Introduction
National Programme of SK PRES

To be adopted by the Slovak Government on 30 June 2016

- **Overarching goals of SK PRES**
  - Bring new and fresh energy to the EU
  - Strengthen the EU
  - Reinforce citizens’ trust in the EU

...to be achieved by bringing

- **POSITIVE AGENDA**
- **SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS**
National Programme of SK PRES

- **Underlining principles:**
  - Achieving concrete results
  - Overcoming fragmentation
  - Focus on citizens

- **Main horizontal priorities:**
  - Economically strong Europe (EMU)
  - Modernisation of the Single Market (DSM, Energy Union)
  - Sustainable migration and asylum policy
  - EU as a strong global actor (enlargement of the EU)
Coordination structures

- Central coordinator of SK PRES 2016: Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MFA&EA)
- SK PRES Secretariat (MFA&EA)
- Interdepartmental Coordination Board (Secretaries of State from the line ministries)
- Interdepartmental Working Groups (HR and education, budget, logistics and security issues, media and cultural presentation, political priorities)
- Departmental coordination: International Cooperation and European Affairs Division (ICEAD)
- Coordination meetings: ICEAD & respective units (on monthly basis)
The motto of SK PRES in the field of education, science, research, sport and youth:

FOSTERING AND DEVELOPMENT OF TALENT
...because we believe that fostering and developing talent increases competitiveness fuels social inclusion contributes to personal development boosts economy
Key topics of SK PRES
(EDUCATION)

- **Developing the New Skills Agenda for Europe**
  - Promoting transparency and understanding of qualifications (EQF)
  - Addressing the skills gap - development of more relevant skills (Skills Guarantee)
  - Development of skills for labour market, as well as skills for life

- **Fostering and Development of Talent**

- **Modernisation of Higher Education**

- **Digital Skills**
Key topics of SK PRES (YOUTH)

- New approaches in youth work in order to maximize the development of potential and talent of young people and their inclusion in society

- Enabling all young people to engage in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe - Ready for life, ready for society

- Role of education and youth work in fostering social inclusion and preventing radicalisation

- Mobility of Young Volunteers (poss.)
Key topics of SK PRES (SPORT)

- Sport diplomacy
- Education in and through sport
- Supporting talent in sport
- Impact of sport on personal development
Key topics of SK PRES
(SCIENCE & RESEARCH)

- Support of young researchers, raising attractiveness of scientific career and promoting investment into human potential in research and development

- Implementation of the Horizon 2020 actions including the widening aspects of the program

- Improving the framework conditions for researchers in the EU-influence of the RnD on the economy, growth and employment (from the view of fast-growing and innovative companies), possibly related as well to the European Innovation Council
Key topics of SK PRES (SPACE)

- Relations between the EU and the European Space Agency - a constructive partnership of equals between the EU, ESA and MS

- Promotion of space research and related activities among the young scientists

- Implementation of GALILEO and COPERNICUS programmes

- Preparation and Implementation of the European Space Strategy
SK PRES 2016 EVENTS
(education)

• **High-level Group on Education and Training Policies: 9 - 10 June, Bratislava**
  - Key Competences
  - New Skills Agenda for Europe

• **Education Committee: 14 - 15 July, Bratislava**
  - Presentation of SK PRES priorities and key events
  - Communication on New Skills Agenda for Europe

• **Flagship Conference on Fostering and Development of Talent: 12 - 13 September, Bratislava**
  - Fostering and development of talent at all levels of education including training, arts, science and technology.
  - **3 main angles:**
    - INCLUSION - access and opportunity for all to have their talent discovered and further developed
    - WORKING WITH TALENTED INDIVIDUALS - methods, tools, support mechanisms
    - SUPPORT TO AVERAGE PERFORMERS – ways to identify different kinds of talent, support them and bring the average performers to the group of best performers.
SK PRES 2016 EVENTS
(education)

• **DG Higher Education: 17 - 18 October, Bratislava**
  - Role of HEIs in regions and communities:
    - HEIs as centers of regional development and innovation;
    - Societal change, social inclusion, social competences
    - Entrepreneurial skills – towards an entrepreneurial university
  - Agenda for Modernisation of Higher Education

• **DG VET Conference: "Apprenticeship: Better training - Higher skills - Great opportunities" 19 - 20 October, Bratislava**
  - DG VET plenary session:
    - New Skills Agenda for Europe
    - Adult Skills – Skills Guarantee
    - Role of VET in integration of migrants
  - Conference:
    - Implementation of Member States' commitments under the European Alliance for Apprenticeships
    - Strengthening education-business partnerships in apprenticeships and work-based learning
    - Excellence in VET
SK PRES 2016 EVENTS
(education)

• **DG Schools: 13 - 14 December, Bratislava**
  - Effective policy making and use of resources in education
  - Attractiveness of teaching profession
  - Quality education
  - Inclusive education: inclusion of pupils and students at all levels of education system
  - Transversal skills
  - PISA results

• **Bologna Follow up Group (BFUG): 8 - 9 December, Bratislava**
  - Further progress of the Bologna process
  - Reforms and strengthening of cooperation in HE
  - Developing EHEA
SK PRES 2016 EVENTS
(youth)

• **DG Youth, 6 – 7 October, Košice**
  - New approaches in youth work in order to maximize the development of potential and talent of young people and their inclusion in society

• **EU Youth Conference, 3 – 6 October, Košice**
  - Enabling all young people to engage in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe - Ready for life, ready for society (Structured Dialogue with Youth)
SK PRES 2016 EVENTS
(sport)

• **Conference „Education In and Through Sport“, 18 - 19 July, Bratislava**
  - Supporting talent in sport
  - Education in and through sport
  - Sport diplomacy

• **Informal DG Sport, 19 - 20 July, Bratislava**
  - Education in and through sport
  - Sport diplomacy

• **European Opening of the European Week of Sport, 10 September, Košice**
  - Event under SK PRES patronage
SK PRES 2016 EVENTS
(science and research)

- **Informal Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Competitiveness, part Research - 18 - 19. July 2016, Bratislava**
  - Discussion of ministers on the potential Council Conclusions - Possible measures to support young researchers - attractiveness of scientific career, support of mobility
  - Discussion of ministers on the topic of improving the framework conditions for researchers in the EU – influence of the RnD on the economy, growth, employment, etc.

- **Ministerial Conference COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), 21-22 September 2016, Bratislava**
  - High-level conference of the 36 COST member countries held once in five-six years
  - Presentation of the recent achievements and the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration highlighting the goals and objectives for the post Horizon 2020 COST strategy
SK PRES 2016 EVENTS

(science and research)

• ICT Proposers’ Day, 26 – 27 September 2016, Bratislava

• 31st ERAC Plenary Meeting and Meeting of the Research Working Party, 15-16 September 2016, Bratislava

• SET Plan 2016 - CEEC X, Energy Union: Towards a transformed European energy system, 30 November – 2 December 2016, Bratislava

• Social Sciences and Humanities: A New Agenda for Europe’s Challenges, 15 -16 November 2016, Bratislava

• REinEU2016 (Re-Industrialisation of the European Union 2016), 26 -28 October 2016, Bratislava

• International workshop "Career – Researcher“ EURAXESS, 9 November, Bratislava

• Presidency Conference - Spreading Excellence and Crossing the Innovation Divide, 23 November 2016, Brussels

• WIRE Innovative Regions, after SK PRES: June 2017
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