



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Slovak BioEconomy Valley

5–6 November 2026, Galicia Nueva Castle Hotel, Halič

Moderator: *Peter Bielik*

5 November 2026

13:00 - 14:00 *Participant registration, check-in for hotel guests*

14:00 - 14:30 *Official opening of the conference*

Vladimír Hiadlovský, Rector of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica and President of the Slovak Rectors' Conference

Representative of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Ondrej Lunter, Chairman of the Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region

14:30 - 15:40 *Panel 1: National Biomethane Action Plan for Slovakia (SK)*

Introductory presentation

Vladimír Mužila, Chair of the Working Group for the preparation of the draft National Action Plan (NAP) to support biomethane production in the Slovak Republic

Panel discussion of the NAP Working Group members

Vladimír Mužila (BioPark Slovakia), Juraj Novák (Ministry of Economy of the SR), Július Roth (SPP – distribúcia), Tomáš Beseda (Slovnaft), Martin Kečkéš (SPP)

15:40 - 15:50 *Handover of the draft National Action Plan for Biomethane to the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic*

Vladimír Mužila (BioPark Slovakia)

Representative of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic

15:50 - 16:20 ***Coffee break***

16:20 - 17:40 *Discussion Panel 2: Supporting biomethane production in the V4+ – options for joint action (EN)*

Dalibor Delong (Rex Solutions, Czech Republic), Katarína Zsigová (MOL Group, Hungary), Robert Marák (BioPark Slovakia / BBSK), Bernhard Natterer (Finsterwalder Umwelttechnik, Germany), Oleksandra Gumeniuk (Ammongas, Denmark)

17:40 - 18:00 ***Coffee break***

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18:00 - 19:00

Presentation Panel 3: Bioeconomy

Connecting Countries (EN)

(networking, education, know-how transfer, support activities)

Milan Pospíšil (President of the Czech Rectors Conference and Rector of UCT Prague, Czech Republic), *George Manea* (EAD Society, Romania), *Tomáš Dostál* (Innovation Centre of the Olomouc Region, Czech Republic), *Marcela Slaniniaková* (BioPark Slovakia/BBSK), *Kamila Rybczyńska-Tkaczyk* (University of Life Sciences in Lublin, Poland), *Erika Luzón-Tandazo* (Institute of Agricultural Economics – AKI, Hungary/Ecuador), *Maria João Sarmiento* (Zabala Innovation, Portugal)

19:00 - 19:15

Summary of the first conference day

Vladimír Hiadlovský, Rector, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

19:15 - 22:00

Dinner with cultural programme and networking

Concert by world-renowned soprano *Adriana Kučerová* with piano accompaniment

Performance by young violin virtuoso *Marcel Anthony Alman*, a student of Dalibor Karvay

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7:00 - 9:00

Breakfast and check-out

9:00 - 9:20

Opening of the Innovation Arena

Competition rules, introduction of the expert jury, the award and the competitors

9:20 - 11:00

Innovation Arena: competitor pitches and questions from the expert jury

6 competing entities

11:00 - 11:20

Coffee break, expert jury voting

11:20 - 11:35

Bioeconomy: a development strategy for a lagging region

Daniel Kojnok, BioPark Slovakia strategic team

11:35 - 11:50

Announcement of the Slovak BioEconomy Valley Innovation Award laureate

Vladimír Mužila, Chairman of BioPark Slovakia

Ján Závadský, Vice-Rector for Quality and Accreditation, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

11:50 - 12:00

Conclusions and closing of the conference

Ján Závadský, Vice-Rector for Quality and Accreditation, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch

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