

About the Conference



The aim of the conference, Startup Factory Slovakia, was to provide Slovak and other regional startups on-hand presentations, advice and expert opinions on business financing and assistance in scaling-up. Young starters could share knowledge with experienced entrepreneurs and representatives of ministries and universities during the conference. Startup Factory Slovakia, was organized by Connect Coworking under the auspices of the Slovak Ministry of Finance, and supported also by the European commissioner for digital economy and society Günther H. Oettinger.

The conference was opened by the President of the Slovak Republic Andrej Kiska. One of his main priorities is to support entrepreneurs and startups. *“Our country is a fantastic, beautiful country, but we need to transform our Slovakia to world Slovakia. We have here a lot of ideas, successful innovations and these young people often need help. They need to hear from our politicians a vision or conditions they can provide them with, so these young people can change their ideas into reality.”* said Andrej Kiska to TASR after the opening of the conference.

The event consisted primarily of four panel discussions, where we could hear the opinions of world experts from Silicon Valley, London, Berlin and the Nordic countries about topics of the angel crowd or startup support.

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Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic

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CONNECT is a coworking centre in Bratislava situated in an old factory called Cvernovka. Connect supports young entrepreneurs, freelancers and start-ups. It is trying to connect together like-minded people from different areas and provide support through educational conferences and workshops aimed at developing business and marketing skills. Connect also provides office space for the implementation of business ideas and various events.

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Agenda of Startup Factory Slovakia

STARTUP FACTORY SLOVAKIA, 4 JUNE 2015, CONNECT COWORKING

11:15 – 11:45 OPENING SESSION

- Welcome: Andrej Kiska - President of the Slovak Republic
- Keynote: Günther Oettinger - European Commissioner for the Digital Economy and Society
- Keynote: Juraj Draxler - Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

11:45 – 12:45 FUND IT ALTERNATIVELY – FUND IT BY THE ANGEL CROWD

- James Morgon – DesnaCap (UK)
- Katarína Boledovičová – Head of Private Banking at TatraBanka (SK)
- Viktor Reviljak - CulCharge (SK)
- Kenneth Ryan – KPMG (SK)
- Host: Andrej Kiska ml. - Credo Ventures (SK)

12:45 – 13:45 LUNCH

13:45– 14:45 MATURE MONEY BUSINESS – FINANCE YOUR SCALE-UP

- Frank Timons – Founder and CEO Pier88 (US)
- Stefan Wendel – High-Tech Gründerfonds (DE)
- Roman Čmelík – Limerock (SK)
- Pekka Sivonen - Vertical Accelerator (FI)
- Host: Matej Ftáčnik - The Spot (SK)

14:45 – 15:45 THE STARTUP JUNKIE – COMPREHENSIVE STARTUP SUPPORT

- Alfredo Coppola – US MAC (US)
- Suomela Hartti – Nordic Innovation House (US)
- Jan Jilek - 1000 startups (HR)
- Isidro Laso – European Commission DG Connect (ESP)
- Radoslav Vašina – Fond of Innovations and Technology (SK)
- Host: Juraj Porubský - Forbes (SK)

15:45 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:00 TRANSFORMING YOUR COMPANY

- Anders Ferntoft – Lead (SWE)
- Doron Davidson - CEO a spoluzakladateľ SecBI – Security Business Intelligence, (ISR)
- Michael Jacobsen – Enterprise Slovakia (UK)
- Patrik Horny - Crowdberry (SK)
- Host: Ivan Štefunko - Neulogy Ventures (SK)

17:00 – 17:30 CLOSING REMARKS

- Rastislav Chovanec - State Secretary, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic
- Andy Garth - Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Slovak Republic