

Event Speaker Biography



Boris Sloboda

Director General of the EU Funds Section, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

Mr. Boris Sloboda has been working as the Director General of the EU Funds Section since 2016 and is responsible for the implementation of the **Human Resources Operational Programme** as managing authority. This Programme, financed by European Social Fund, is providing support to unemployed and employed people through active labor market policies at acquiring and maintaining employment. Majority of the support is directed to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable population groups that are far from the open labour market.

However within the last three years the Programme has been financing 2 projects „*Don't lose your job, up(re)skill yourself*“ and “*Skills to support the labor market*”, which allows more than 35,000 employees to improve their professional skills and competences. Main focus of the reskilling and upskilling trainings is to remain competitive on the labor market challenged by recent trends of digitalization, automation and robotization as well as of transformation to a green economy. Total allocation for both projects sums up to 100 million Eur.

As a part of his previous work experience, he worked at Ministry of Education as the **Director General of the Lifelong Learning Section**, and in 2009 he was responsible for the adopting of the Act on Lifelong Learning in Slovakia.

He graduated with PhD degree in International Relations at Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia. The topic of his dissertation thesis analyzed – “*Competitiveness of European countries in the context of knowledge economy*”.