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Women in Banking in Central Europe

Financial History Conference

Date: 11 - 12 November 2026

Conference venue: Congress Hall, National Bank of Slovakia,
Imricha Karvaša 1, 813 25 Bratislava

Wednesday, 11 November

8:30–9:00

Registration

9:00–9:30

Opening Addresses

Reiner Martin, Executive Director, National Bank of Slovakia

Júlia Číliková, Executive Director, National Bank of Slovakia

(tbc), Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Science

Carmen Hofmann, Secretary General, The European Association for Banking and
Financial History

Radka Semančová, Secretary General, Živena, Slovak Women's Association

9:30–10:30

Keynote speech

Elena Kohútiková, former Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia

Glass ceilings or sticky floors? Not quotas, quality.

10:30–11:00

Coffee Break

11:00–12:30

**Block I: Historical evolution of women participation in the labour force
in general**

Moderator: Gabriela Dudeková Kováčová, Institute of History of Slovak Academy of
Science

Birgit Niessner, Austrian Society for Bank Research

Shifting roles: Women and Work in Central Europe and Across Centuries

Jaroslava Rogul'ová, Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Science

Women in the labour market in Slovakia from 1918 to 1948

Libuše Heczková, Charles University

*Women in professions in Czechoslovakia until 1939 regarding the profession of
clerks*



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Q&A / Discussion

12:30–13:30

Lunch

13:30–15:30

Block II: The historical evolution of women participation in the commercial banks

Moderator: Andrej Svorenčík, University of Barcelona

Mátyás Erdélyi, University of Vienna

Women Bank Clerks in the Late Habsburg Monarchy (1900-1914)

Gabriela Dudeková Kováčová, Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Science

Women in Financial Institutions in Slovakia at the Turn of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries: Working Conditions, Gendered Biases, and Early Pioneers

Q&A / Discussion

14:30–14:50

Coffee Break

14:50–15:30

Block II: The historical evolution of women participation in the commercial banks (*continued*)

Eduard Kubů – Jiří Šouša, Charles University

The role of a banker's wife at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century

Ludovít Hallon, Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Science

Women in Commercial Banking in Slovakia 1918 – 1948

15:30–15:50

Discussion, conclusion of the first day's proceedings

16:00–17:00

Živena, Accompanying program

Thursday, 12 November

9:00–10:30

Block III: The historical evolution of women participation in the central banks

Moderator: Carmen Hofmann, The European Association for Banking and Financial History

Claudia Köpf, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

From compliant to combative: women's long road to equality in the Austrian central bank

Lenka Vrchotová, Czech National Bank

Female employees in central bank in the Czechoslovakia in 1919-1945

František Chudják, National bank of Slovakia

Smiling Slovakia? Women in the Central Banking of Slovakia in the Shadow of Two Totalitarianisms 1939-1989

Q&A / Discussion

10:30–11:00

Coffee Break

11:00–12:30

Block IV: Being a woman in finance now: progress, barriers, and solutions

Moderator: Stefania Fuentes Paredes, National Bank of Slovakia

Andrea Weber - Elisabeth Wurm, Central European University

The signal effect of diversity in leadership. Evidence from two gender quota policies in Austria

Beáta Nagy, Corvinus University of Budapest

Women in the financial sector in Central and Eastern Europe: past and present trends

Mária Valachyová, Slovenská sporiteľňa

How the commercial bank tackles the female underrepresentation in leadership and DEI as such - case of Slovenská sporiteľňa

Q&A / Discussion

12:30–13:30

Lunch

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