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To the National Council of the Slovak Republic, the President of the Slovak Republic,  
the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic and the citizens of the Slovak Republic

## About the Hamlet Questions in the Slovak Area of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Neformálne ekonomické fórum Hospodársky klub - the Informal Economic Forum Economic Club Association, established without the dependence upon political parties in 1993 already has open the club-wide discussion on topic **Is there the time of ending of the economic or civilisation crisis, or is it its another restart here?** two years ago. We attempted to formulate the most significant civilisation challenges for contemporaries at our 209<sup>th</sup> event taking place on 27 November 2008.

After twelve club discussions, we may state that the surpassing problem of the contemporary society is the insufficient growth in its education, cultural character, as well as the psychical and physical – health fitness of the entire population. We find that the entire condition and development of the society is really worrying. Especially in the field of morality and in particular in the behaviour of individuals as well as certain interest groups, where aggression, incivility, arrogance, individualism cult and insensitivity to the surroundings gain ground. In other words, our Slovak society has become the arena for the assertion of a broad social Darwinism in practice...

The respect for traditions and our own history, our homeland and political system, the constitution, acts and legal standards as well as the public domain is unfortunately not visible in everyday practice, on contrary, its existence is rather our devout wish. The same situation is in the respect for a human and his/her work, as well as old age and the social values confessed by the previous generations. The inflationary justification more than frequently expressed by an opinion that the whole range of countries are not in better shape than us or the majority of politicians is satisfied with the condition of both the situation at home and abroad makes no difference.

The internationally measured “quality of life” has not significantly dropped in the Slovak republic for recent three years. Some politicians and the entourage of various experts claim that as a whole we are much more closer to what is perceived as **happiness**. From the point of view of economic dynamics and the expected growth of GDP for 2010 we could indulge, howbeit in the average, bedazzled by happiness and imaginary profusion.

For almost eighteen years we warn, as the association independent upon political parties, of the relapse of negative and undesirable events from past, and in particular the non-respect of social interests or even the will of the majority. It is so also because the political parties have no will to restore the former election districts in the parliamentary elections **so that the citizens could have really their deputy and the deputy could have his/her electors.**

On the basis of the given level of knowledge, we may state the contemporary global economic crisis is the result of the global financial crisis with the starting mechanism being the mortgage crisis in the USA has the unprecedentedly complex character. Its penetration makes problems not solved in a long-term horizon and it is the result of **the crisis of the crises**, that according to the contemporary leaders professedly not approaching the memorable Great Depression in 1929-33 has got to our area illegally. It continues for third year already also thanks to the assistance of hitherto political set. In particular since **the politicians did not want and in the better case did not know how to think and materialize the idea of care after the welfare of future generation.**

When a referendum on our accession to the EU took place, only 52 per cent of citizens – electors took part in it. It has been the victory of wits, however not over foolishness, but the civil passivity, or even the resignation due to the development of the domestic politics and life reality. That one we have created and cultivated at home as well. How frequently our politicians have spoken for example about new jobs, but unemployment is and shall be here in an exterminatory range.

It is only unbelievable how the whole number of politicians have won through to the idea of their own predestination to **act – rule and in particular get rich in politics** in past. They realized that they could make it even before their birth and they were the chosen ones. How many of them made it in the particular cases, when the mortals, figuratively speaking, lost not only their breath but also consciousness?! We may watch on one hand how multimillionaires are created and on the other hand the considerable decline of middle class.

The fact is that our almost dovish nation and the nationalities and ethnic groups living together with it have turned into not only the Central European but also the global leader in ransacking of both state and public finances. Thus in what is otherwise called the economic criminality and corruption within it. **When something could not be done in a legal way, which is in accordance with law, they have created a situation when everything could be done, even with applause of masses and fanfares.**

To change the legislation so that it restricted the economic criminality and corruption seems to be impossible even today. The corruption have historically replaced the competition and definitely buried for example the principles of market mechanism. Today, some of us wonder that the market has lost the regulation capability. Politicians declare the fight against the corruption, however they are not interested even in the clarification of opinions on this burden, regardless their political affiliation. They endlessly perorate but what the majority of citizens claims is uninteresting for the lawgivers. The same is valid for executive power that resists the thinking out of efficient control mechanisms.

The thorough independent control at all the levels of state and public administration is, in addition to the improvement of the quality of life of majority having a monthly reward lower than five hundred Euros, the way to the Norwegian virtue of society. The similar situation is in justice, howbeit independent, yet under the control by public. The first-instance judgements should be made within 30 days while the evidentiary material would be complete before the court session.

How funny may be in such a context the opinion that **when an individual gets rich, country picks up as well**. Just recall the transformation, how many competent people - new owners have been found, however not thinking of the subsequent sublimation of hundreds milliards of crowns and human tragedy. Despite all that, there is still something one can still draw from, give out and de facto prove that Slovakia is financially bottomless. A chance that the politicians could initiate the creation of **the fund for future generations** from not invested money could seem to be almost feverish ravings. Such steps have already been made by many countries where they have created funds for future generations.

Who all serves the citizens - the public? All those who do not serve as we wish? How much did we have paid both at home and at the EU level for sessions, conferences, summits, how to make them to be reasonable, efficient and free from scandals?! Not less than for the events on how to deal with unemployment, non-education, problems with water, food and raw material safety! Even so there are exceptions where nothing is impossible, where order and discipline rule.

**Go and ask the ordinary citizen how to make it or what not to make. The common sense has not died off, however it is in a defensive.** We let the supremacy of money over all the events in the society happen and the care after a general welfare as a terminus technicus has fell in the undesired history. The principles of the civil society have the similar destiny as well, just for we place money - property above everything while devaluating the principles of freedom, democracy, morals and ethics.

**It is inevitable to change the environment in the entire society.** Partly through the care after a citizen, the quality of his/her life and legal awareness in everyday life. No blinkers on eyes and ears would help us to limp to the periphery of Europe with today level of development. Why have we become accustomed to the mess in our surroundings, why do we not consistently and rigidly kick against both little and great daylight robbery of the state, cities and villages? Because a citizen has lost the control over the conditions of his/her own existence. We have successfully got from the inauspicious, so criticized, democratic centralism to so called democratic absolutism.

We exactly know where the cause of the economic irresponsibility, the boom of non-punishable and unpunished criminality and ad nauseam alleged corruption lies in. The club-wide discussion has not only acknowledged it but also incited the whole range of members to formulate how to prevent this development. We have a chance for a change.

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