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Managing euro crisis decision-making in Slovakia

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Most recently, the euro area has seen its most challenging crisis so far. Despite the significant international media attention given to the European Union (EU) crisis management, there is still little known about the actual decision-making processes which unfolded at the national level and how these were linked to the roles of major institutional actors such as the European Council and the Eurogroup. Several member state governments faced an uphill struggle to find domestic political support for pivotal crisis management decisions. In Slovakia the decision to back internal euro financial assistance led to the collapse of the coalition government under Prime Minister Iveta Radičová in October 2011 and to new elections in March 2012.

In his CEUR guest lecture the former Minister of Finance of Slovakia, Ivan Mikloš outlines the involvement of his country in euro crisis management and the domestic political challenges the government faced at the time. He recalls how the Slovakian government, the EU institutions and other member states interacted. Mikloš talks about how he saw the complex relationship between the parliament and the government during the period of 2009 and 2013.

Mr Ivan Mikloš is currently a Member of the Parliament and Member of the Committee on Finance and Budget. In 1991 – 1992 he served as Minister for Administration and Privatization of Slovakia. He was Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs between 1998 and 2002, then became Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance between 2002 and 2006 and served in the same position between 2010 and 2012, the most dynamic times for Euro area decision-making.