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FOREWORD



A German-British economist E. F. Schumacher once said: “An ounce of practice is generally worth more than a ton of theory.” That is one of the reasons why you are holding this brochure, because this year, the final year of our studies at Faculty of International Relations of University of Economics in Bratislava through the project of Model Conference, we can put our knowledge and everything that we have learned in the past five years in the field of international economic relations and economic diplomacy into practice.

It is a great honour for me to write this foreword as President of the Model Conference 2020. It is a pleasure for me that I have received the trust from my colleagues and was elected president for the 13th Model Conference and for the past

year I could work and help to make this project a wonderful experience for all of us. At the beginning of this year every one of us chose if for the next two semesters we wanted to be a part of negotiating sections or organizing committee and the next two semesters were held in that way. All of us have gained experience within our interest. Throughout the year we organized accompanying events such as round tables, where negotiating sections invited experts and held fruitful discussions on current global topics. For the first time in the history of the Model Conference we organized an event called “Little Diplomats”, where we introduced negotiations to primary school students.

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to see the results at the event of Model Conference 2020, the results of what we worked hard for during the last eight months. The COVID-19 pandemic is the defining global health crisis of our time that affected the whole world. I deeply regret the cancellation of the Model Conference 2020. My colleagues and I would very much like to present not only the results but the experience that this project gave us, however we are keeping in mind that the most important thing right now for everyone, us included, is health protection and keeping everyone safe.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to every partner, sponsor, media partner and supporter who helped us with different forms of support, without them we would not be able to work on such project.

ABOUT CONFERENCE



How to solve the problem of the climate change? Is UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow ready to answer the problematic questions of the future of our planet? Was Strategy Europe 2020 well prepared for current issues? Is it possible to answer and find a solution concerning these topics? Perhaps. But at least some of the students of the International Relations at the University of Economics in Bratislava are here to focus on these problems and try to find the best alternative. And since we do not want our ideas to remain in the drawer, we would like to present

these ideas to the public at the Model Conference 2020 which celebrates its thirteen anniversary this year.

At school we learn a lot of practical things about political and economic issues of the world. The whole project called the Model Conference is here to show that the particular solutions await us. We are all in the fifth grade and have a career ahead. We do not prefer just an encyclopaedic knowledge. We want to be closer to the reality.

The Model Conference is a final project of students of Master degree. During the two-semester course Negotiations in Diplomatic Practice the students are able to show their competences in the field of diplomacy, politics and economics. Furthermore, they are able to show their skills in organisation, communication and diplomatic negotiations. Students participating in this project are divided into three teams. During two semesters, students in these sections are showing their communication and diplomatic skills while protecting the national interests of individual countries. They represent different states and try to come to the conclusion all parties will agree with. Thanks to the strong cooperation of students with the experts from both private and public sectors the Model Conference may become a high-quality and relevant conference which reacts to the current situation in the world.

Model Conference 2020 will be held under the auspices of the President of the Slovak Republic.

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Special thanks go to our leaders, for their ideas and advice during the negotiations and the organization of the entire Model Conference 2020.

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FMV ECONOMIC SECTION



The Economic Section of the Model Conference of the Faculty of International Relations 2020 assessed the achievement of the priorities and objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy. During the two semesters, the representatives of the Member States of the European Union not only evaluated the achievements of European integration in the past decade, but also discussed the mutual priorities and objectives of the Member States for the coming decade. The aim of negotiations of the Economic Section was to develop a strategy for further progress of the European Union as a whole, based on the positions of individual Member States by taking into account the preferences of the country. Following a thorough analysis, this section formulated the objectives for 2030, building on the past achievements of the

Europe 2020 strategy in the priority areas: smart growth, the development of a knowledge and innovation based economy, sustainable growth fostering a competitive economy and inclusive growth to facilitate high employment, social and territorial cohesion.

SPEAKERS FOR ECONOMIC SECTION



Ing. Lívia Vašáková, PhD., works as a Head of Economic Analyses Section at the European Commission Representation in Slovakia, where she represents the Commission regarding economics and social policies. She previously worked as a key energy modeller at the Directorate General for Energy Energy at the European Commission in Brussels. In 2016, Euractiv.sk portal labelled her as the most influential woman in the Slovak energy sector. She graduated from the University of Economics in Bratislava and studied at the Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria; the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich, Germany; the University of Aix-en-Provence in France and the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. She also holds a post-graduate degree from the Europa Kolleg Hamburg.



MUDr. Miroslav Mikošák is a longtime international diplomat, politician and one of the leaders of European pro-life activities. He founded and became president of the civic association DONUM VITAE for the protection of life from conception to natural passing, which was held in 1992 by the World PRO-LIFE Congress in Bratislava with 2400 participants. Diplomats of 120 embassies in Canada elected him as the president of the prestigious Ottawa Diplomatic Association (2000-2001). He was teaching medical ethics at the Institute of Medical Ethics and Bioethics in Bratislava for almost three years. (1990-1992).



Ing. Ivan Štefanec, MBA, PhD. is a Member of the European Parliament and a member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, where he focuses on small and medium-sized enterprises, employment and the (digital) single market. Prior to joining the European Parliament, he was a member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic and vice-chair of the Committee for European Affairs. In 2004 he was appointed government plenipotentiary for the introduction of the euro in Slovakia.



The Environmental Section of the Model Conference 2020 of the Faculty of International Relations dealt with climate change issues that require an adequate response from the international environment. The impacts of climate change transform the world every day. Despite of the fact that most of the countries have committed themselves to seek for optimal solutions in transforming their national economies to be in harmony with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, many countries are still placing more emphasis on their own political and economic interests before efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change on our planet. The aim of the Environment Section was to discuss the fulfilment of environmental goals, analyse the achievements, but especially the deficiencies of

state's environmental policies and furthermore to deepen the international cooperation and eliminate the impacts of environmental changes on our environment. Undoubtedly, the year 2020 is crucial (for us - the students of the last university year) for the international community. Our efforts in these two semesters culminated in detailed preparations for a major climate summit to be held in Glasgow in November.

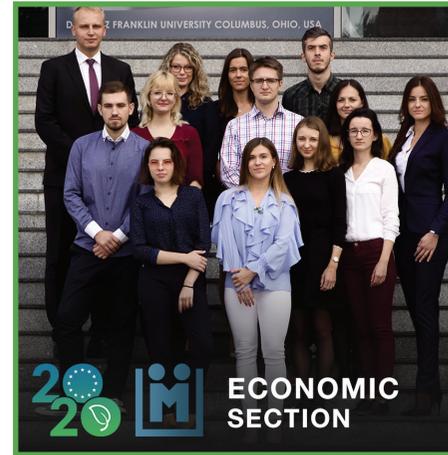
SPEAKERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION



Ing. Norbert Kurilla, PhD. was appointed as a State Secretary of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak republic on March 31, 2016. In his role, he is responsible for numerous Environmental and Climate Policies including international and EU affairs. He is also a vice-chair of the OECD Green Action task Force. He started his career at the Ministry of Environment as EU affairs coordinator. During 2007 – 2014 served at the Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the European Union in Brussels as environmental diplomat. Upon his return to Slovakia in 2014 he took an active part in preparation of the Slovak Presidency in the Council of the European Union and became Director General of the Environmental Policy Directorate at the Ministry of Environment. He is also a graduate of the Faculty of International Relations at the University of Economics in Bratislava.



Prof. RNDr. Peter Fedor, PhD. is a slovak ecologist, zoologist and university educator. He works at the Department of Environmental Ecology of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the Comenius University in Bratislava. Since 2018 he has become a dean. He focused mainly on the research of semi-automated artificially intelligent systems for prompt detection of invasive species with pathogenic and quarantine potential on agricultural land as a topical issue of the impact of climate change in synergy with the globalization of trade in biological commodities. He is a member of the Linnean Society in London, an expert group of the International Society for Pest Information and also vice-chairman of the Slovak Entomological Society.



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