

Compliance & Corruption Prevention

Many of AmCham's activities planned for this year are defined within the context of the "2014 Rule of Law Initiative". One of the main issues with a damaging effect on the image of Slovakia abroad, as well as, on the local business community and society in general is the continuing problem with corruption. A series of seminars was held on this topic throughout May and June in Bratislava, Žilina and Košice, with the goal of informing the local business community about the associated risks and offering methods to mitigate them.

Dr. Wilfried Serles presented the auditor's view and provided some valuable practical tips on how to protect the company from corruption through improved internal controls. JUDr. Radovan Pala followed up with a legal perspec-



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tive focused on the legal aspects of regulatory compliance from the public and corporate point of view.

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Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: A Year After

The Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is a topic of key interest to many AmCham members, and it was already featured as one of the main topics at other AmCham events over the past months. However, this business breakfast had a specific goal of presenting the outcomes of a project launched by the Business Alliance of Slovakia and the US Embassy in Slovakia in September of 2013.

The project's main goal was to spread awareness about TTIP and its potential benefits for Slovak businesses through a series of discussions with key stakeholders on sector-specific topics relevant to TTIP negotiations. The keynote speeches were followed by a panel discussion explaining the



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influence of TTIP on different sectors of the economy. The outcomes of the TTIP Impact Analysis, presented in the last session, are the subject of a separate article in this issue of Connection.

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