



Karol Galek

*State Secretary
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Karol Galek has been the **State Secretary at the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic** since 21st March 2020. His main responsibilities are **Energy sector topics, Supporting programs and Chemical substances** area.

Prior to his appointment as State Secretary, Karol Galek had been a **representative of the National Council of the Slovak Republic** (since 2016), **member of the Economic Committee and chairman of the Technological Development and Innovation Subcommittee**.

He is a **team-leader of Energetics** in the political party in Slovakia - Freedom and Solidarity (Sloboda a Solidarita). His main agenda is ending of subsidies to the production of coal-fired electricity, transparency of regulation, elimination of political intervention in electricity prices, electricity trade, renewable energy and climate change.

In 2004 he obtained a **Master's degree in Hydrogeology and Engineering Geology** and in 2008 was titled as **Master of Science at Vienna University of Technology** with **specialization in Renewable Energy in Central and Eastern Europe**. Since 2004 he has been working professionally in the energy sector, starting as a project manager for geothermal systems in Slovakia.

In 2008 he completed an **internship program** as a development analyst for **solar, wind and geothermal power plants in the USA**.

After resumption to Slovakia, he started an **own business** with small and medium scale PV projects. Among other activities, he had been involved as a coordinator into several **cross-border cooperation projects between Slovakia and Austria** and in issues related to energy production and savings.