

Most people were pleased with the academic orientation of the summit. It was very interesting to hear about the various research projects that are going on in Europe. Some participants proposed to invite employers and maybe even clients to the next summit. In that way, we might be able to create some “constructive conflict”: apart from some groups, people were generally holding the same side and shared their points of views. If we could look at the issues from more and different angles, it would perhaps help us to move forward in a more efficient way. It was also suggested to involve more private sector counselling organisations in the future, who could bring in an additional perspective to the focus on social inclusion and education, and promote the value of career guidance and counselling for high potentials and enterprises, as well.

Another summit in the future, with a broader group of participants, would be welcomed to exchange ideas about the different levels (i.e. political frameworks of our work, methods, partners, challenges of today and tomorrow) of career guidance and counselling.

With a broader group, we would also have more input on the question how many levels of competences are required and what the best name of our profession would be: A couple of participants argued that “counselling” doesn’t quite seem to cover what we are doing!

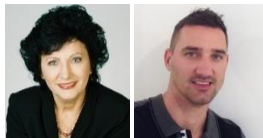
Also, a few request were made:

- Could a list of all participants be given to us before the start of the summit?
- Especially for new participants, some introduction on the NICE network is wanted.
- Would it be possible to have some handouts ready at the start?

No less important of course were the many compliments for the organising committee, for facilitating the event in such a splendid way, combining business with pleasure and allowing us enough time for socializing and networking.

Thanks once again team Canterbury!

Sixth NICE Conference in Bratislava



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The [Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava](#), a modern European educational and research institution, the largest and most significant university of technology in the Slovak Republic is pleased to host this conference.

The conference will begin on May 28, 2015 at 9:00 o'clock and end on May 30 at 14:00 o'clock. We have already prepared a great programme for the event and made all necessary arrangements to welcome us as their guests in a warm and comfortable atmosphere.

[Bratislava](#), a modern city with a rich cultural Heritage, is the capital city of the Slovak Republic. It is situated in the South-West of Slovakia on both banks of the Danube River.

Some highlights:

- Endorsement of the European Competence Standards for the Academic Training of Career Professionals
- Keynote: Prof Tristram Hooley (Derby, UK) on “The Evidence-Base of Lifelong Guidance”
- Keynote: Prof Maria Eduarda Duarte (Lisbon, Portugal) on “Innovation in Career Counselling; Myths and Realities”
- Parallel Symposia on Innovation in the Training of Career Professionals, Research around Guidance for Youth Employment, and Doctoral Training in Career Guidance and Counselling
- ESVDC Award and General Assembly 2015
- Gala Dinner at the Castle Restaurant with Slovak Folk Music and Dance Performances
- Workshops on peer-learning and mobility for the collaborative development of degree programmes and international exchange
- Foundation of NICE as an open network of degree programmes in career guidance and counselling

