

SLOVAKIA AT A GLANCE

Slovakia-Canada Relations:

- Over 50,000 Canadians claim Slovak ancestry.
- Numerous Canadian companies have made considerable investments in **Slovakia** in sectors such as energy, manufacturing and agriculture. Examples include Bombardier, Onex Corporation, Belmont Resources, and McCain Foods.
- Canada and **Slovakia** have signed numerous bilateral agreements covering areas such as Official Development Assistance, the peaceful use of nuclear energy, and investment.
- Rudolf Schuster, President of **Slovakia**, was the last former Czechoslovak Ambassador to Canada (1990-1992) before the country's dissolution.
- Canada received almost 12,000 Czechoslovak refugees who fled after the 1968 Soviet invasion.

Canada, Slovakia and the European Union:

- Canada and **Slovakia** will work together on advancing the mutual priorities identified in the Canada-EU Partnership Agenda adopted at the March 2004 Canada-EU Summit. This agenda will shape relations for the future in areas such as, people to people links, global governance and prosperity and international security.
- Canada and **Slovakia** will continue to work together on migration and asylum issues particularly as they relate to the EU's new eastern borders.
- Canada and **Slovakia** will work to ensure the complementarity of NATO and an evolving EU security and defence policy including the fight against international crime and terrorism.
- Canada and **Slovakia** will work together to foster the growth of Canada and EU higher education training and youth mobility programmes.
- Canada and **Slovakia** will both benefit from an innovative, forward-looking Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement (TIEA) that seeks to stimulate trade and investment, trade facilitation and sustainable development.

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