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Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **Vladimír Baláž**

Nationality **Slovak**

Date of birth **17.06.1961**

Work experience

Dates **Vladimír Baláž has been employed in the Institute for Forecasting since 1989.**

Key job and position held

Vladimír was a researcher (1989), senior researcher (1996) and research professor (2007) with the **Institute for Forecasting of the Slovak Academy of Sciences**. Since 2012 Vladimír has been a member of the Learned Society of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

The Institute for Forecasting acts both as a research body and government think-tank for design of economic and social policies. The Institute drafted a number of studies commissioned by the European Commission, Slovak Prime Minister Office, and Ministries of Economy, Education, Employment and Finance.

Vladimír is author and co-author of nine research monographs and over 60 scientific papers published in the Web of Science journals. His research interests focus on following topics:

Main activities and responsibilities

- Migration and Regional Development. Major topics include: brain-drain and brain gain, tacit knowledge transfers, impact of labour migration on regional development, regional disparities and cohesion policies.
- Innovation and R&D policies. Major topics include: national systems of innovation, smart specialisation, financial support tools, policy design, programme evaluation, and knowledge transfer.
- Behavioural Economics and Finance. Major topics include: risk tolerance, complex decision making in migration and finance.

Other jobs

Vladimír also had several employments with the University of Exeter and University of Surrey (UK) in period 1997-2012. He was a research fellow with leading UK research charities (British Academy and the Leverhulme Foundation). Projects '*Tourism in Transition*', '*Mobility in Central Europe. Trans-border Co-operation and Regional Development*', '*Mobility by the Highly Skilled*', '*The Unintended and Indirect Effects of Performance Measurement and Regulation on UK Productivity: A Multidisciplinary Overview*' and '*Mobility, Risk and Uncertainty*' dealt with topics of international migration, and brain-drain and brain gain. Research findings were published in top World journals for migration and regional development.

Work for the Prime Minister Office of the Slovak Republic

In period 2016-2020 Vladimír was an economic advisor the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic (Mr. Robert Fico, Mr. Peter Pellegrini).

Since 2014 Vladimír has been team leader for the large-scale evaluation projects on impacts by the European Structural and Investment Funds on achieving the Europe 2020

targets. Vladimír also has been team leader in preparation of the Partnership Agreement for the Slovak Republic in period 2021-2027.

Education and training

Dates 1991-1993 PhD in Macroeconomics

Institute for Forecasting of the Slovak Academy of Science, Slovak Republic

Dates 1985-1989, Master Degree, economics, statistics, management

University of Economics, the Faculty of Economics of Services and Tourism, Slovakia

Research awards

Vladimir Baláž obtained several research awards and fellowships with Universities in the UK (Exeter, London Metropolitan – ESRC, EPSRC, Leverhulme, British Academy), Germany (Universität zu Köln - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) and Japan (Sapporo Gakuin University - Japanese Society for Promotion of Science).

Expertise works for the European Commission

Vladimir Baláž prepared number of studies commissioned by the European Commission. Most important studies include:

- 2015-2019: Country expert in the project Research and Innovation Observatory (Joint Research Centre, Brussels). The initiative of the European Commission to monitor and analyse research and innovation developments at Country and EU levels to support better policy making in Europe.
- 2016: Country expert in the Policy Support Facility for Slovakia – the Start-up initiative. The European Commission designed the PSF to help EU Member States reform their research and innovation policies.
- 2015-2018: Participant contact for Slovakia in the H2020 project: YMOBILITY - Youth mobility: maximizing opportunities for individuals, labour markets and regions in Europe.
- 2015: Country expert in the Stairway to Excellence project. (Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, Seville). The project analysed synergies between European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), Horizon 2020 (H2020) and other EU funding programmes in the EU Countries.
- 2007-2014: Country expert in the project *ERAWATCH*. The [ERAWATCH](#) was the European Commission's information platform on European, national and regional research systems and policies. The project mapped R&D policies in 61 countries of the World. It supported the implementation of the Innovation Union flagship initiative under the Europe 2020 strategy.
- 2013: Principal evaluator of the Smart Specialisation Strategy for the Slovak Republic 2014-2020; appointed by the European Commission, DG-Research and Innovation.
- 2010-2013: Country expert in the project *METRIS* - Monitoring European trends in Social Sciences and Humanities. The [METRIS](#) was a service launched by the European Commission, DG-Research and Innovation, in order to provide an overview of these fields in 27 EU Member Countries.
- 2010-2013: Country expert in the project *Regional Innovation Monitor (RIM)*. Based on the work of a network of experts, the RIM provided detailed information on regional innovation policies for 20 EU Member States.
- 2011-2012: Country expert in the project Social Impact of Emigration and Rural-Urban Migration in Central and Eastern Europe. The project was developed in the framework of the EU 2020 Strategy.
- 2004-2010: Country expert in the project '*ProInno - Trendchart on Innovation*'. The initiative of Directorate General Enterprise and Industry aimed to become the focal point for innovation policy analysis and policy cooperation in Europe. The [ProInno](#) initiative covered over 50 countries of the World and was merged with the ERAWATCH in 2011.
- 2005-2008: Expert for methodology in the project '*EUROCOOP: Regional Innovation Policy Impact Assessment and Benchmarking Process: Cooperation for Sustainable Regional Innovation*'. The project aimed at developing benchmarking strategies for region innovation policies.
- 2006-2008: Country expert in the project '*Strategic Evaluation on Innovation and the Knowledge Based Economy in Relation to the Structural and Cohesion Funds, for the Programming Period 2007-2013*';
- 2007-2008: Country expert in the project '*Private sector R&D in the new member states*', ETEPS Framework Service Contract.

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Publications and citations overview

Research monographs

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- Baláž, V. (2014): *Complex Choices*, 306 pages, Veda publishers, Slovak Academy of Science
- Baláž, V. (2009): *Risk and Uncertainty, Introduction to Behavioural Economics and Finance*, 451 pages, Veda publishers, Slovak Academy of Science
- Williams, A.M. and Baláž, V. (2008): *International Migration and Knowledge*, Routledge: London and New York, 2008, 223 pages
- Baláž, V., Kluvánková-Oravská, T. and Zajac, Š. (2007): *Institutions and economic transition*, 135 pages, Veda publishers, Slovak Academy of Science
- Baláž, V. (2006): *Sense and Sensitivity on Financial Markets*, 176 pages, Veda publishers, Slovak Academy of Science
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- Baláž, V. (1997): *Capital Market of the European Union*, 362 pages, Veda publishers, Slovak Academy of Science, 1997
- Baláž, V. (1996): *Emerging Capital Markets - Markets of the Future*, 109 pages, Veda publishers, Slovak Academy of Science, 1996

Chapters in edited books

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