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SLOVES 25 years – Celebration and VIIth Congress

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At the opening session, the floor was given to foreign guests. Bert Van Caelenberg spoke on behalf of Eurofedop. He gave a short survey of the period covering 23 years of cooperation between Eurofedop and SLOVES. “Thé” pioneer was Dr Igor Lensky (†), who fell away from us too soon. Especially the trade council activities were occasions to cooperate with many trade union members of SLOVES.

The president, Ms Mária Mayerová, laid down her mandate and said goodbye at the Congress. She was succeeded by Lubica Junikova, who has been direct collaborator of the secretariat since 20 years. The board was newly elected and looks forward to the challenges which are awaiting them with full courage.

The floor was given to the representative of the Minister responsible for local administrations.

Since 2013, the government’s policy has been focusing on

- improving the physical environment of civil servants,
- improving the quality, which resulted in satisfaction expressed by 78 % of the staff of local administrations. Training courses were followed by 3000 members of staff.
- Apart from salary adjustments, which were mainly put on the agenda by SLOVES, initiatives were taken to recruit young people for the Civil Service.

Greeting words were also expressed by the social insurance representative. Who spoke mainly about client orientation.

On the part of the Czech confederation, the president took the floor.



Branislav Ondruš, the Minister responsible for the Civil Service, mounted the podium under applause. He started by declaring that countries where social dialogue is at its best have also been top countries in overcoming the crisis. Today, trade unions are necessary as much as they were 100 years ago. The partnership with SLOVES is assured. The door is always open to contacts when they are correct.

The good relationship with SLOVES has contributed to improving the situation for the staff as well as for the quality of service. Workers have to be audible and visible. Still too much, the press speaks in terms of outdated clichés.

The implementation of new communication means and the recruitment of young people in public services should be possible. Finally, he congratulated SLOVES on its 25 years existence. 25 years, so the speaker said, is an ideal age for

getting things going.

Something which we as Eurofedop can only wholeheartedly support.

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