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Prof. Ivan I. Tymoshenko  
His Magnificence the Rector of the European University  
Kiev, Ukraine

Dear Rector Tymoshenko,

It is a pleasure as well as a great honour for me to greet you on the festive occasion of granting an honorary doctorate by the Kyiv European University to JUDr. Jozef Zat'ko, Director of the East European Development Agency headquartered in Slovakia.

I would also like to send my greetings to the academic community of your esteemed University and its guests and active participants of the important international conference.

Our Matej Bel University and namely the Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations has been privileged to cooperate with Dr. Zat'ko on several of his successful initiatives in international continuing education. We appreciate very much his efforts to create and develop the new modern higher education system in the entire region of Central and Eastern Europe by networking our universities. He has helped us a lot namely in development of our cooperation with Ukrainian and Serbian universities.

Dr. Zat'ko's tireless efforts have resulted in the organizing and successful execution of national and international conferences, seminars and

workshops on very topical themes, with the participation of diverse academics and scholars from the European Union, Western Balkans and EU Eastern Partnership countries.

Dr. Zat'ko is constantly brainstorming with his Slovakian and international partners and friends on how to attract and integrate the world class academic and societal leaders into the fabric of dynamically developing academic institutions – universities and research centers of Central and Eastern Europe.

Dr. Zat'ko can also be credited for creating vital linkages between Ukrainian science and technology scholars of Kyiv and Lviv and their Central European and Western counterparts for the creation and dissemination of new knowledge for the benefit of the business community and the knowledge economy development in our countries. In the era of dynamic globalization and international integration it is an enormous job, full of challenges!

His activities in international academic publishing business, leading new efforts to bring scholarly literature to the international quality standards, are greatly appreciated, too.

Really, his vision reaches beyond the current challenges! The European University undoubtedly is, and will continue to be, proud of his new Honorary Doctor.

Best wishes and regards from Central Slovakia

*Igor Košir*