



POTRAVINY A OBCHOD 2016 FOOD & TRADE 2016

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

dedicated to the importance of the food self-sufficiency of countries in the context of the international trade liberalization process

**6th October 2016, Bratislava
Hotel Bratislava**

The conference will be held under the auspices of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic, **Gabriela Matečná**



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Date of the conference: 6th October 2016

Venue of the conference: Hotel Bratislava, Seberínho 9,
821 03 Bratislava, Slovenská republika

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided from/to English, German and Slovak.

Aim of the conference:

- Exchange of information and experience concerning the international trade liberalization and prognoses of the impact of prepared free trade agreements on agriculture and food industry of smaller countries
- Discussion on justness of the concept of “reasonable rate of food self-sufficiency” in basic commodities in the context of the process of unlimited cancellation of trade barriers

Organisational instructions:

The registration is possible on www.sppk.sk,
before the 26 September 2016

Registration fee:

- 15 € for SPPK members
- 40 € for other participants.

Registration fee involves the attendance at the conference, conference documents and refreshment.

The registration fee must be paid by bank transfer
before the 26th September 2016.

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In the “Notice for beneficiary” write the name of participant and the name of the organization.

Cancellation of the registration:

The registration fee will not be reimbursed.
The replacement of the participant is possible.

**More information will be provided through e-mail
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PROGRAMME

- 8.30 – 9.00 *Registration of participants*
- 9.00 – 9.15 *Welcoming speech*
Gabriela Matečná, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the SR
Dušan Janiček, Vice-President, Slovak Agricultural and Food Chamber
Dilyana Slavova, President of the section REX, European Economic and Social Committee
- 9.15 – 9.35 *Experience of Slovak farmers and food industry with opening of domestic market to the foreign competition*
Milan Semančík, President, Slovak Agricultural and Food Chamber
- 9.35 – 9.55 *Free-trade agreements and their possible impact on the agri-food sector*
Ivan Lančarič, Director General, Section of the International Policy and European Affairs, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic
- 9.55 – 10.15 *Impact of trade policy of multinational retail chains on the food self-sufficiency of the Central and Eastern European countries*
Miroslav Koberna, Director Federation of the Food and Drink Industries of the Czech Republic
- 10.15 – 10.35 *International Trade and its impact on the food self-sufficiency*
Zuzana Nouzovská, Director General, Section of Food and Trade Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the SR
- 10.35 – 10.50 *Discussion with the first panel of speakers*
- 10.50 – 11.15 *Coffee-break*
- 11.15 – 11.35 *The importance of agricultural trade for the future development of agriculture and farming in the EU in the context of global food security*
Volker Petersen, Germany, European Economic and Social Committee
- 11.35 – 11.55 *The role of agriculture in free trade agreements*
Jonathan Peel, UK, European Economic and Social Committee
- 11.55 – 12.15 *The role of civil society in TTIP negotiations*
Dilyana Slavova, Bulgaria, European Economic and Social Committee
- 12.15 – 12.35 *Experience and concerns of farmers and processed food producers from smaller and economically less strong countries concerning a further and unlimited liberalisation of international trade*
Igor Šarmír, Slovak Agricultural and Food Chamber
- 12.35 – 12.55 *Discussion with the second panel of speakers*
- 12.55 – 13.00 *Conclusion and assessment*
Milan Semančík, President, Slovak Agricultural and Food Chamber



Organizers of the conference:

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