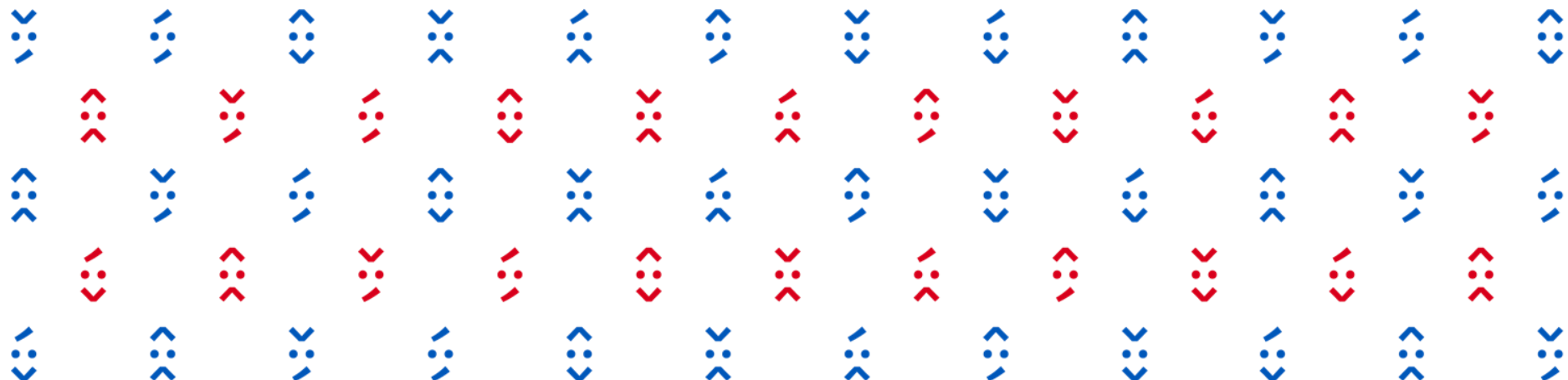


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Slovak Presidency of the Council
of the European Union



SLOVAKIA'S FIRST EU PRESIDENCY – MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

SOME STATISTICS

Bratislava

- informal summit;
- 20 ministerial meetings and conferences;
- 6 parliamentary events;
- 180 expert meetings;
- 26.000 delegates (833 VIP guests; more than 1500 journalists);
- 60 visits from EU institutions;
- social and cultural activities - more than 450.000 participants

Brussels

- 53 ministerial meetings
- more than 1200 working groups meetings

Budget: planned 70 mil. EUR – spent: cca 55-56 mil. EUR



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LOCAL ACTIVITIES (more than 30):

- **EU HoMs meetings with Bulgarian representatives** (Presidents, Ministers,...)
- **Cultural events** (exhibitions – Sofia, Varna; concerts – Sofia, Plovdiv; film festival)
- **Social events** (presentations; Blood Donation Day; discussions with students - Sofia, Veliko Tarnovo, Varna, Blagoevgrad)

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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

3 principles: **Pragmatic + Uniting + People's voice**

These principles are **mutually reinforcing** – we believe that with (1) tangible results that (2) help overcome the fragmentation, we can bring (3) real added value for our citizens.

Key event: Bratislava Summit (Sep 16, 2016)

(Bratislava Declaration, Bratislava Road Map, BG: 160 mil. EUR)

„Although one country has decided to leave, the EU remains indispensable for the rest of us.“



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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

▪ Stronger European Economy

- ✓ EU budget for 2017
- ✓ new elements of the EU Cohesion Policy
- ✓ Directive on the fight against fraud to the EU's financial interests (PIF directive) and Proposal on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's office (EPPO regulation)

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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

▪ Single Market

Energy Union

- ✓ Mechanism on intergovernmental agreements with 3rd countries in energy sector

Digital Single Market

- ✓ Geo-blocking – regulation to ban unjustified geo-blocking between MS
- ✓ Abolition of roaming charges by June 2017
- ✓ Boosting mobile internet for all

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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Sustainable Migration and Asylum Policy**
 - ✓ launching of the European Border and Coast Guard (Kapitan Andreevo/BG)
 - ✓ concept of effective solidarity



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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

▪ External Relations and Trade

- ✓ signing of CETA – EU-Canada trade agreement
- ✓ ratification of the Paris Climate Agreement
- ✓ enlargement policy – 4 new chapters opened in the accession process with Serbia, 2 ch. with Montenegro
- ✓ visa liberalisation with Georgia and Ukraine

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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