoST Project, Institute of Sociology of SAS

**15:45 – 16:15 Possibilities for establishing UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN projects – the Slovak experience,** Lucia Mokrá, Dean, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University

**16:15-16:45 Bonds of Steel or Bonds of Straw? International Treaties and Anticorruption Policy in the Slovak Republic**, Emília Sičáková-Beblavá, Head of Institute of Public Policy, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University

**16:45 – 17:30 General Discussion**

**18:00 Dinner**

**Day 3: 21. September 2016**

**Workshop WATERS Project: SAS, UNESCO, JRC**

**10:00-11:00 Registration, Coffee and tea**

Day 3 is dedicated to interactive workshop focused on the possibilities for developing interdisciplinary research focussing on the issue of water resources and water management in Slovakia with implications for Europe. Slovakia as a country with substantial water resources and geographical source of several major European rivers belongs to key stakeholders in the field of water management and protection. SAS developed initiative framed by the WATERS project that seeks cooperation with ERC, UNESCO, and other key international and national stakeholders. Workshop participants will discuss the project proposal, its activities and possibilities for collaboration and networking. Presence of resource persons from UNESCO and Ministry of Foreign Affairs will provide valuable information and orientation for the participants.

**11:00 – 13:30**

**Teaming up for WATERS project**

**Presentation and discussion of WATERS project, planned activities and possible synergies**

**Workshop participants:**

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**13:30 Departure of workshop participants**

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**Day 2 English**

**Day 3 English**

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