

SPECIAL EVENT

Energy Conference

Topics related to the energy sector were a part of several AmCham conferences in the past couple of years. This was the first time that AmCham organized an entire conference dedicated to the topic of energy; more precisely to the energy regulatory trends. The program of the conference was divided into two panels, presenting the two main factors or approaches in the regulation debate. While the first panel focused on the role of the market in the energy sector, the second one described the principles and specific examples of regulation. The panels featured an interesting lineup of experts from various areas of the energy sector, covering mainly the situation in Slovakia, but also the wider context of energy regulation within the European Union. The variety in the approach to regulation of the energy sector throughout the EU enabled an intriguing comparison of the outcomes, which resulted in a lively discussion.

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PANEL I: Role of the Market in Energy Sector
From left: **Pavla Mandálová**, Advisor for Retail Markets & Innovation, EURELECTRIC (Moderator); **Juraj Krajčár**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, ZSE Energia; **Michal Duben**, Head of Origination, CZ/SK, Alpiq Energy SE; **Michal Hudec**, Chairman, Association of Energy Suppliers in Slovakia; and **Marián Nicz**, Energy Section, Ministry of Economy of SR



PANEL II – Regulation in Energy Sector
From left: **Radoslav Hanuliak**, Capital Legal Group (Moderator); **Livia Vašáková**, Economic Counsellor, Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia; **Blahoslav Němeček**, Executive Director, Electroenergetics, Gas and Heating Industry, EY; **Luboš Štrachota**, Regulatory Affairs, NET4GAS TSO; and **Marián Nicz**, Energy Section, Ministry of Economy of SR



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U.S. Presidential Elections 2016

Last year's U.S. Presidential Elections were closely followed worldwide and the polls predicted a very close race. As has become traditional, AmCham teamed up with the Embassy of the United States of America to celebrate the US Election Night in Bratislava. The event featured live musical performances, the possibility to network with many interesting guests, an expert panel discussion, or a mock election to determine which of the presidential candidates would win among the present guests. The panel discussion, as well as several interviews, were also aired on TA3. The results of the mock election were announced by Adam Sterling, U.S. Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Hillary Clinton secured an easy victory among the attendees. However, the actual election result was much more dramatic and in the end, it was Donald Trump who came out victorious. Several guests also used the opportunity to watch live coverage of the elections in the hotel bar of Hotel Devín until early morning.

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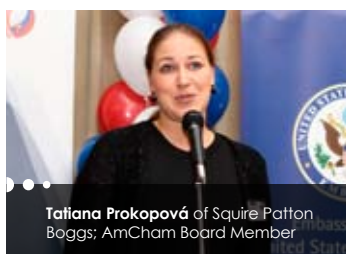
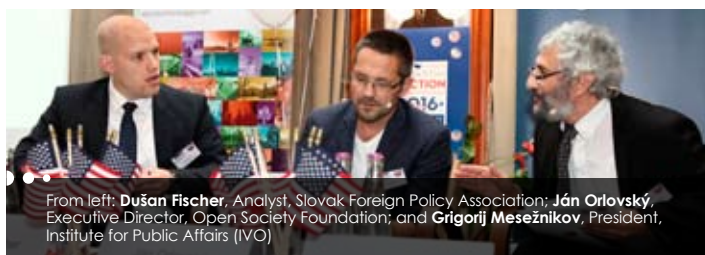
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From left: **Dušan Fischer**, Analyst, Slovak Foreign Policy Association; **Ján Orlovský**, Executive Director, Open Society Foundation; and **Grigori Mesežnikov**, President, Institute for Public Affairs (IVO)



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