



**Slovak Agency for International Development
Cooperation (SlovakAid) with**

**MASHAV - Israel's Agency for International
Development Cooperation**

invite professionals to participate in the

**Regional course for Moldova,
Georgia and Ukraine**

*Towards the realization of full potential:
Empowerment of women in economic, social and
political realms*

**20 – 26 November, 2017
Bratislava, Slovak Republic**

About the Course

Background

Protection of human rights of women and girls as well as promotion of their empowerment is an essential prerequisite of the achievement of gender equality. The concept of empowerment means gaining power and control over one's life as well as an access to resources and opportunities. It enables women to be economically active and self-sufficient; to participate in labour and product markets on equal terms; re-negotiate and re-shape the gender division of labour within households; accumulate and have access to assets; influence governance and institutional structures that inform the relationship between the market and the state as well as the processes that determine the pace of economic development.

Empowerment can be understood in a variety of different frameworks: (1) individual and collective; (2) economic, social, political, cultural; (3) and in local, national, and global terms. Empowering women to participate fully in economic, social and political life across all sectors is essential to build stronger societies, achieve internationally agreed goals for development and sustainability, and improve the quality of life for women, men, families and communities.

This course is part of a trilateral project between SlovakAid and MASHAV for participants from Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine.

Aim

The main aim of this training program include the promotion of gender equality and sustainable development by examining the concept of empowerment in economic, social and political realm. It will offer a cross-cutting perspective thanks to which the participants will explore and reflect on obstacles to gender equality and challenges that women and girls have to face in the effort to realize their full potential. Participating lecturers will be experts from the Slovak Republic, Israel and other countries of the EU.

Main Subjects

During the course the participants will:

- Explore the concept of empowerment as the key driver for the expanding the ability to make strategic life choices (such as marriage, childbearing, education and employment) in a context where this ability was previously denied
- Discuss the role of women and girls in the achievement of sustainable development and the principles of gender mainstreaming
- Reflect on barriers to gender equality
- Discuss concrete measures that create enabling environment for the process of empowerment
- Present a Final assignment – a proposal for supporting women to in realizing their full potential

Application

The Course is designed for 25 participants, women and men alike and geared towards policy-makers, professionals, and practitioners working in governmental institutions, agencies and think tanks, NGOs, and women's associations focused on development or related areas.

The course will be held in English.

Application forms and other information may be obtained at:

SlovakAid's website <http://www.slovakaid.sk/en>

MASHAV's website <http://www.mashav.mfa.gov.il/>

Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Chisinau <https://www.mzv.sk/web/kisinov-en>

Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Kyiv <https://www.mzv.sk/web/kyjev-en>

Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Tbilisi <https://www.mzv.sk/web/tbilisi>

Completed application forms should be sent to the relevant Slovak mission in the respective country no later than **September 22, 2017** and copied to: Ms. Beata Lipovska, beata.lipovska@mzv.sk

General Information

Arrival and Departure

Arrival date: 20/11/2017

Opening date: 21/11/2017

Closing and departure date: 26/11/2017

Participants must arrive on the arrival date, and leave on the departure date. Early arrivals/late departures if required, must be arranged by the participants themselves.

Location and Accommodation

The course will be held at Hotel Bôrik, situated at Bôrik 1628/15, 811 02 Old Town, Bratislava, Slovak Republic. Participants will be accommodated at the same venue in double rooms (two participants per room).

SlovakAid awards a limited number of scholarships. The scholarship covers the cost of the training program including lectures and visits, full board accommodation in double rooms (two participants per room) and transfers to and from the airport (Vienna – Schwechat). All other expenses are not included in the scholarship and must be covered by participants.

About Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation

The Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SAIDC) was established in 2007, in compliance with the Act No. 617/2007 Coll. on Official Development Assistance, as budgetary organization of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. SAIDC represents administrative, contracting and implementing unit for bilateral cooperation. The programmes managed by the SAIDC include:

- Programme of development interventions, implemented in programme countries (Afghanistan, Kenya and Moldova)
- Programme for experience transfer, implemented in project countries (Western Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo; Eastern Partnership countries of the EU – Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine, Center for experience transfer from integration and reforms – CETIR)
- Programme of capacity building (interventions aimed at building partnerships and capacities, programme for sending volunteers and global development education programme)
- Programme of humanitarian and post-humanitarian aid (South Sudan, Syria and neighboring countries)
- Financial contributions to multilateral or international organizations
- Public procurement (demand driven projects in partner countries)

The SAIDC cooperates with national stakeholders involved in development cooperation and it is also involved in trilateral and joint cooperation with several European donors and multilateral organizations.

About MASHAV

MASHAV – Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation is dedicated to providing developing countries with the best of Israel’s experience in development and planning. As a member of the family of nations, The State of Israel is committed to fulfilling its responsibility to contribute to the fight against poverty and to the global efforts to achieve sustainable development. MASHAV, representing Israel and its people, focuses its efforts on capacity building, sharing relevant expertise accumulated during Israel's own development experience to empower governments, communities and individuals to improve their own lives. MASHAV’s approach is to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainable development, and is taking active part in the international community’s process of shaping the Post-2015 Agenda, to define the new set of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

MASHAV’s activities focus primarily on areas in which Israel has a competitive advantage, including agriculture and rural development; water resources management; entrepreneurship and innovation; community development; medicine and public health, empowerment of women and education. Professional programs are based on a “train the trainers” approach to institutional and human capacity building, and are conducted both in Israel and abroad. Project development is supported by the seconding of short and long-term experts, as well as on-site interventions. Since its establishment, MASHAV has promoted the centrality of human resource enrichment and institutional capacity building in the development process – an approach which has attained global consensus.

<http://mashav.mfa.gov.il>

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