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## Crisis in the Eurozone: Slovak Experiences with the Common Currency

Workshop, Bratislava, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013

**Venue:** INEKO, Bajkalská 25, Bratislava (COOP Jednota Conference Room)

The working language will be English without translation.

8.30 – 9.00 **Registration**

9.00 – 9.05 **Opening remarks**

**Peter Goliaš**, Director of INEKO

9.05 – 10.35

### **PANEL 1:**

#### **Slovak Experiences with the Common Currency and the Debt Crisis**

The euro zone entry: Expectations versus reality. What lessons can potential euro zone members learn from Slovakia? Does euro help to overcome the crisis? Euro impact on investment and growth. Other pros and cons of the entry.

**Ivan Mikloš**, Member of the Parliament, and Former Minister of Finance of the SR

“Was it a Mistake to Join the Eurozone?”

**Ivan Šramko**, Chairman of the Council for Budget Responsibility of the SR,  
Former Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia

“Expectations versus Reality: Did we get a different Euro?”

**Martin Barto**, Advisor to the Board at Sberbank Slovensko, a.s.,  
Former Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia

“Financial Sector in Slovakia: Pillar of Stability”

**Ján Tóth**, Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia

“Slovak Brief Experience with Euro during Global Recession”

**Moderator: Eugen Jurzyca**, INEKO Consultant,

Former Board Member of the National Bank of Slovakia

10.35 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 12.30

### **PANEL 2:**

#### **Solutions to the Debt Crisis in some EU Member States**

How deep should we go in building the fiscal union? Austerity versus growth dilemma. Which structural reforms should be implemented? How to remove bad debts from banks mainly in peripheral countries? Should monetary policy play key role in solving the crisis?

**Lajos Bokros**, Member of the European Parliament, Former Minister of Finance of Hungary

„Does the Euro matter?”

**Juraj Kotian**, Chief Economic Analyst at the Erste Bank Group, Vienna

“How to Moderate the Procyclical Nature of the EMU?”

**Martin Filko**, Director of the Institute for Financial Policy at the Ministry of Finance of the SR

“Calm after the Storm: Slovak Fiscal Strategy in a Post-Crisis World”

**Ľudo Ódor**, Board Member of the Council for Budget Responsibility of the SR

“Fiscal Implications of Euro Adoption”

**Moderator: Paweł Tokarski**, Senior Economic Research Fellow, Polish Institute of International Affairs

12.30 – 14.00     **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30     **PANEL 3:**  
**V4+ and the Eurozone Accession**

What are pros and cons of the entry from the viewpoint of potential entrants?

**Paweł Tokarski**, Senior Economic Research Fellow, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland

*(Mr. Grabowski cancelled his participation because he was unexpectedly nominated as a Minister of Environment in Poland)*

**Mats Braun**, Research Fellow at the Institute of International Relations, Czech Republic

**Valentina Ivan**, Associated Expert of the Expert Forum, Romania

“Euro zone: Forward looking the Romanian Experience”

**Olivér Kovács**, Researcher at the ICEG European Centre, Hungary

“Hungary and the Euro – Challenges and Perspectives”

**Georgy Ganev**, Head of Economic program at the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Bulgaria

**Moderator: Peter Goliaš**, Director of INEKO, Slovakia

15.30 – 16.00     **Coffee**

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