

Slovak-Russian Discussion Forum III

Venue	Bratislava (conference room of the Hotel Tatra, address: Námestie 1. mája 5, 811 06 Bratislava, https://www.hoteltrata.sk/ru)
Date	12 October 2018
Organizers	Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association and the Gorchakov Fund in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
Languages	Slovak and Russian (with simultaneous translation)
Description	The forum serves as an expert platform for consultations on topical issues of bilateral Slovak-Russian relations. Its mission is to contribute to better understanding of national positions on issues relevant for bilateral relations, including in a wider international context.

Agenda

Aim	The aim of the third meeting of the forum will be, first, to discuss the current state of affairs in the Slovak-Russian bilateral relations, including in the regional (V4) and the EU contexts, and second, to facilitate exchange of views on prospects for dialogue within international organizations in the context of Slovakia's OSCE Chairmanship 2019.
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9:00-9:10	Welcome <i>Alexander Duleba</i> , Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association <i>Valeriy Kantorov</i> , Adviser to the Executive Director of the Gorchakov Fund
9:10-9:30	Introductory remarks <i>Michal Slivovič</i> , Director, Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia Department, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic <i>Alexey Fedotov</i> , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Slovak Republic
9:30-11:30	Panel I. Slovak-Russian relations: bilateral, regional (V4) and the EU contexts
Chair	<i>Boris Kuznetsov</i> , Director, Centre of International and Regional Policy, Sankt Petersburg
Speakers	<i>Lyubov Shishelina</i> , Head, Central and Eastern Europe Research Department, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences <i>Juraj Marušiak</i> , Institute of Political Science, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Oksana Gaman-Golutvina, Head, Department of Comparative Politics,
MGIMO University, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Vladimír Bilčík, Senior Fellow, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy
Association

Alexey Grivach, Deputy Director General on Natural Gas, National Energy
Security Fund

Discussion

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-14:00 **Panel II. Prospects for dialogue within international organizations in the
context of Slovakia's OSCE Chairmanship in 2019**

Chair **Alexander Duleba**, Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy
Association

Speakers **Igor Pavlovskiy**, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, International Agency Regnum

Rastislav Káčer, Honorary Chairman of Board, GLOBSEC

Yaroslav Lisovolik, Chief Economist, Eurasian Development Bank

Samuel Goda, Research Fellow, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy
Association

Ivan Danilin, Head, Innovation Policy Section, Primakov National Research
Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of
Sciences

Discussion

14:00-14:15 **Concluding remarks**

Valeriy Kantorov, Adviser to the Executive Director of the Gorchakov Fund

Alexander Duleba, Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy
Association

14:15 Lunch