



THE NETHERLANDS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Book of Benefits

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▶ 1. Overview

Who we are?

The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic is a non-profit organisation which was founded in 1997 in Slovakia by the first Dutch investors. Over the next 20 years, the Chamber grew and has supported almost all Dutch businesses active in Slovakia. The Chamber is an independent organisation and has developed good cooperation and relations with governmental, private companies and non-governmental organisations. Mutual cooperation with the Netherlands Royal Embassy in Bratislava is very active and extraordinary successful.

What do we do?

The Chamber provides multiple services primarily to Dutch businesses. The Chamber is focused on helping members to discover new business opportunities, identify new potential partners, provide promotional space in various forms, join corporate social responsibility campaigns and make use of advocacy services.

About us

The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic

- is an established organisation with over 20 years of successful operation
- provides an innovative meeting place for business people wishing to do business with Dutch and Slovak companies
- offers extensive support of commercial and other relationships between the Netherlands and Slovakia
- assists members with networking
- focuses on promotion of Dutch and Slovak businesses, particularly those of our members
- supports exchange of information, know-how and experience among members
- promotes investment and trade with Slovakia
- protects the common interests of members with active advocacy and lobbying.

During its 20 years of operations, the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce has:

- organised more than 500 events focused on networking and promotion of member companies
- been active in corporate social responsibility area and at the 19th Annual Charity Gala dinners we have organized and has supported various charity projects with more than EUR 265 000
- issued over 60 Bulletin magazines in English and the bi-yearly Directory of Members
- the advantages of being a member has been enjoyed by more than 140 companies.



▶ 2. Our membership

The Netherlands Chamber is the largest business platform connecting Dutch and Slovak companies, institutions and authorities and is led by a professional board.

As a member, you will have access to a wide range of seminars, network events and field trips to the most interesting companies in Slovakia.

Members benefit from our contacts with local authorities, government and institutes, and our cooperation with foreign chambers and embassies.

Why Become a Member?

Unlock Opportunities. Build Connections. Grow Your Business.

Joining the Dutch Chamber means becoming part of a vibrant, trusted network of professionals and businesses with strong ties between the Netherlands and Slovakia.

As a member, you will benefit from:

NETWORKING: Meet and connect with business leaders, decision-makers, and fellow professionals at exclusive events designed to build meaningful partnerships. Enjoy free or discounted entry to most Chamber activities, with priority over non-members.

ENHANCED VISIBILITY: Get your company noticed through promotions in our Bulletin, on our website, and across our communication channels.

ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE: Exchange ideas, insights, and best practices with a community of experienced entrepreneurs and experts. Stay informed and inspired through our Bulletin, featuring the latest business news, trends, and member success stories. Plus, join our content-rich seminars and events to keep up with what truly matters in today's business world.

REPRESENTATION AND INFLUENCE: Your voice matters—our Chamber actively advocates for members' interests at institutional and governmental levels.

Membership categories



PATRON MEMBERSHIP

- Patron members are the strongest supporters of the Chamber and enjoy the highest level of membership benefits and its promotional opportunities
- The annual membership fee is EUR 1,500



CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

- Corporate membership is intended for companies
- The annual fee is EUR 830
- We have special categories for smaller companies with less than 5 employees and regional companies with their company seat more than 200 km from Bratislava
- The annual membership fee is EUR 500



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

- Individuals wishing to be in touch with the Dutch business community can also become members
- The annual membership fee is EUR 200



STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

- Student membership introduced in 2023
- Student individual membership fee is EUR 100

Join us!



	INDIVIDUAL Annual fee: € 200	CORPORATE Annual fee: € 830 (500 € first year)	PATRON Annual fee: € 1,500
Membership			
Hardcopy of our quarterly Bulletin magazine	✓	✓	✓
Free or discounted access to our events and seminars and meetings*	✓	✓	✓
Advertising member discounts in Bulletin online	✓	✓	✓
Company profile in Directory of members and link on the website		✓	✓
Invitation to Patrons member dinners			✓
Company Logo on banners and in magazine			✓
Discounted annual fee for small companies (< 5 FTE)		500 € (first year 350 €)	
Discounted annual fee for Regional companies (> 200 km from Bratislava)		500 € (first year 350 €)	

▶ 3. Our main activities

Our core activities help companies extend their client portfolio and promote their brand.

Events

The Chamber organises around 30 events annually. The events focus on networking, corporate social responsibility, exchange of information, know-how and experience.

Main events




- Traditional Annual Charity Gala Dinner
- Top level networking events – business cocktails
- Mussels and Fries Evening
- King's Day Celebration
- Unique regional conferences
- Educational seminars and business breakfasts
- Targeted business meetings with potential clients


Directory of Members

The Directory of Members is a practical overview of members' contacts and details of their businesses. The directory is issued bi-yearly.

Web, blog, social media

The Chamber is actively present online. The website www.netherlandschamber.sk provides information about the chamber and the latest updates can be found on the Chamber Facebook, linked profiles and our blog.

 /netherlandschamber.sk
  /dutch_slovakian_chamber
  netherlandschamber.sk/blog

 /company/the-netherlands-chamber-of-commerce-in-the-slovak-republic

Magazine

The Bulletin magazine is a quarterly high level magazine reporting on the activities of the members and the Chamber. In our magazine, we publish the latest news, tax, political and legal updates, inform about the business climate, and cover many topics and personalities relevant for our members.

The magazine offers member companies the perfect place for business and brand promotion. Members are welcome to contribute to the content of the magazine.



▶ 4. Our social and corporate impact

Business Environment

The Chamber makes regular advocacy efforts services and joins initiatives focusing on the improvement of the business environment in Slovakia.



Corporate Social Responsibility

Every year, the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce selects a unique project which supports people in need. The Chamber has been helping people in need for 13 years and has supported various projects during the Charity Gala dinners with more than EUR 200 000 and will continue to support people in need.

2005: € 2,556	for a hospital in Spišská Nová Ves
2006: € 3,529	for a Day Care Centre for Disabled Children in Hnúšťa
2007: € 7,070	for St. Anna's project in Spišská Belá.
2008: € 13,467	for Barlička association based in Prešov
2009: € 27,000	for Maják association from Zlaté Moravce
2010: € 16,000	for NÁRUČ – Crisis Centre for Children in Need in Žilina
2011: € 18,500	for Maják in Zdoňa, Sady nad Torysou
2012: € 16,000	for Dlaň from Lučenec
2013: € 22,000	for Betánia from Bratislava
2014: € 30,000	for Návrat from Prešov
2015: € 21,000	for Kaspian from Bratislava – Petržalka
2016: € 15,000	for St. Norbert Social House in Jasov
2017: € 10,000	for AkSen in Piešťany
2018: € 10,000	for Depaul in Bratislava
2019: € 12,092	for Spy, o.z.
2020: € 1,500	for Kto pomôže Slovensku
2021: € 14,870	for Food Bank of Slovakia
2022: € 8,000	for Bring Back Life to Bela River / WWF Slovakia
2023: € 10,000	for Fire Brigades
2024: € 15,466	for Malý šéfkuchár bez čapice



Total € cca
265,000

▶ 5. Talent Garden



The Talent Garden Traineeship Program for university students in Bratislava was launched by the Dutch companies HEINEKEN Slovensko, ING Hubs Slovakia, NN Slovensko and Union poisťovňa in February 2024



"The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic seeks to create a Talent Garden consortium of companies to retain talent in Slovakia for the benefit of all the participating parties."

The Talent Garden program hopes to identify, retain and develop talent by providing Slovak students with 12 months' paid work experience. Trainees undertake 3- to 6-month traineeships rotating through a number of companies in Slovakia. With the potential to bring value to both the companies and the trainees, this is also an employer branding opportunity contributing to the good reputation of the companies.

We would like to open the door to other Netherlands Chamber of Commerce members to join the exclusive community of

the Talent Garden program and benefit from the 3rd cohort of trainees expected to be ready in February 2026. Talent Garden is open to both Dutch and non-Dutch companies.

Is your company eligible to join Talent Garden? We are looking for companies that are ready to place talented students on practical traineeship assignments, which are both commercial and also based on corporate social responsibility. The participating companies are actively engaged throughout the traineeship life cycle to provide the best experience to the trainees. The program could not function without a committed program team, trainee assignment supervision and an engaged executive sponsor. The role of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce is to coordinate the participating parties, Talent Garden program promotion, create a sense of community and enhance the program's growth potential.

One of the key outcomes from the SK-NL Business Forum held during the State Visit of HM the King and HM the Queen of the Netherlands to Slovakia held in March 2023 was the launch of a unique traineeship program for university students in Slovakia, the Talent Garden Traineeship Program. The main goal is to give young people a chance to better prepare themselves for the job market and to retain talent in Slovakia.

The Dutch companies, HEINEKEN Slovensko, ING Hubs Slovakia, NN Slovensko and Union poisťovňa have created the innovative Talent Garden program that provides university students in their 3rd and 4th years with a unique learning opportunity. While NN Slovensko had to leave the program after the first year another company, Arval, joined to welcome the second cohort of students. In the first two years in operation 20 students rotate

across all four companies in Bratislava, working on challenging assignments and receiving best-in-class management training. Students can select one of the following learning journeys, or a combination:

- People and Marketing
- Data, Research & Process Improvement
- Technology and Automation

EXAMPLES OF THE TRAINEESHIP JOURNEYS

	Traineeship Stage 1	Traineeship Stage 2	Traineeship Stage 3		
PEOPLE & MARKETING JOURNEY 	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3		
	DATA, RESEARCH & PROCESS JOURNEY 	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3	
		IT AND AUTOMATION JOURNEY 	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3	 Assignment 1 Assignment 2 Assignment 3

Here is an example of possible rotations: In addition to gaining valuable skills and knowledge, students will have a great opportunity to experience the unique Dutch corporate culture and learn how multinationals operate.

The program is supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic is the program coordinator (talentgarden@netherlandschamber.sk).

6. Our journey so far



1997 – establishment of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia

Revitalization of the Chamber activities

New members

Bartošík and Šváby, PNO Consultants, Hrivis holding, Iura Edition, Otto Slovensko, UPC, Compaan, Probugas, Ahold, Hotel Danube, CW Consulting, TNT Express Worldwide, Socia – Social Reform Foundation, YES Interim Management Solutions, Mazars, Gemor Fashion, Océ – Slovenská republika, Grafton, Peterka and Partners, Lease Plan, Shell, Exact software, ASN Metal



Key events

Opening of honorary consulate in Prešov

Culinary Mission



€ 3,529

2nd Charity Gala dinner for Day Care Centre for handicapped children in Hnúšťa

New members

PriceWaterhouseCoopers, ASB Slovakia, Union Poistovňa, Convoi, ABN Amro Bank, Larive Slovakia, Leaf Slovakia, Gálik Guniš and Partners Law Firm, Advokátní Kancelár Polverini Strnad, Industrial Park Chemko



Key event



Queen Beatrix arrived in Bratislava – first 3-day official visit to Slovakia – Bratislava and Košice



€ 13,467

4th Charity Gala dinner collection for Barlička in Prešov



1997 – 2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

2008

Members

Aegon Levensverzekering, ING Bank, Tatra banka, Business Lease Slovakia, JMu to, KPMG Slovensko, Symsite Research, TMF RERO, VGD Podzimek a Šuma, Q-Nova, Van Aarsen, Heineken Slovensko, Royal brinkers Slovakia, Getronics, Peter Bartošík, Peter Bollardt, Šimon Meliš, Tepede Slovakia, Viena International, Dolphin Slovakia, Ewals Cargo Care, Royal Metaalunie



1994 – 1998
H.E. Gajus Scheltema

1998 – 2002
H.E. Henk Soeters

1997 – 2000
H.E. Lubomír Kopaj

2000 – 2004
H.E. Ján Kuderjavý

Presidents of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce

1st issue of the Netherlands Chamber called Bulletin



€ 2,556

1st Charity Gala dinner collection for hospital in Spišská Nová Ves

New members

Crowne Plaza Bratislava, AS Trenčín, Golf Development Sekule, Circle Investment Support Services (Slovakia), ISC Real, Exact Recruitment

H.E. Rob Swartbol – new ambassador to Slovakia

Key event



€ 7,070

3rd Charity Gala dinner collection for St. Anna's project in Spišská Belá

New members

Crowne Plaza Bratislava, AS Trenčín, Golf Development Sekule, Circle Investment Support Services (Slovakia), ISC Real

Chamber visits members in Košice and Prešov



Key event

Hans van Essen (ING bank)

H.E. Laurent Stokvis

Emile Roest (VVMZ)

H.E. Rob Swartbol

H.E. Oksana Tomová

2009

Key events

- New Year Reception
- Visit to Leaf (now Cloetta)

New members

- Techo, TSR, Radisson, Cargo group, Lotos, Gemma, Havel & Holásek, HSBC, Class

2010

Key events

- 1st Netherlands Chamber golf tournament in Hainburg (AT)
- 20 Years of Shell in Slovakia
- 20 Years of ING in Slovakia

New members

- € 18,500
- 7th Charity Gala dinner collection for Maják (Lighthouse) in Sady nad Torsou

Key events

- 2nd NL – Chamber golf tournament in Hainburg (AT)
- Visit to Cemmac, Teleperformance Slovakia, Zumtobel

New members

- Templar Metal, Čarnogurský ULC, City Hotel Bratislava

New members

- € 22,000
- 9th Charity Gala dinner collection for Betánia in Bratislava



2009

Economic crisis hits Slovakia

New members

- Licitor Group, Hoektransport, Hillbridges, Randstad, Start people, Sheraton, AspenStaff, DVSK
- € 27,000
- 5th Charity Gala dinner collection for Maják in Zlaté Moravce

Key events

- 1st Mussels & Fries Evening
- Political party Speakers Series
- Visit to Continental Automotive Systems, Witzemann Slovakia, Kuster, Evonik Fermas

2010

New members

- € 16,000
- 6th Charity Gala dinner collection for Náruč in Žilina

Key events

- Conweco, Pinnacle Consulting & Investments

2011

New members

- € 16,000
- 8th Charity Gala dinner collection for Dlaň in Lučenec

Key events

- Visit to: Gemor, Topvar brewery, Bischoff et Compagnons, Immopark, Faurecia, ETN, Sharkam catering, DCBA in Košice, Prešov, Bratislava

2012

Key events

- Last Queen's Day celebration
- Blind wine tasting
- CEE The Opportunity Seminar Series
- Hillbridges 5th anniversary

Emile Roest (VMZ)

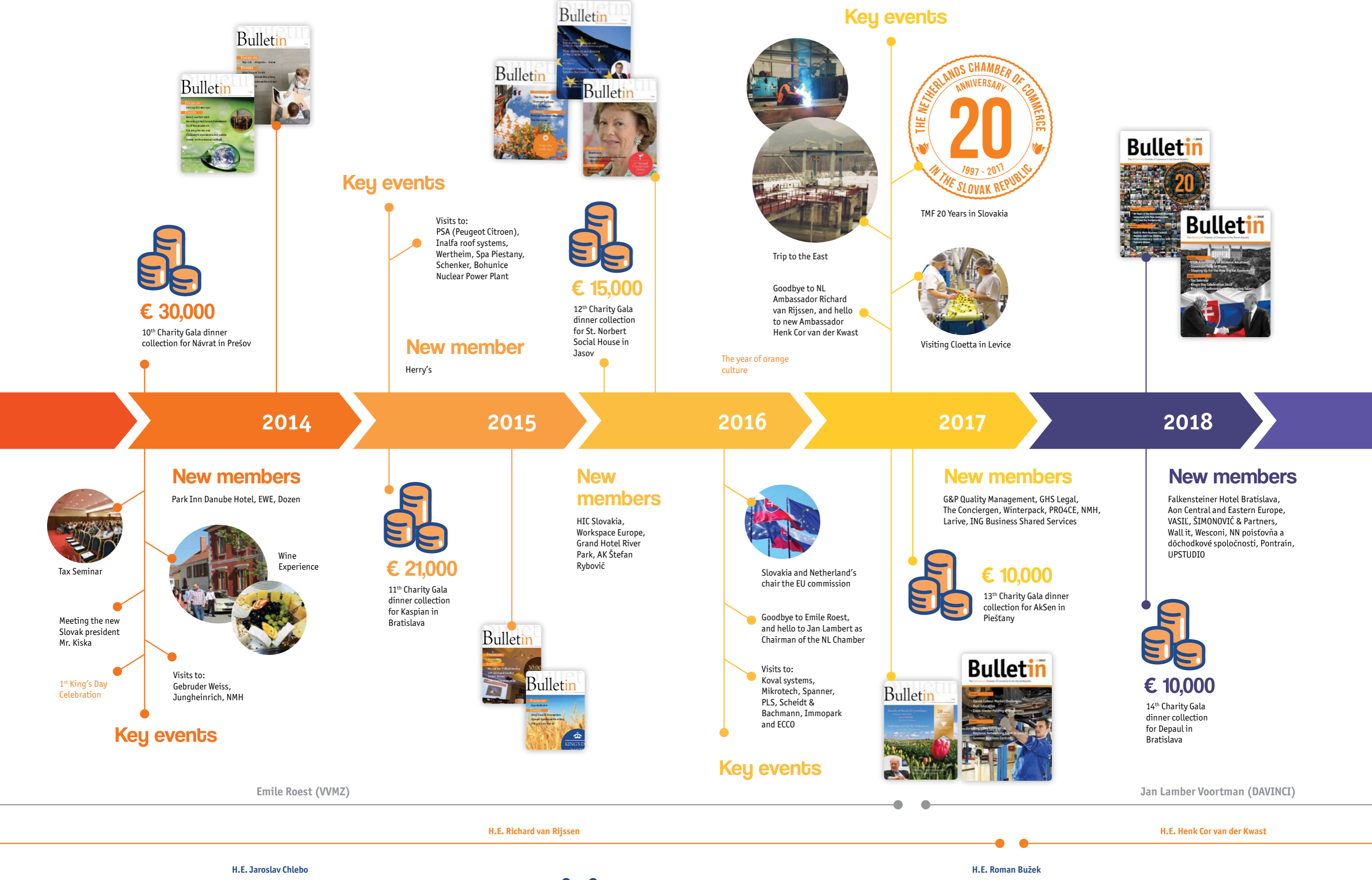
H.E. Rob Swartbol

H.E. Daphne Bergsma

H.E. Richard van Rijssen

H.E. Oksana Tomová

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H.E. Henk Cor van der Kwast

Jan Lamber Voortman (DAVINCI)

Emile Roest (VVMZ)



€ 12,092

15th Charity Gala dinner collection for Spy, o.z.



New members

Corporate members – Crayonic, Graban, Torma and partners



€ 14,000

16th Charity Gala dinner collection for Food bank Slovakia



New members

Patron members – Philips, CTP Slovakia

Corporate members – Ernst and Young, BRNDS intermediary

Individual member – student Ivana Pylypovova



€ 10,000

18th Charity Gala dinner collection for Fire Brigades



€ 15,466

19th Charity Gala dinner collection for Malý šéfkuchár bez čapice

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

New member

Corporate member – Werkemotom



€ 1,500

Charity collection for Kto pomôže Slovensku

New members

Patron member – Arval Competence Center Bratislava

Corporate member – KOKS Robotics



€ 8,000

17th Charity Gala dinner collection for Bring Back Life to River Belá under the wings of WWF Slovakia

New members

Patron members – PWC, Ilias Solution

Individual member – Peter Steiner

Honorary member – Jan Lamber Voortman

New members

Patron members – Corwin SK a.s.

Corporate members – De Heus, Ecoshare s.r.o.



Key event

The Three Day State Visit of Their Majesties King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima

Jan Lamber Voortman (DAVINCI)

Gijs van der Loo (HEINEKEN)

H.E. Henk Cor van der Kwast

H.E. Gabriella Sancisi

Jules Gerzon

H.E. Roman Bužek

H.E. Juraj Macháč

▶ 7. The Board



Richard Kellner
President
Komerční banka, a. s.



Arnout Bloys van Treslong
Vice-President
Ing Hubs



Zuzana Bartošovičová
Business Environment
Hillbridges



Bart Waterloos
Treasurer
CLA Slovakia



Nick Barends
Professional and Leisure
Events, Charity
BRNDS Intermediary



Michal Špaňár
Public and
Governmental Affairs
Union poisťovňa



Sonia Kania
Talent Garden
Arval



Rebeka van der Heiden
Founder, Membership and
Membership Care
Peoply.tech



Najat Bakkal
Bulletin and Marketing
Hairless



▶ 8. What people say about us

“ We are very appreciative of the Dutch chamber's work. It allows us to connect not only with the Dutch community, but also with the wider business society in Slovakia and also organizes very informative fora.

Odin Goedhart, Heineken Slovakia s.r.o.

“ Membership of the Chamber gives Union poisťovňa the opportunity to make contacts with Dutch and Slovak companies and exchange information and experiences and create business opportunities.

Elena Májeková, Union poisťovňa a.s.

“ 10 years ago, Davinci became a member of the Netherlands Chamber to contact other Dutch Companies operating in Slovakia. To hear and stay in touch with the Slovak market, and get government and legal updates. Furthermore, we like the social networking part of the chamber and we have received valuable contacts.

**Jan Lamber Voortman,
Davinci software s.r.o.**

“ The increased cooperation with the Netherlands Chamber is an important tool for the Netherlands embassy. The partnership with the Chamber is useful for exchanging data and experience and work together on specific topics. Apart from intensifying relations between Slovakia and the Netherlands there are issues like better access and bureaucratic procedures for companies to Slovak authorities, circular economy, dual education and corporate social responsibility. Our cooperation has great potential and we look forward to develop that further.

Henk Cor van der Kwast, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

“ Regular meetings with other members of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce is a great platform for networking, exchanging information and experiences. It helps to expand our business contacts – potential customers and suppliers.

Jarmila Gurská, Shell Slovakia s.r.o.

“ For a number of years, The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce has been my platform to stay in touch with the international entrepreneurial community here. It's a great opportunity for networking and to share experiences about doing business in Slovakia.

Ab Olde-Scheper, Dolphin Slovakia s.r.o.

“ Being a part of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce is a great opportunity to exchange information, ideas and experience among members. By attending the Chamber's high quality events, we've been able to promote our business and extend our network of contacts. It is a great opportunity for companies of all sizes, looking for new strategic partners and business opportunities. And you get to meet some amazing people!

Kamila Pudišová, TMF Group



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