

LAUNCHING CONFERENCE
of the
Business Development, Innovation and SMEs Programme

PROGRAMME

17 December 2019, Hotel Saffron, Bratislava

Programme *Business Development, Innovation and SMEs*, for which the Research Agency is appointed as the Programme Operator, is supported by the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014 - 2021. The main objective of the programme is to increase value creation and sustainable growth of Slovak enterprises, mainly SMEs. It will contribute to overall objective of reducing economic and social disparities within the EEA.

Business match-making seminar aims at facilitating partnerships between entities from Slovakia and donor states (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) with the aim of establishing project partnerships.

10:30 – 11.00

Registration and refreshment

11.00 – 11.20

Conference opening

Mr. Stanislav Sipko, Director General, Research Agency

Mr. Per Øystein Vatne, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Norway

National Focal Point, Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic
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11.20 – 11.45

Introduction of Donor Programme Partners

Mr. Magnar Ødelien, Innovation Norway

Mrs. Veena Gill, Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (DIKU)

Mrs. Marion Kindle-Kühnis, National Agency of International Education Affairs (AIBA)

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11.45 – 12.00	Basic information on the Business Development, Innovation and SMEs Programme <i>Mr. Eduard Jambor, Director of the office of the Director General, Research Agency</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Information on planned calls <i>Mrs. Soňa Sulíková, Research Agency</i>
12.30 – 13.00	Discussion
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Business match – making seminar 14.00 – 14.30 Presentation of potential business partners from Donor States 14.30 – 16.00 B2B speed dating - representatives of potential donor partner institutions will be available for short individual discussions
14.45	Refreshment during B2B speed dating
16.00	Conference closing

Moderator: Barbara Horváthová

Simultaneous interpretation from and to English will be provided during the conference.

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