

Invitation

CERN – SLOVAKIA INDUSTRY AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER EVENT

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Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Mierová 19, 827 15 Bratislava, Conference room 27

Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, Committee for Collaboration of Slovak Republic with CERN, Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the European Organization for Nuclear Research CERN organize jointly the event entitled **CERN – Slovakia Industry and Knowledge Transfer Event**. This workshop will take place on 24 March 2015 at the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic in Bratislava hosting the representatives from CERN, the above mentioned institutes, other Slovak institutions interested in the field of academy and industry, and the Slovak companies with potential and interest to collaborate with CERN in terms of procurement and transfer of knowledge and technology.

Slovakia has been a member state of CERN for more than 20 years. This period was full of important achievements and excellent scientific results. The Slovak financial contribution to CERN was returned largely to the country's economy via supplies from Slovak industry to CERN during this time. In this respect Slovakia has a huge potential. This, however, is not used on a satisfactory level today. Therefore, the list of companies genuinely interested to cooperate with CERN should be updated and expanded, in order to reach an outstanding return for the Slovak industry again.

This event, the first of its kind in Slovakia, aims at reinforcing and expanding cooperation of CERN and Slovakia in the industry and the transfer of

knowledge and technology. The main goal is to increase the industrial return rate of the Slovak contributions to CERN by increasing the volume of orders to Slovak companies. Slovak firms will be informed about all the possibilities of supplies to CERN and new collaborations between CERN and Slovak industry will be encouraged.

Another important objective of the meeting is to familiarize Slovak research institutes and companies with mutual benefits gained from the technology transfer not only from CERN and vice versa but also throughout the high-energy physics community in which CERN plays a principal role. This means commercialization of scientific discoveries and technologies developed through fundamental research in high-energy physics for the benefit of society. The technology transfer in Slovakia is still at an early stage and in a development process. The conference may inspire and contribute to new collaborations, synergies and actions bringing together the academy and industry.

The organisers would like to invite your company/institution to take part in this event. More details are available at <http://indico.cern.ch/e/CERN-SLOVAKIA2015>.

Attendance to the event is free of charge. However [online registration](#) till 10 March 2015 is compulsory for logistic reasons. The places are limited. The [livestream](#) of the event will be also available.

The organisers are looking forward to meet you at the event.

