

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 Čillíková, Executive Director, National Bank of Slovakia

Adam Hudek, Deputy Director, Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Science

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

Radka Semancová, 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 ceiling or sticky floor? Breaking barriers, building the future.

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*

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 <i>Women Bank Clerks in the Late Habsburg Monarchy (1900–1914)</i> Gabriela Dudeková Kováčová, Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Science <i>Women in Financial Institutions in Slovakia at the Turn of the 19th and 20th Centuries: Working Conditions, Gendered Biases, and Early Pioneers</i> 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 <i>The role of a banker's wife at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century</i> Ludovít Hallon, Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Science <i>Women in Commercial Banking in Slovakia 1918–1948</i>
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 <i>From compliant to combative: women's long road to equality in the Austrian central bank</i>
------------	---

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 Paredes Fuentes, 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

Audio and video recordings of the event will be made and may be used by Národná banka Slovenska for promotional and documentation purposes. If you have any questions in this regard, please email them to dpo@nbs.sk.