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| Dates |  Vladimír Baláž has been employed in the Institute for Forecasting since 1989. |
| **Key job and position held** | Vladimír was a researcher (1989), senior researcher (1996) and research professor (2007) with the **Institute for Forecasting of the Slovak Academy of Sciences**. Since 2012 Vladimír has been a member of the Learned Society of the Slovak Academy of Sciences. |
| Main activities and responsibilities | The Institute for Forecasting acts both as a research body and government think-thank for design of economic and social policies. It prepared number of studies commissioned by the European Commission, Slovak Prime Minister Office, and Ministries of Economy, Education, Employment and Finance. Vladimír is author and co-author of nine research monographs and over 60 scientific papers published in the Web of Science journals. His research interests focus on following topics:* Innovation and R&D policies. Major topics include: national systems of innovation, smart specialisation, financial support tools, policy design, programme evaluation, and knowledge transfer.
* Migration and Regional Development. Major topics include: brain drain and brain gain, tacit knowledge transfers, impact of labour migration on regional development, regional disparities and cohesion policies.
* Behavioural Economics and Finance. Major topics include: risk tolerance, complex decision making in migration and finance.
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| **Work for Government Office of the Slovak Republic** | Since 2014 Vladimír has been team leader for the large-scale evaluation projects on impacts by the European Structural and Investment Funds on achieving the Europe 2020 targets. The work was commissioned by the Slovak Government Office, and the KPMG Slovakia. In 2016-2020 Vladimír was appointed an economic advisor for the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic (Mr. Robert Fico, Mr. Peter Pellegrini). |
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**Expertise works for the European Commission**

Vladimir Baláž prepared number of studies commissioned by the Slovak Prime Minister Office, Ministries of Economy and Finance and European Commission. Most important studies include:

1. 2015-2020: Country expert in the project Research and Innovation Observatory (Joint Research Centre, Brussels). The initiative of the European Commission to monitors and analyses research and innovation developments at Country and EU levels to support better policy making in Europe.
2. 2016: Country expert in the Policy Support Facility for Slovakia – the Start-up initiative. The European Commission designed the PSF to help EU Member States reform their research and innovation policies.
3. 2015-2018: Participant contact for Slovakia in the H2020 project: YMOBILITY - Youth mobility: maximizing opportunities for individuals, labour markets and regions in Europe.
4. 2015: Country expert in the Stairway to Excellence project. (Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, Seville). The project analysed synergies between European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), Horizon 2020 (H2020) and other EU funding programmes in the EU Countries.
5. 2007-2014: Country expert in the project *ERAWATCH.* The [ERAWATCH](http://erawatch.jrc.ec.europa.eu/erawatch/opencms/about/) was the European Commission's information platform on European, national and regional research systems and policies. The project mapped R&D policies in 61 countries of the World. It supported the implementation of the Innovation Union flagship initiative under the Europe 2020 strategy.
6. 2013: Principal evaluator of the Smart Specialisation Strategy for the Slovak Republic 2014-2020; appointed by the European Commission, DG-Research and Innovation.
7. 2010-2013: Country expert in the project *METRIS* - Monitoring European trends in Social Sciences and Humanities. The [METRIS](http://www.metrisnet.eu/metris/index.cfm/about/viewAbout) was a service launched by the European Commission, DG-Research and Innovation, in order to provide an overview of these fields in 27 EU Member Countries.
8. 2010-2013: Country expert in the project *Regional Innovation Monitor* ([RIM](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/facts-figures-analysis/regional-innovation-monitor/index_en.htm)). Based on the work of a network of experts, the RIM provided detailed information on regional innovation policies for 20 EU Member States.
9. 2011-2012: Country expert in the project Social Impact of Emigration and Rural-Urban Migration in Central and Eastern Europe. The project was developed in the framework of the EU 2020 Strategy.
10. 2004-2010: Country expert in the project ‘*ProInno - Trendchart on Innovation’.* The initiative of Directorate General Enterprise and Industry aimed to become the focal point for innovation policy analysis and policy cooperation in Europe. The [ProInno](http://www.proinno-europe.eu/overview) initiative covered over 50 countries of the World and was merged with the ERAWATCH in 2011.
11. 2005-2008: Expert for methodology in the project ‘*EUROCOOP: Regional Innovation Policy Impact Assessment and Benchmarking Process: Cooperation for Sustainable Regional Innovation*’. The project aimed at developing benchmarking strategies for region innovation policies.
12. 2006-2008: Country expert in the project ‘*Strategic Evaluation on Innovation and the Knowledge Based Economy in Relation to the Structural and Cohesion Funds, for the Programming Period 2007-2013*’;
13. 2007-2008: Country expert in the project ‘*Private sector R&D in the new member states’,* ETEPS Framework Service Contract.

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