To make sure working in Visual C++ in Visual Studio .NET and have solution explorer window on the left hand side, click on “TOOLS” in menu to get this picture. Then pick “Import and Export Settings”.

This screen will appear, then select “Reset all settings”.

Would you like to save your current settings before you reset?

- Yes, save my current settings
  - Settings Filename: CurrentSettings-2017-09-05.vssettings
  - Store my settings file in this directory: c:\users\mihollowa\documents\visual studio 2012\settings

- No, just reset settings, overwriting my current settings
Then select “No......”, and click on “Next”.

Then select “Visual C++” and click on “Finish”. When done then click on the “Close” button.