



Bratislava, 29 October 2009

Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel, Hviezdoslavovo nám. 3, 81102 Staré Mesto, Bratislava

9:00 - 9.30 Registrations

9:30 – 9:45 Opening speeches

- Mr Martin Hlinka, *Department for Industry and Innovation, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic*
- Mr Vesa Vanhanen, *Deputy Head of Unit, Financing Innovation and SMEs, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*

09:45 - 10:00 European Union SME policies

- Mrs Ulla Hudina-Kmetec, *Financing Innovation and SMEs, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*

10:00 - 10:30 Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) and Jeremie Programme financial instruments

- Mr Richard Pelly, *Chief Executive, European Investment Fund*
- Ms Katarína Mathernová, *Deputy Director-General, DG Regional Policy, European Commission*

10:30 - 10:45 Experience with EU financial instruments in Slovakia

- Mr Peter Matus, *Head of SME financing Department, Tatrabanka*
- *Questions and answers*

10:45 - 11:10 EIB SME Loans

- Mr Manuel Dueñas, *Central European Department, European Investment Bank*
- *Questions and answers*

11:10 - 11:30 Coffee break and Networking

11:30 - 12:00 Guarantees as sources of financing

- Mr Juraj Topolčany, *Director, Structural funds and Credit Lines Department, and Mr Ladislav Balko, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Slovak Guarantee and Development Bank*
- Mr Marcel Roy, *European Mutual Guarantee Association*
- *Questions and answers*

12:00 - 12:15 Situation on the Slovak banking market

- Mr Ladislav Unčovský, *Executive Director, Slovak Banking Association*
- *Questions and answers*

12:15 - 12:30 Equity sources of financing

- Ms Iveta Griačová, *IMP Consulting, Director 2002-2008, Slovak Venture Capital Association*

12:30 - 13:00 Role of the Enterprise Europe Network in Slovakia

- Dr. Štefan Vratný, *BIC Bratislava, coordinator of the Enterprise Europe Network*
- *Questions and answers*

13:00 - 13:20 Participation of SMEs in the 7th Framework Programme

- Dr. Štefan Cimbák, *Prvá Zváračská, National Delegate to the Programme "Research to the benefit of SMEs"*

13:20 - 13:30 Concluding remarks

- Mr Robert Konrad, *European Commission Representation in Slovakia*

13:30 - 15:00 Networking lunch offered

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Working languages will be Slovak and English – simultaneous interpretation will be provided.