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THE PERCENTAGE TAX DESIGNATIONS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Hotel Loft, Bratislava
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Conference organizers



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Today, almost twenty years after the introduction of the percentage tax mechanism in Hungary and 10 years after the latest and only comparative work, a need emerges on evaluating the mechanism towards its original ambition.

What is the role of the mechanism in the support of the civil society and in the development of philanthropic culture from a longer-term perspective?

Based on the findings of the Central and Eastern European Percentage Tax Designation research study, this two-days international conference will share the lessons learnt that can be instrumental and useful to policy makers, donors and civil society actors not only in the countries that currently use the mechanism, but also in other countries that look for innovative ways of public funding towards civil society or otherwise strengthening the civil society.

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

8 September 2016, 1.00 pm

Opening of the conference

9 September 2016, 1.00 pm

Closing of the conference

8 September 2016	11.00 am - 1.00 pm	Registration
	1.00 – 1.30 pm	Opening of the conference
	1.30 – 6.00 pm	Working sessions
	7.00 pm	Dinner for all conference participants
9 September 2016	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Working sessions
	12.00 – 12.30 pm	Closing of the conference
	12.30 – 1.00 pm	Refreshments

CONFERENCE VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

LOFT Hotel Bratislava ****
Štefánikova 4
811 05 Bratislava
www.lofthotel.sk/en/contact

LOFT Hotel Bratislava is set in a modern, brick-and-glass building, located within a walking distance from the historical town centre and with a view of the President's Palace garden.

The modern rooms have free Wi-Fi, minibars, tea and coffeemakers, and flat-screen TVs with satellite channels. Underground garage parking is available for a fee.

The hotel restaurant Fabrika The Beer Pub offers rich buffet breakfast, lunch menu and a la carte menu. The Coffee and Wine Lounge with summer terrace offers draught beer, Italian coffee, local and international wines, cocktails, drinks and a wide selection of whiskey.

The Presidential Palace is only 300 m away. The Bratislava Castle is reachable within 1.5 km, the Michaels Tower is 850 m away and the St. Martins Cathedral is situated within 1.3 km. The Danube River bank is set 1.5 km away and the Bratislava Main Railway Station is 850 m away.



TRANSPORT

Travelling to/from Vienna airport	<p>There are 4 bus lines providers that can be selected for the transfer between Vienna International airport and Bratislava (Slovak lines, Eurolines/FlixBus, RegioJet, Eurobus).</p> <p>Timetables of all lines and more details are summarized here.</p>		
Getting to conference venue from bus station	<p>Conference participants coming to Bratislava Bus Station can get to the conference venue (Loft hotel Bratislava) by trolley-bus.</p> <p>Direct trolley-bus lines: 208, 206 Boarding stop: Mlynske nivy (bus station), stop is located outside of the main building Exit stop: Hodzovo nam. (stop in front of the President palace), 300 m walk to the hotel Time of the travel: 10 minutes</p>		
Getting to conference venue from train station	<p>Conference participants coming to Bratislava Main Train Station can get to the conference venue (Loft hotel Bratislava) by bus.</p> <p>Direct lines: 83, 84 (only working days), 93 Boarding stop: Hlavna stanica (main station) Exit stop: Hodzovo nam. (stop across the President palace), 350 m walk to the hotel Time of the travel: 4 - 7 minutes</p>		
Public transport in Bratislava	<p>In all bigger Slovak cities you can use means of public transport (MHD). In Bratislava, the tickets for buses, trolley-buses and trams have to be purchased in advance.</p> <p>More information about types and price list of the tickets can be found here.</p>		
Taxi	<p>When getting around Bratislava it is recommended not to take a taxi on the street but to order it via phone or mobile app as it is cheaper.</p> <table border="0"><tr><td data-bbox="399 1082 735 1249">Taxi companies: + 421 2 16 022 AA taxi + 421 2 16 302 Trend taxi + 421 2 16 777 Fun taxi</td><td data-bbox="872 1082 1978 1218">Hopin Taxi (app) This is a taxi application allowing you to order a taxi without time consuming discussions with a dispatcher. On the map, you'll see all the taxis accessible in your area and you can therefore quickly order the taxi most suitable for you.</td></tr></table> <p>If you are Uber customer, please be informed that it is also available in Bratislava.</p>	Taxi companies: + 421 2 16 022 AA taxi + 421 2 16 302 Trend taxi + 421 2 16 777 Fun taxi	Hopin Taxi (app) This is a taxi application allowing you to order a taxi without time consuming discussions with a dispatcher. On the map, you'll see all the taxis accessible in your area and you can therefore quickly order the taxi most suitable for you.
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Safety and security	The situation in Slovakia is in this aspect similar to all the European neighboring countries. Especially in places, where many tourists pass by (i.e. The Old Town in Bratislava, bus and train stations, means of transport), you have to pay attention to your personal stuff and valuables. For motorists the usual measures are valid – it is recommended to park the cars on guarded parking places, not to leave valuables unnecessarily in the parked car. Its the best to keep your valuables in the hotel safe and not to carry too much cash with you.
What languages are spoken	English and German are the most often used foreign languages. Less frequent is the knowledge of French, Spanish, Italian or Russian. In the South of Slovakia Hungarian is used many times.
Electricity	230 V/50 Hz, standard socket with safety pin
Smoking	In catering facilities, in trains and at workplaces smoking is allowed only in areas reserved for smokers. Smoking prohibition is valid in closed public areas (covered bus stops, closed sports fields), in publicly accessible spaces (stations, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, exhibition grounds and similar) and at schools.
Vaccination and medical measures	Before the arrival to Slovakia no special health precautions or medical measures are necessary. We recommend a tick vaccine, especially in case, that you plan to spend a lot of time in the woods. It is also suitable to carry with you some insect repellents, because in areas close to water can be an increased occurrence of gnats.
Health service, emergency	There are hospitals in all larger towns. In smaller towns and tourist areas outpatient clinics and pharmacies are available. Pharmacies are open usually on workdays from 8:00 to 18:00, during weekends and holidays there is always one pharmacy in town on duty. It is recommended to close a health insurance contract before coming to Slovakia, which is usually a part of the travel insurance package. When needing emergency health care call 112 or specialized rescue service/ambulance.
Drinking water	There is drinking water from the taps, besides some exceptional cases, when a notification warns about the possible defect.
Slovak cuisine	The Slovak national dish is "bryndzové halušky" – a sort of potato dumplings (halušky) with special sheep cheese (bryndza) and usually also topped with fried bacon. You can get this specialty in regular restaurants, too. But it tastes best in typical wooden sheds or chalets, where also other traditional Slovak meals are on the menu. In the restaurants and bars it is usual to leave some tip for the waiter by rounding up the resulting amount, in the majority it is about 5-10 % of the bill. It is not obligatory and the amount should within the possibilities reflect the guests satisfaction with the service.