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Martina Antošová is President of the civic association Práve preto, an affiliate of the European Patient Safety Foundation (EUPSF), and leads “Spolu proti únave”, the Slovak edition of the European #FightingFatigueTogether campaign on healthcare worker fatigue as a risk to both staff and patient safety. She is also Managing Director of M-Change s.r.o., working across healthcare project management, clinical trials, strategic management, digitalisation and innovation.

A healthcare professional by training, she completed her doctorate in pharmacology, researching nitric oxide and its effects on the respiratory tract. She lectured and published for several years (h-index 13).

Alongside her research career, she became increasingly involved in project management. She founded the Centre for the Support of Science, Research and Development at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin and led it for about ten years. The Centre prepared and implemented projects worth around EUR 80 million, among them the first simulation training centre in Slovakia, a biomedical research centre and the national biobank. From 2016, she led the project for the new University Hospital Martin, designed as a digital, green hospital of the future with a strong research and teaching mission, and brought the hospital into the European TEF-Health and THCS projects.

She has served as an innovation expert to the Slovak Ministry of Health and evaluated healthcare innovation projects. She remains active in innovation as Innovation Manager of the Healthcare Innovation Hub at INOVIA, a regional innovation centre. She is a member of national and international societies in respiratory pharmacology and physiology, biobanking, green hospitals, patient safety and healthcare quality, and supports non-profit organisations pro bono.

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