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### **Food for thought for Slovak practitioners in regional development**



On 22 February 2017 a seminar devoted to the current challenges and innovation in regional development was held in Bratislava.

The seminar was organised by the Slovak Office of the Government represented by Mr. Anton Marcinčin, Plenipotentiary of the Government for the Support of the Lagging Regions and his team in close cooperation with OECD experts.

The topics covered by this indeed very interesting event are directly linked to not only current challenges but also to the issue of innovation in regional development.

Regional policy in OECD countries – key trends and recent developments including Slovakia case, as well as questions and experience relating to the promotion of growth in all regions and the new rural policy 3.0 including education and labour market policies were presented by OECD experts.

Especially two topics relating to multi-level governance of regional policy – multi-level governance of public investment & infrastructure development and enhancing the role of municipalities in local & regional economies - including sub-national finances to support local development raised not only high level of participants interest but also were in the centre of discussions.

The Slovak Office of the Government represented by Mr. Anton Marcinčin, Plenipotentiary of the Government for the Support of the Lagging Regions and OECD are planning to strengthen the cooperation in 2017 and pay specific attention to the implementation side of action plans and related activities as well as to the issue of innovation in regional development.

In this respect the expertise and experience of OECD experts could provide added value and we hope this cooperation will also bring concrete mature fruits, especially for the lagging regions in Slovakia but also for other regions including our Bratislava region.

All materials from the seminar are available upon request to practitioners in regional development.

Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok is planning a follow up to this seminar by organising in spring a workshop on the above-mentioned topics for practitioners in Bratislava region.

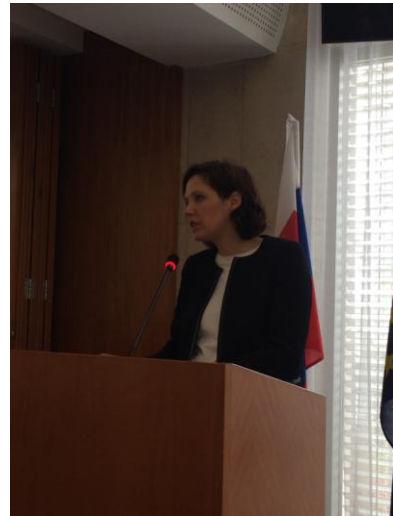


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Information on date and time of the workshop including the programme details will be announced on the Agency's web portal and on the FB.



Photos, seminar, Bratislava

We would like to express our thankfulness to colleagues from the Office of the Government for organisation this seminar and creating a space for discussion on the above-mentioned topics which gave us a complex picture on current situation of regional development in OECD countries outlining the challenges and hot issues to be dealt by Slovak practitioners active in regional development in our country.

### **For more information**

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