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Country Profile

Basic data and indicators

Basic Data

Population (1 000): 5,434,343 inhabitants (2017)

GDP at market prices: 84,985.2 million Euros (2017)

GDP per inhabitant in PPS (Purchasing Power Standard EU 28=100): 77 (2016)

GDP growth rate: 3.4% (2017) **Inflation rate:** 1.4% (2017)

Unemployment rate: 8.1% (2017)

General government gross debt (Percentage of GDP): 50.9% (2017) General government deficit/surplus (Percentage of GDP): -1.0% (2017)

Area: 49,036 km²

Capital city: Bratislava

Official EU language: Slovak

Currency: EUR

Source: Eurostat (Last update: 7 February 2018)

Political Structure

Slovakia is a **democratic parliamentary republic** founded on 1 January 1993.

Legislative power is held by a unicameral Parliament, known as the $\frac{\text{National Council}}{\text{National Council}}$, which consists of 150 members elected every four years by universal suffrage. The proportional voting system is accompanied by a threshold ruling, which requires parties to obtain more than 5 % electoral support in order to be seated.

The Head of State is the <u>President</u> of the Slovak Republic, who is elected every five years by universal suffrage. The president formally approves legislation but wields little domestic political power. Executive power is exercised by the <u>Government</u>, which is headed by the <u>Prime Minister</u>.

The country is divided into eight regions, comprised of 79 districts and further subdivided into 138 towns and 2 933 municipalities.

The <u>Constitution</u> of the Slovak Republic was ratified on 1 September 1992 and has been amended in 1998, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Slovakia became a member of the European Union on 1 May 2004.

Head of State: President Andrej Kiska (since 15 June 2014)

Head of Government: Prime Minister Róbert Fico (since 4 April 2012).



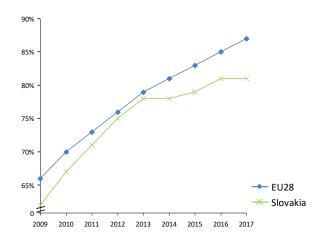
Information Society Indicators

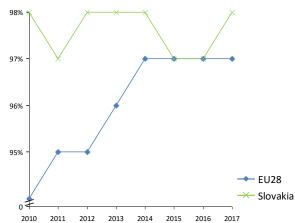
Generic Indicators

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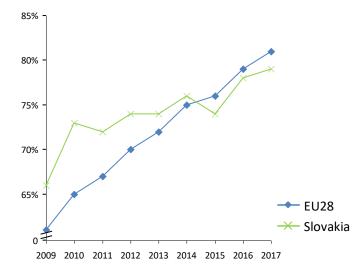
Percentage of households with Internet access in Slovakia

Percentage of enterprises with Internet access in Slovakia





Percentage of individuals using the internet at least once a week in Slovakia

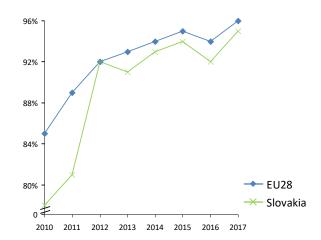


Source: Eurostat Information Society Indicators



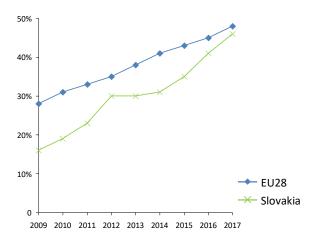
Percentage of households with a broadband connection in Slovakia

Percentage of enterprises with a broadband connection in Slovakia

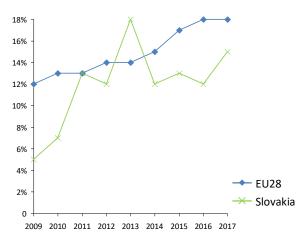


Percentage of individuals having purchased/ordered online in the last three months in Slovakia

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



Percentage of enterprises having received orders online within the previous year in Slovakia



Source: Eurostat Information Society Indicators

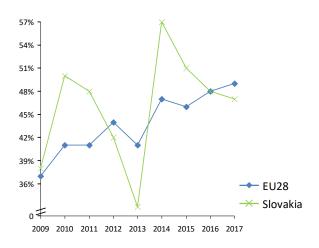
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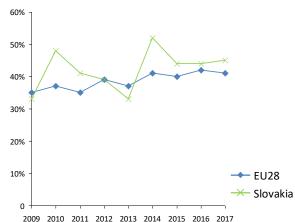
eGovernment Indicators

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Percentage of individuals using the internet for interacting with public authorities in Slovakia

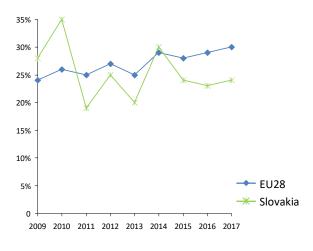
Percentage of individuals using the internet for obtaining information from public authorities in Slovakia

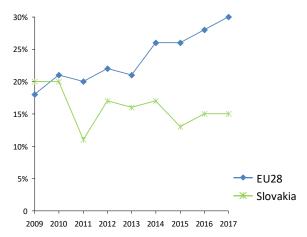




Percentage of individuals using the internet for downloading official forms from public authorities in Slovakia

Percentage of individuals using the internet for sending filled forms to public authorities in Slovakia





Source: Eurostat Information Society Indicators

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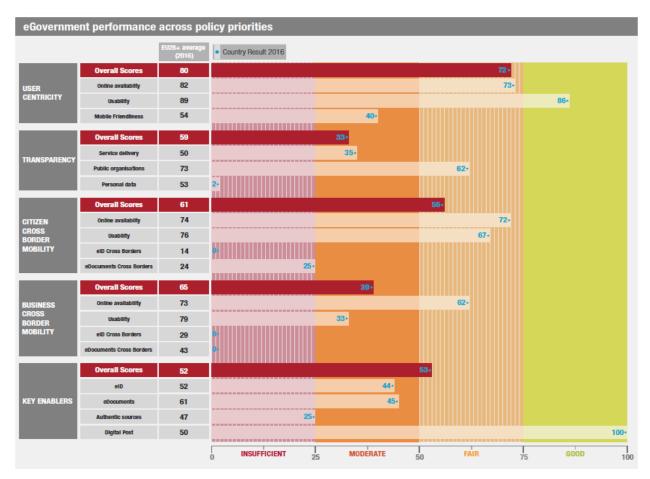


Government State of Play

The graph below is the result of the latest <u>eGovernment Benchmark</u> report, which monitors the development of eGovernment in Europe, based on specific indicators. These indicators are clustered within four main top-level benchmarks:

- **User Centricity** indicates to what extent (information about) a service is provided online and how this is perceived.
- **Transparent Government** indicates to what extent governments are transparent regarding: i) their own responsibilities and performance, ii) the process of service delivery and iii) personal data involved.
- **Cross Border Mobility** indicates to what extent EU citizens and businesses can use online services in another country.
- **Key Enablers** indicates the extent to which 5 technical pre-conditions are available online. There are: Electronic Identification (eID), Electronic documents (eDocuments), Authoritative Sources, and Digital Post. Digital Post refers to the possibility that governments communicate electronically-only with citizens or entrepreneurs through e.g. personal mailboxes or other digital mail solutions.

This year's measurement has selected a set of four life events that cover the most common domains of public services, representative for both businesses and citizens: Starting a business and early trading operations; Losing and finding a Job; Studying; Family Life (new life event, measured for the first time). The figure below presents the development of eGovernment in Slovakia compared to the EU average score.



Source: eGovernment Benchmark Report 2017 Country Factsheets



eGovernment Highlights

Main eGovernment changes and key milestones in 2017

eGovernment Strategy

In December 2017, several <u>documents</u> that analyse in detail the <u>National eGovernment</u> <u>Strategy</u>, were elaborated, heard publicly and released, such as:

- Strategic architecture of public administration;
- Strategic priority: Multichannel access;
- Strategic priority: Integration and orchestration;
- Strategic priority: Data management and Big data;
- Strategic priority: Government cloud;
- Detailed EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020;
- Reference architecture of public information systems in cloud;
- Strategic priority: Interaction with public administration, life events and service selection by navigation;
- Strategic priority: Development of information systems of public administration and use of central modules;
- Strategic priority: Open data;
- Strategic priority: Communication infrastructure;
- eGovernment Management Concept;
- Updated project management methodology for the needs of eGovernment projects.

eGovernment Legal Framework

The main progress in the eGovernment legal framework of the country has been ensured by <u>Amendment No. 238/2017</u> to the <u>Act No. 305/2013</u> on the eGovernment, which introduced central delivery of official documents, online payments for electronic services and simplified authorisation of electronic documents. Briefly, this new act introduces simplifications to the signing of electronic submissions, online payments for electronic public services, central register of electronic statements or single delivery of official documents. Under the new conditions, electronic submissions can be signed by using an eID card without qualified electronic signature – the so-called one click signature.

eGovernment Actors

In 2017, there has been no major change linked to key actors and the main contract points related to digital public administration in Slovakia.

eGovernment Infrastructure

There has been no major change or development in the sphere of eGovernment and digital public administration solutions in Slovakia since March 2017.



eGovernment Services

In 2017, there has been no major update or change in digital public service delivery for citizens and businesses. The Q2-Q4 period of 2017 was primary focused on the creation and final approval of key strategic documents.

Other Highlights

A <u>project</u> was implemented to increase the broadband speed with 30mbits/s for all citizens. It allows for new generation networks in high density areas.

2001 - 2017

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eGovernment Strategy

Main strategic objectives and principles

National Concept of eGovernment 2015 - 2020



The National Concept of eGovernment, approved by the Slovak government in September 2016, is a conceptual document that defines the strategic Enterprise Architecture of eGovernment and its central coordination as well as the principles and objectives of its further development accordance with the goals stated in the Strategic Document for Digital Growth and Next Generation Access Infrastructure. This document

represents a new philosophy of viewing informatisation with an emphasis on the process openness, fair competition, and increase of the value of IT in key functions of public administration, whether in a form of the improved services, better decisions thanks to data, better regulation, or more efficient operation. The concept is built around a vision of an innovative and open state that provides the citizens and businesses with user-friendly and easy-to-use services but at the same time operates in a complex way so that it can respond swiftly and effectively to the challenges of the dynamic modern era.

Informatisation priorities cover a wide range of areas needed to be addressed in this period primarily. The priority of process optimisation and automation of the public administration performance, along with the priority of orchestration of services to the life situations, shall ensure a qualitative change not only in the provision of the public administration services to the public, but also in the operation of public administration itself. Equally important are the priorities referring to the improved access of citizens, businesses or officials to the e-Government environment, the use of the common central blocks, management of data, Open Data, Government Cloud, and security. This document also includes a proposal for the prioritisation of development programmes and projects that will help implementing the strategic architecture of public administration, reference architecture of specific solutions, and segment architecture. These aspects create conditions for the efficient process of public administration informatisation, the managed and controlled access by the Slovak Government to any changes in the process, as well as the preconditions for offering effective responses to a wide range of both, the existing and potential, economic, security or other threats.

Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure 2014 - 2020

Operational programme 'Integrated Infrastructure' (hereinafter also 'OPII') is a strategic document of the Slovak Republic for the absorption of EU funds in the 2014 - 2020 period in the transport sector and in the area of enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information technologies. Overall focus of OPII, its specific objectives, and activities are set to ensure promotion of the fulfilment of the priorities of the Europe 2020 strategy and National Reform Programme of Slovak Republic.

Overall objective of OPII is to support sustainable mobility, economic growth, job creation and to improve the business climate through the development of transport infrastructure, public transport and information society.

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic is responsible for the area of information society within the Operational



Programme Integrated Infrastructure. Other objectives of the operational programme are managed by the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development to support sustainable mobility, economic growth, job creation and improving the business environment through the development of transport infrastructure.

In the framework of the Operational Programme, the Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic acts as an intermediary body responsible for Priority Axis 7 Information Society. The funds will be invested in the development of electronic services for citizens and businesses, arranging complex life events, cross-border interoperability and increasing the availability of government data through open data. At the same time the public administration reform will be supported through ICT, including the further expansion of government cloud. Finally, the allocation for priority axis 7 should ensure coverage with broadband internet of all households with minimum speed of 30 mbps.

Cyber Security Concept of the Slovak Republic for 2015 - 2020

The Cyber Security Concept of the Slovak Republic for 2015 – 2020 was adopted in 2015. The National Security Authority of the Slovak Republic is a government body responsible for the implementation of the strategy. The strategic goal of cyber security in the Slovak Republic is to achieve an open, secure, and protected national cyber space especially by building trust in the reliability and security of, above all, critical information and communication infrastructure, as well as building certainty that this will perform its functions and serve national interests also in cases of cyber-attacks. The implementation of the Concept is coordinated by the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Cyber Security Concept of the Slovak Republic for 2015-2020 by defining tasks, responsible and cooperating parties in charge of its completion. The Action Plan was established in March 2016.

The main strategic pillars of the Concept are:

- Building an institutional framework for cyber security administration;
- Creating and adopting a legal framework for securing the administration of cyber space;
- Supporting, preparing, and introducing a system of education in the area of cyber security.

The proposal for the centralisation and development of data centers in the state administration

On 21 May 2014, the Government of Slovak Republic approved a strategic material, whose main goal was to centralise the amount of data centres of the state into two main data centres - in scope of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Interior. These will be provided to national authorities' and institutions' cloud services (such as IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) in the high levels of quality and safety through a single area in the form of catalogue services.

The intention of supra-ministerial provision of cloud services addresses primary requirements for decreasing the costs of public administration by:

- Unifying the environment for operation of information systems; providing eGov services;
- Optimising the use of resources;
- Decreasing procurement and operating costs;



- Increasing the efficiency of management at all levels, from operation of infrastructure to management of relationships, including methodological support;
- ▶ The focus of organisations only on their key processes and activities (excluding IT);
- Simplifying and unifying processes across organisations.

Strategic Document for Digital Growth and Next Generation Access Infrastructure (2014 – 2020)

The Strategic Document for Digital Growth and Next Generation Access Infrastructure (2014 - 2020) defines a strategy for the development of digital services and next generation access infrastructure in Slovakia. It also focuses on the fulfilment of the ex-ante conditionalities by means of which the European Union evaluates the readiness of Member States to implement investment priorities of their choice. The document particularly discusses the fulfilment of the two ex-ante conditionalities defined under thematic objective 2 "Enhancing access to and use and quality of information and communication technologies".

The Strategic document sets out a strategy for the further development of digital infrastructure services and next generation networks in Slovakia for the 2014 - 2020 period. It also fulfils the objectives set out in the Position Paper of the European Commission and implements measures in the Digital Agenda for Europe, building on the activities implemented under the Operational Programme Information Society in the 2007 – 2013 period.

The vision of further eGovernment development in Slovakia until 2020, includes actions to move towards a functioning information society and building of Smart Government. Information technologies will become inherent in people's everyday life and an essential driver of Slovakia's competitiveness.

The following investment priorities are proposed to be actively addressed to facilitate eGovernment development in the 2014-2020 period:

- Services for citizens and businesses;
- Effective public administration;
- Broadband / Next Generation Network.

The document serves as a ground for the preparation of The Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure (Priority Axis Information Society) for the 2014 - 2020 period.

The document was acknowledged by the Government of the Slovak Republic on 8 January 2014.



eGovernment Legal Framework

Main legal texts impacting on the development of eGovernment

eGovernment Legislation

Amendment No. 238/2017 to the Act No. 305/2013 of Coll. On the eGovernment

The progress in eGovernment in Slovakia has been mainly ensured by the latest legislation: Amendment No. 238/2017 to the Act No. 305/2013 of Coll. which introduced central delivery of official documents, online payments for electronic services and simplified authorisation of electronic documents. In general, the main goal of Slovakia's eGovernment is to progress in the mandatory use of electronic forms, which will ensure greater interoperability between information systems, efficient use of data and more transparent performance of online public administration.

Amendment No. 272/2016 to the Act No. 305/2013 of Coll. On the eGovernment

On 20 September 2016, the National Council approved an amendment to the Act on eGovernment that was subsequently published in the national Collection of Laws under <u>no. 272/2016</u>. The aim of the amendment to the Act on e-Government is to harmonise existing procedures in the area of identification and authentication with reflect to Regulation no. 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing <u>Directive 1999/93/EC</u>. Minor changes to electronic communication with public administration bodies were also introduced by the following **Amendment** <u>No. 374/2016</u> to the Act No. 305/2013 of Coll approved by the National Council on 7 December 2016. The full text of these amendments is available in Slovak language on the newly established Legislative and Information Portal 'Slov-Lex', which provides public access to applicable laws in electronic form.

Act No. 305/2013 of Coll. On the eGovernment.

The Parliament adopted the Act No. 305/2013 Coll. Civil Code on the Government, laying down the basic principles, upon which electronic public administration will operate. The Act will not replace the traditional 'paper' from the official agenda, but it will create a comprehensive electronic alternative. The Act also describes a number of key elements, such as pursuance by proxy, basic registries, eDesk modules document conversion, electronic payment of fees, and authentication of persons in public administration information systems, eDelivery, eForms module, electronic personal mailbox, the administration and operation of a central portal for public administration and Integrated Service Points (ISPs) for assisted public administration eServices. Furthermore, it also lays a foundation of a common data layer by defining a Module of the intergovernmental communication. This module implements the rules and processes for the data exchange among IT systems from different segments as well as applies the concepts of the Master Data Management.

Act No. 275/2006 of Coll. on Public Administration Information Systems

This Act provides a framework for eGovernment and namely regulates:

The rights and obligations of responsible persons in the area of design, operation, use and development of public administration information systems;



- Basic conditions to ensure integrity and security of public administration information systems;
- ▶ The administration and operation of a central portal for public administration;
- The issuing of data depreciation from public administration information systems and the output from public administration information systems;
- ▶ Integrated Service Points (ISPs) for assisted public administration eServices;
- Administrative proceedings and penalties for unlawful activity.

Decree No. 55/2014 on standards for information systems of public administration

The decree on standards for information systems of public administration No. 55/2014 of Coll. came into force on 15 March 2014. This decree lays down specific standards for information public administration systems: technical standards related to technical equipment, network infrastructure and software resources; standards of accessibility and functionality of websites relating to the application software by law; standard terminology for electronic services, related to the network infrastructure, and standards for electronic government services, related to data registers, code and application software.

<u>Decree No. 478/2010 on basic code list of public administration sections and public administration agendas</u>

The decree on basic code list of public administration sections and public administration agendas was approved. Decree No. 478/2010 of Coll. came into force on 1 January 2011. This basic register is managed in the Central Meta-Information System of Public Administration (MetaIS).

Freedom of Information Legislation

Act No. 211/2000 on Free Access to Public Information

The Act on Free Access to Information, which came into force on 1 January 2001, defines the term 'public information' and establishes a general principle of free and unlimited access. Under the act, any person or organisation can request information held by state agencies, municipalities and private organisations that make public decisions. The body has to respond no later than 10 days after receipt of the request and to keep a registry of requests. Costs are limited to reproduction and can be waived. There are a number of exemptions (e.g. for information classified as a state or professional secret, personal information, trade secrets, etc.), which can be withheld. Appeals are made to higher agencies and can be reviewed by a court.

Data Protection/Privacy Legislation

Draft Cyber Security Act

The National Security Authority is working on drafting the Act on Cyber Security to comprehensively cover cyber and information security, introduce basic security requirements and other measures critical for coordinating the protection of information, communication and management systems. At the same time, the European NIS Directive on network and information security is being transposed into the Slovak legislative.



Act No. 122/2013 on Personal Data Protection as amended by Act no. 84/2014 ¹

This legislation (1 July 2013) implements the principles set in the EU's Data Protection Directive (95/46/EC). Under this Act, individuals can access and correct personal information held by public and private bodies. The Act is enforced by the Office for Personal Data Protection. This Act regulates:

- Protecting the rights of natural persons against wrongful interference with their private life in connection with the processing of their personal data;
- ▶ Rights, duties and liability in connection with personal data processing;
- ▶ Establishment of the scope of the powers and organisation of the Office for Personal Data Protection of the Slovak Republic.

eSignatures Legislation

Act No. 215/2002 on Electronic Signatures has been repealed by Act No. 272/2016 on trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market based on Regulation No. 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market. It regulated relations arising in connection to the creation and use of electronic signatures and electronic seals, the rights and obligations of persons and legal persons when using electronic signatures and electronic seals and the reliability and protection of electronic documents signed by electronic signatures or provided by electronic seals.

eCommerce Legislation

Act No. 22/2004 on Electronic Commerce

The **Act on Electronic Commerce**, which came into force on 1 February 2004, regulates the relationships between information society service providers and recipients that may arise when the communication takes place remotely, or while electronic devices are connected by means of an electronic communication network. These can be based on electronic processing, transmission, storage, search or collection of data including text, sound and picture, supervision over compliance with this Act and also international cooperation in electronic commerce.

eCommunications Legislation

Act No. 610/2003 on Electronic Communications

The Act on Electronic Communications, which entered into force on 1 January 2004, transposes to Slovak Law the EU's New Regulatory Framework for electronic communications: Directive No. 2002/58/EC on Privacy and Electronic Communication, Authorisation Directive No. 2002/20/EC, Access Directive No. 2002/19/EC, Universal Service Directive No 2002/22/EC and Framework Directive No. 2002/21/EC.



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¹http://www.dataprotection.gov.sk/uoou/sites/default/files/kcfinder/files/Act 122-2013 84-2014 en.pdf

eProcurement Legislation

Act No. 343/2015 on Public Procurement

Act No. 95/2013 of Coll., which entered into force on 1 July 2013, amended the Act No. 25/2006 on Public Procurement. This legislation implements <u>Directive 2007/66/EC</u> of the European Parliament. The amendment primarily gives further details on regulation of review procedures, harmonises the standstill periods applied in the procurement process with the periods laid down in the Directive and regulates the entire supervision process directly in the Public Procurement Act.

eInvoicing legislation

In Slovakia the competent authority regarding eInvoicing is the Ministry of Finance.

At the moment, there is no legislation in this field. There is no eInvoicing platform available and generally public contracting authorities are not using eInvoicing. However, a political communication about the use of eInvoicing and eInvoicing legislation transposing <u>Directive 2014/55/EC</u> is under preparation. Regarding eInvoicing, the Decree determined that the Ministry of Finance and the Office for Public Procurement are the responsible bodies for the transposition and implementation of Directive 2014/55/EC. The Slovak government does not mandate or recommend any specific eInvoicing management solution or a particular eInvoicing service provider.

Re-use of Public Sector Information (PSI)

Current Status

Slovakia has notified the full transposition of Directive <u>2003/98/EC</u> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the re-use of public sector information (PSI Directive). This legislation was implemented by <u>Act No. 211/2000 of Coll.</u> on Free Access to Public Information.

Other Legislation

Act No. 45/2011 of Coll. on Critical Infrastructure

The Act on Critical Infrastructure No. 45/2011 of Coll. came into force on 1 March 2011. This legislation implements <u>Council Directive 2008/114/EC</u> of 8 December 2008 on the identification and designation of European critical infrastructures and the assessment of the need to improve their protection.



eGovernment Actors

Main roles and responsibilities

National eGovernment

Policy/Strategy

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter only as the 'Office') is a central public authority body established on the 1 June 2016. Among the main tasks of the Office, there is the participation in the creation and implementation of uniform state policy in the field of use of European Union funds as well as in the field of informatisation of the society, eGovernment and investments. The Office also performs tasks that stem from the membership of the Slovak Republic in international organisations (European Union, United Nations Organisation, Organisation for the Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, World Bank and the Visegrad Group (V4)), but also tasks related to the professional, organisational and technical arrangement of activities of Peter Pellegrini, the Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic, who is also appointed Digital Champion. The role of the Digital Champion is to oversee and implement the objectives of the Digital Agenda for Europe at the national level.

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation unit responsible for eGovernment is the Division of Information Society Governance. Furthermore, the Office acts as an intermediary body in managing the Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure (OPII), priority axis No.7 and manages the policy of Digital Single Marked at national level.



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Division of the Information Society Governance

The Division is responsible for:

- Preparing eGovernment concepts and strategies;
- Overseeing the national eGovernment architecture;
- Issuing standards for public administration information systems;
- Legislative measures;

- Managing the Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure (OPII), priority axis No.7;
- ▶ The policy of Digital Single Marked at national level.

Coordination

<u>The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the</u> Slovak Republic

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic coordinates the implementation of tasks in the area of informatisation of society and provides central management of informatisation of society and policy development in the area of the Digital Single Market. The Office decides on the use of financial resources for information technologies in the public administration, and stipulates the central architecture of integrated public administration information system. The Office also acts as the intermediary body under the managing authority for the Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure (OPII). It is responsible for the Digital Single Market Strategy, including its eGovernment aspects. The Office is responsible for the coordination of the building of information systems in public administration at national and international levels (section 4, article 1 e) Act No. 275/2006 of Coll. and section 34 a) article 2). Act No. 575/2001 of Coll.)

Slovak Government Office

The Slovak Government Office is the central body of the state administration of the Slovak Republic which carries out the management, operation and development of GOVNET, and provides the central tasks of the national operator of the information infrastructure and the central communications infrastructure in the Slovak Republic for public administration (section 4a, article 1 and 2 Act No. 275/2006 of Coll.). GOVNET is a government data network of public authorities that creates the essential component of the national central communication infrastructure.

Council of the Slovak Republic for Digitalisation of the Public Administration and Digital Single Market

The Council of the Slovak Republic for digitalisation of the public administration and digital single market, founded in December 2015, is the advisory, coordinating and initiative body of the Slovak Government focused on the issues related to informatisation and digitisation of public administration and DSM. Council is composed of the high-level representatives from the Ministries and IT associations.

Implementation

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic - eGovernment Architecture Department

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic coordinates the implementation of tasks in the area of informatisation of society and provides central management of informatisation of society and policy development in the area of the Digital Single Market. The Office decides on the use of financial resources for information technologies in the public administration, and stipulates the central architecture of integrated public administration information system.

The eGovernment Architecture Department represents a delivery unit promoting the information society. It plans and systematically supports the development of the eGovernment architecture according to the defined principles, goals and priorities. It oversees the projects in their preparation and implementation phase so that they are in



accordance with the methodologies, application designs, requirements and best practices. It also organises regular trainings and workshops for other public organisations. It coordinates the implementation of the eGovernment information systems with the comprehensive reform of the public administration overseen by the Ministry of Interior. The key objective is to ensure effective use of public resources and a satisfactory level of innovation. One of the key tools is the Enterprise Architecture modelling that allows for precise documentation and analysis of the public administration at all layers (the Motivation, Business, Application and Technology layer) as well as for planning all changes that will arise from various reform initiatives.

Central State authorities

Central State authorities are responsible for the implementation of eGovernment systems in the scope of their competencies. The Ministry of Finance acts as the central government body responsible for the information society and infrastructure projects. Ministries and other central bodies are responsible for departmental projects and get support from the eGovernment Architecture office.

Support

Digital Champion for Slovakia

The position has been created upon the initiative of the European Commission, which invited all EU Member States to appoint a Digital Champion. The role of the Digital Champion is to oversee and implement the objectives of the Digital Agenda for Europe at the national level. Peter Pellegrini is the Digital Champion of Slovakia. He is the Deputy Prime Minister for Investment of Slovakia, and his priorities are to bridge between the public and the expert community to improve the conditions of every citizens' life. In 2012 Mr Pellegrini initiated the School Dance project, which is a unique project that connects basic principles such as creating a team, recording a dance video and making interactive posters. In total 300 schools and kindergartens participated and there were over 800,000 page views.

Committee for Legislation in the Information Society Area

The advisory and consultative body that prepares an expert basis for legal regulation proposals on the information society, suggests changes and amendments to the regulations.

Committee for Standardisation of Information Systems of Public Administration

The Committee is an advisory and consultative body under the responsibility of the Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic in the field of implementation of the standards of public administration information systems (PAIS). Its competence extends to all actual issues that relate to the field of PAIS standardisation.

Committee for Information Security

Composed of internal experts from Ministries and external experts, the Committee prepares proposals and opinions in the area of protection and security of public administration information systems. It proposes changes or new requirements to the existing security standards and analyses proposals from different bodies. It also analyses legal matters in the information security area.

National Agency for Network and Electronic Services (NASES)

The National Agency for Network and Electronic Services (hereinafter referred to as 'NASES') was established as a contributory organisation of the Government office of the Slovak Republic. It fulfils professional tasks in the field of informatisation of society, management and operation of electronic communications networks and services for other



government bodies, legal entities and natural persons, who require information and data from information systems, databases and public administration registers.

Activities of NASES support development of e-Government services in Slovakia. This activity leads to improving the effectiveness of the public administration performance and simplifying interaction between citizens and authorities, as well as supporting the information knowledge base of the society, public sphere, business community and the general public.

The key tasks of NASES are:

- Organising, operating and developing the GOVNET network;
- Operating the sTESTA network in the Slovak Republic;
- Operating and developing the Central Governmental Portal (www.slovensko.sk);
- Operating and development of Information systems for the registration and payment of administrative and court fees;
- Operating and developing Central customer services for the Slovak Republic;
- Administration, operating and developing national cyber security systems.

Audit/Assurance

Supreme Audit Office (SAO)

The SAO is an independent institution that audits the management of public funds, state property and the performance of the national budget. These auditing activities extend to central authorities, as well as to legal entities established by them.

Data Protection

Office for Personal Data Protection

The Office for Personal Data Protection of the Slovak Republic is an independent state authority, which performs the supervision of data protection and contributes to the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens with regard to the processing of their personal data.

Other

National Security Authority (NSA)

The National Security Authority is the central government body for Protection of Classified Information, Cryptographic Services, Trust Services and Cyber Security. The recent change was brought on by the European Regulation concerning electronic identification and trust services (eIDAS) and the Act on Trust Services, with accordance to the use of the electronic signature and other related services, covered by the summary term 'trust services'.

According to the eIDAS, Member States shall designate a supervisory body established in their territory. This body has the supervisory authority and is responsible for supervisory tasks in a particular Member State. The Authority is the supervisory authority in the Slovak Republic. The oversight scheme of trust services is published to ensure that common basic supervisory requirements are met in the area of supervision and to ensure a comparable security level of qualified trust services throughout the Union.

Office for Public Procurement

The Office for Public Procurement is a central state administration authority for public procurement, which is actively involved in the introduction and development of public eProcurement in the country.



Regional & Local eGovernment

Policy/Strategy

The Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic

In compliance with Act No. 275/2006 of Coll. on Pubic Administration Information Systems, the Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic is responsible for the analysis of 'The National Concept of eGovernment', regarding regional and local Governments. In addition, the Office monitors and evaluates progress in its implementation, and provides guidelines for the preparation of Development Concepts for Information Systems in Public Administration, including regional and local Governments.

Coordination

<u>Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic - Department of Public</u> **Administration**

The Department of Public Administration under the Ministry of the Interior is in charge of the coordination of public administration operation by self-government at regional and local authorities.

Implementation

Regional/local authorities

Self-governing regional and local authorities are responsible for the implementation of eGovernment in the various country regions. Act No.416/2001 on conversion of some competences from authorities of the state administration to municipalities and higher territorial units regulates the process of conversion of competences, originally executed by state authorities, to authorities of self-governing municipalities, towns and regions. There are eight self-governing regions in Slovakia: Banská Bystrica, Bratislava, Košice, Nitra, Prešov, Trenčín, Trnava, Žilina, and local government at every municipality.

Support

Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic - Department of Public Administration

The Department of Public Administration, under the Ministry of the Interior, deals with the development of the organisational structure, scope and practical functioning of public authorities. Furthermore, it provides IT assistance to local bodies.

Audit/Assurance

Supreme Audit Office (SAO)

The SAO primarily determines whether regional and local bodies manage the state property and resources entrusted to them in an effective and cost-efficient manner, in accordance with the law.

Other

Association of Towns and Municipalities of Slovakia (ZMOS)

The Association initiated the creation and development of <u>ISOMI</u>, an Internet information system for towns and municipalities. The project is designed to host and integrate municipal websites to support municipalities in providing citizens with information and



eServices. Furthermore, the association operates the municipality solution <u>DCOM</u> (Municipal Data Centre) that offers e-services of towns and municipalities to their citizens.

DEUS association

DEUS association was founded as an association of legal persons by signing the memorandum in July 2011. Founders: Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the Association of Towns and Municipalities. DEUS association is a manager of the $\underline{\mathsf{DCOM}}$ (Municipal Data Centre).



eGovernment Infrastructure

Main eGovernment infrastructure components

Portals

Central Public Administration Portal

The Central Public Administration Portal (slovensko.sk), under the administration of the Slovak Government Office and operated by the National Agency for Network and Electronic Services (NASES), provides a central and unified access to information resources and services of the public administration. The basis for all future activities of Central Public Administration Portal is the entry point, which arranges users' authentication, login, data reception and creates transaction that is passed to the particular service provider to finish the transaction process. Among the most important tasks of the portal are directing the interested party to use a particular eGovernment service and providing a navigation through a life event as well as useful tips and tricks. The portal currently offers eGovernment services in the area of running a business, citizenship, justice, registering vehicles, social security and more.

The portal provides:

- Common registry, authentication, authorisation feature and user support feature;
- Managing of information flow, electronic filing, electronic fee payments.

Central Government Portal from citizen's point of view:

- is a uniform entry point to the public administration affairs;
- is a place to find all the actual information and services first-hand;

Central Government Portal from public authority's point of view:

- Is the interface for communication with citizens;
- Is the interface for meeting up of information and public authorities' information systems;
- ▶ Represents common communication infrastructure.

Information Society Division's portal

The Information Society Division, operating under the Deputy Prime Minister's Office for Investments and Informatisation of the Slovak Republic, as the key government body responsible for the information society, launched the 'informatizacia.sk' portal in 2007 with the aim to provide comprehensive information on the strategies, legislation, standardisation and other activities concerned with the information society.

Portals of public authorities

The administration section and self-government portals belong to the respective administrators. Administration section and self-government portals provide more detailed information and may enable the performance of transaction services within the relevant special agendas.



Legislative and Information Portal Slov-Lex

Legislative and Information Portal Slov-Lex provides access to professional and general public to applicable law in electronic form and further information relating to law, while also providing for law-makers effective tools for the creation and management of lifecycle legislation. The dominant parts of Slov-Lex are two closely linked systems: e-Collection and e-Legislation.

The target group of the eCollection system consists of rights holders, which are government bodies, state administration bodies, local authorities, bodies of judicial authority, professionals working in the field of law (lawyers, notaries, experts, etc.), freelancers, entrepreneurs (physical and legal persons) and citizens.

The target group of the eLegislation system consists of bodies involved in the process of preparing and creating legislation: the Government, the Legislative Council of the Government, the National Council of Slovak republic, the president, the other approximately 30 subjects but also participants commenting rounds, the experts working in the field of law (lawyers, notaries, experts, etc.), freelancers, entrepreneurs (physical and legal persons) and citizens.

CSIRT.SK (Computer Security Incident Response Team)

The main task of <u>the portal</u> is to present basic information about the unit CSIRT.SK and its working agenda. It provides the possibility of reporting the incidents and vulnerabilities relating to security of computer and communication technologies; it also creates a space for the progressive services of the unit CSIRT.SK.

CSIRT.SK provides services associated with security incidents handling and impact elimination followed by the recovery of affected information and communication technologies. CSIRT.SK cooperates with the owners and operators of critical information infrastructure, telecom operators, Internet service providers (ISPs) and other state authorities (e.g. police, investigators, courts). Additionally, it contributes to awareness rising in the certain areas of information security, actively cooperates with international counterparts and organisations and represents the Slovak Republic in the field of information security at the international level.

Government Cloud

On 21 May 2014 the Government of Slovak Republic <u>approved strategic material</u>, whose main goal was to define technical, organisational and legal level of implementation and operation of supra-ministerial data centres as a provider of central cloud services of the Government cloud. The eGovernment cloud will provide national authorities and institutions with cloud services (such as IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) in the high levels of quality and safety through a one stop shop in the form of a service catalogue.

The cloud solution will ensure effective sharing of ICT resources, improve access to data and facilitate the use of Big Data as well as unify the environment and methodologies for development and operation of information systems.

Network

GovNet

<u>GovNet</u>, which was launched in the early 1990s, aims at building a physical network among Public Administration bodies. GovNet provides the public administration with services such as encrypted eCommunication, helpdesk, supervision, webhosting, antispam and antivirus



protection and creates the essential component of the national central communication infrastructure.

eIdentification/eAuthentication

eID card

Since 1 December 2013, the Ministry of Interior started to issue eID cards for citizens as a means of identification and authentication for individuals within the domains of eGovernment and possibly other areas from public and private services. The new eID card in credit card format replaces the existing national identity card and includes the optional electronic signature functionality.

By utilising a microchip, the card provides an online authentication functionality, applicable to eGovernment transactions. Data from the eID card will technically be read only with the consent of the citizen with the security code and attaching the eID card to the card reader. The safety of data stored in contact chip is protected by security mechanisms and by personal security code /PSC/. PSC is a combination of several numbers that are chosen by the holder when submitting an application for issuing eID, or when taking the card or anytime during eID validity. PSC is used to confirm the identity of holders of eID in electronic communications.

eProcurement

Information System of Electronic Public Procurement (EVO)

eProcurement in Slovakia is managed by the Office for Public Procurement. The system of eProcurement (EVO) covers procedures and phases of procurement (preparation, planning, eNotification, and partially eTendering and eAwarding). EVO integrates several electronic systems dedicated to each sub-phase such as the Electronic Contracting System for fully automated placement of orders. Currently, EVO supports the eSubmission of tenders for above and below the limit contracts regarding open and restricted procedures and offers eServices on all procedures categories.



Government Services for Citizens

Availability and sophistication of eServices for Citizens

The information in this section presents an overview of the basic public services, which were identified by the European Commission and Member States under the <u>Your Europe initiative</u> that is an EU site designed to help citizens do things in other European countries – avoiding unnecessary inconvenience and red tape in regard to moving, living, studying, working, shopping or simply travelling abroad.

The groups of services for citizens are as follows:

- 1. Travel
- 2. Work and retirement
- 3. Vehicles
- 4. Residence formalities
- 5. Education and youth
- 6. Health
- 7. Family
- 8. Consumers

1. Travel

Passenger rights, documents you need

Passport

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Interior

Website: https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/agendy/agenda/_cestovne-doklady

Description: Information to download. Citizens need to be personally present when

applying for their passports. The service provider offers the possibility of an electronic intake with an official electronic form to obtain an international passport. An electronic form is filled in and two biometric identifiers are required. The issuance of the personal document is made

known via SMS, or email by the service provider.

2. Work and retirement

Working abroad, finding a job abroad, retiring abroad

Job search services by labour offices

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Central

Agency of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Website: http://www.upsvar.sk/; http://www.upsvar.sk/; https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka

Description: The service provider offers the possibility of an electronic supply of pre-

selected jobs related to a given profile.

Professional qualifications

Legal information system (incl. information on the regulated professions)

Responsibility: Ministry of Justice

Website: https://www.slov-lex.sk/domov

Description: Legislative and Information Portal Slov-Lex provides access to professional

and general public to applicable law in electronic form and further information relating to law, while also providing for law-makers effective tools for the creation and management of lifecycle legislation. The dominant parts of Slov-Lex are two closely linked systems: e-Collection

and eLegislation.

Parts of a Slov-Lex portal are also additional modules:

The implementing legislation of ministries and other central state administrativna bodies;

Court decisions of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights;

Court decisions of the Slovak general courts.

Taxes, unemployment and benefits

Income taxes: declaration, notification of assessment

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Finance, Tax Directorate of the Slovak

Republic

Website: https://www.financnasprava.sk/sk/obcania/;

https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka

Description: Information and forms for download. Holders of a Guaranteed Electronic

Signature may declare tax online; however, the use of such eSignatures remains limited. The income tax declaration of employees is automatically

delivered by their employer.

Unemployment benefits

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Social

Insurance Agency

Website: http://www.socpoist.sk/davka-v-nezamestnanosti/1361s

Description: Information and forms to download. The social insurance portal carries out

the electronic eService 'Individual account of policyholder', providing them with an overview of their health, pension and unemployment insurance

details.

Vehicles

Driving licence

Driver's licence

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Interior

Website: http://www.minv.sk/;

https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/agendy/agenda/ vodicsky-preukaz

Description: Information is available on the web portal of the Ministry of Interior. The

issuance of the personal document is made known via SMS, or email by

the service provider.

Registration

Car registration (new, used, imported cars)

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Interior

Website: https://portal.minv.sk/wps/wcm/connect/sk/site/main/zivotne-

situacie/vozidla/; https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/detail-

sluzby?externalCode=sluzba is 604

Description: Car owners have wide options to perform duties carried out from the Road

Traffic Act without the need to visit the Traffic Inspectorate or bring the vehicle for control. Electronic services to be used are application for cancellation of car owner, application for new car owner after the cancellation of previous car owner and application for cancellation of reporting the cancellation of car owner. These new services can be used by car owners personally, by statutory corporate owners or by authorised persons. Electronic authorisation to registration acts can be also obtained by eServices. The precondition to use eServices is an activated identity

card with a chip and with a qualified electronic signature.ee.

3. Residence (and other) formalities

Documents and formalities

Announcement of moving (change of address)

Responsibility: Central Government (Ministry of Interior) and Local Government

(Municipalities)

Website: https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/e-sluzby/esluzby-ministerstva-vnutra-

sr/ elektronicke-sluzby-centralnej/;

https://portal.minv.sk/wps/wcm/connect/sk/site/main/zivotne-

situacie/pobyt/pobyt-t/trvaly-pobyt-prihlasenie

Description: The necessary information is available on a publicly accessible website,

managed by the service provider, or by the administrative body responsible. Citizens can change address by electronic service using the

eID card.

Certificates (birth, marriage): request and delivery

Responsibility: Central Government (Ministry of Interior) and Local Government

(Municipalities)

Website: https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka;

https://portal.minv.sk/wps/wcm/connect/sk/site/main/zivotne-

situacie/matrika-zivotna-udalost/

Description: The information necessary to obtain a birth or marriage certificate is

available on a publicly accessible website managed by the service provider. A number of services such as a change of the name is provided

online.

Criminal Record Certificate

Responsibility: Central Government, General Prosecutors Office of the Slovak Republic

Website: https://esluzby.genpro.gov.sk/ziadost-vo-rt;

Description: Application for a copy of the criminal record certificate allows using an

electronic form to submit an application for an extract from the criminal records of the General Prosecutor's Office. To access service, the applicant must authenticate via eID card and sign application via qualified electronic

signature.

Declaration to the police (e.g. in case of theft)

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Interior, Slovak Police

Website: https://portal.minv.sk/; https://portal.minv.sk/; https://portal.minv.sk/; https://portal.minv.sk/; https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka

Description: The information necessary to make an official declaration for theft of

personal goods to the local police is available on a publicly accessible

website.

Housing (building and housing, environment)

Responsibility: Local Government, Municipalities

Website: https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka;

https://www.dcom.sk/majetok-a-prenajimanie

Description: The municipality portal dcom.sk provides e-services. There is also the

possibility to obtain the paper form to start the procedure for the issuance

of a building or renovation permission in a non-electronic way.

Passport

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Interior

Website: https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka

Description: Information to download. The service provider offers the possibility of an

electronic intake with an official electronic form to obtain an international passport. An electronic form is filled in and two biometric identifiers are required. The issuance of the personal document is made known via SMS,

or email by the service provider.

Education and youth

School, university

Enrolment in higher education/university

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport,

Higher education institutions

Website: http://www.minedu.sk/; https://e-prihlaska.uniba.sk/ais/start.do;

https://vzdelavanie.uniza.sk/prijimacky/,https://e-

prihlaska.euba.sk/ais/start.do;

https://e-prihlaska.ukf.sk/ais/start.do

Description: Several universities already offer the opportunity to apply electronically to

a chosen faculty. An electronic application can be signed electronically and the status of each perspective applicant is available by logging onto the

faculty website.

Public libraries (availability of catalogues, search tools)

Responsibility: Central Government & Local Government

Website: http://www.kis3g.sk/; http://www.snk.sk/; http://www.snk.sk/; http://www.snk.sk/; http://www.snk.sk/; http://www.snk.sk/;

http://www.infolib.sk/; http://193.87.33.66/opac

Description: Public libraries offer the possibility to search for a specific title, to carry

out an electronic reservation, or to obtain an electronic copy. The <u>National Slovak Library portal</u> enables the search of a specific title and to perform

an online reservation.

Student grants (Student Finance)

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport,

Higher education institutions

Website: http://www.minedu.sk/

Description: Students who qualify for the 'social bursary' have to apply for the grant

directly with higher education institutions (HEIs). Financial resources are distributed to the HEIs by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research

and Sport.

Researchers

Information and assistance to researchers

Responsibility: EURAXESS Slovakia

Website: http://www.euraxess.sk/en

Description: EURAXESS Slovakia provides information and assistance to mobile

researchers – by means of the web portal and with the support of the national EURAXESS Service Centres. The portal contains practical information concerning professional and daily life, as well as information

on job and funding opportunities.

Public libraries (availability of catalogues, search tools)

Responsibility: Central Government & Local Government

Website: http://www.kis3q.sk/; http://www.snk.sk/; http://www.snk.sk/;

http://www.infolib.sk/; http://193.87.33.66/opac

Description: Public libraries offer the possibility to search for a specific title, to carry

out an electronic reservation, or to obtain an electronic copy. The <u>National Slovak Library portal</u> enables the search of a specific title and to perform

an online reservation.

Research funding support

Responsibility: National Scholarship Programme, Slovak Research and Development

Agency

Website: http://www.scholarships.sk/en/, http://www.apvv.sk/grantove-

schemy/bilateralne-vyzvy

Description: Information on available funding opportunities for the researchers.

Health

Planned and unplanned healthcare

Health related services (interactive advice on the availability of services in different hospitals; appointments for hospitals)

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Health

Website: http://www.health.gov.sk/;

http://www.dfnsp.sk

Description: The necessary information to obtain an appointment at a hospital is

available on a publicly accessible website. Several portals offer the possibility of an electronic intake with an official electronic form to start the procedure to book an appointment. Information is provided on disease, diagnosis and medical organisations, among others. It is possible to send an online request about social, legal or health issues. Answers are

published on the portal, or sent to an individual email address.

Medical costs (reimbursement or direct settlement)

Responsibility: General Health Insurance Company, Dôvera Health Insurance Company,

Union Health Insurance Company

Website: http://www.vszp.sk/; http://www.unionzp.sk/; http://www.unionzp.sk/;

Description: Compulsory health insurance typically covers the costs for medical

treatment and drugs, so citizens' reimbursement requests are not necessary. The rights deriving from compulsory health insurance include the provision of health care services and several financial benefits. The websites of service providers offer the possibility to obtain the paper form

for reimbursement of healthcare costs in a non-electronic way.

When living abroad

Healthcare abroad - European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

Responsibility: Public health insurance companies

Website: N/A

Description: eService not available globally, however some of the health insurance

companies to provide an option to apply for the EHIC online.

4. Family

Children, couples

Certificates (birth, marriage): request and delivery

Responsibility: Central Government (Ministry of Interior) and Local Government

(Municipalities)

Website: https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka; https://portal.minv.sk/

Description: The information necessary to obtain a birth or marriage certificate is

available on a publicly accessible website managed by the service

provider.

Child allowances

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Central

Agency of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Website: http://www.upsvar.sk/; http://www.upsvar.sk/; http://www.upsvar.sk/;

Description: The service provider offers the possibility to obtain the forms for child

allowances in a non-electronic way. Only information and downloadable

forms are available online.

Consumers

Shopping (your rights), unfair treatment

Consumer protection

Responsibility: Public Defender of Rights

Website: http://www.vop.gov.sk/would-you-like-to-file-a-complaint

Description: Filing of complaints to the Public Defender of Rights is available via an

online form on the portal of the Public Defender of Rights as well as an e-

mail.

eGovernment Services for Businesses

Availability and sophistication of eServices for Businesses

The information in this section presents an overview of the basic public services, which were identified by the European Commission and Member States under the <u>Your Europe initiative</u> that is an EU site designed to help citizens do things in other European countries – avoiding unnecessary inconvenience and red tape in regard to doing business abroad.

The groups of services for businesses are as follows:

- 1. Start and grow
- 2. VAT and customs
- 3. Selling abroad
- 4. Staff
- 5. Product requirements
- 6. Finance and funding
- 7. Public contracts
- 8. Environment

1. Start and grow

Start-ups, European Company

Registration of a new company

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Justice, Trade Registry

Website: http://www.justice.gov.sk/; https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka

Description: The service provider offers the possibility to register a new company

electronically via the central government portal. No other formal

procedure is necessary for the applicant.

Uniqueness of the proposed company name check

Responsibility: Commercial Register held by the District Court

Website: http://www.orsr.sk/

Description: An online check of the uniqueness of a company name without charge is

possible, but the information on the website is not legally binding and usable for legal acts. The cost of the certificate is EUR 3. The cost of a

certificate issued in electronic form is EUR 0.33.

Intellectual property rights

Industrial property

Responsibility: Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic

Website: https://www.indprop.gov.sk/?introduction

Description: Information on the registration and legislation regarding the intellectual

property related processes in Slovakia are freely available at the web portal of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic. Furthermore, the portal offers information about the application process

and application forms for download.



Annual accounts

Submission of data to statistical offices

Responsibility: Central Government, Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic

Website: http://slovak.statistics.sk

Description: The service provider offers the possibility to completely carry out the

electronic submission of statistical data to the Statistical Office. Some statistically important data already declared to the tax and customs administration does not need to be resubmitted separately to the

Statistical Office by a company.

2. VAT and customs

VAT - Basic rules, Cross-border VAT, Check a VAT number (VIES), VAT refunds

Electronic Payments (E-KOLOK)

Responsibility: National Agency for Network and Electronic Services (NASES), Ministry of

Finance

Website: http://www.e-kolky.sk/

Description: Citizens and businesses are able to purchase electronic stamps from self-

service payment terminals (kiosks). Electronic stamps can be used to cover any administrative or legal fees in several workplaces of the Ministry of the Interior, such as the Transport Inspectorate, Police, client centres, district offices and other. Gradually it envisages to deploy this option to other departments, state agencies, courts and prosecuting authorities.

VAT: declaration, notification

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Finance, Tax Directorate of the Slovak

Republic

Website: https://www.financnasprava.sk/sk/titulna-stranka;

https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka

Description: The service provider offers the possibility to completely carry out the VAT

declaration via the website. Users can choose the possibility to

communicate using Qualified, or Advanced Electronic Signature.

Excise duties

Corporate tax: declaration, notification

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Finance, Tax Directorate of the Slovak

Republic

Website: https://www.financnasprava.sk/sk/titulna-stranka;

https://www.slovensko.sk/sk/titulna-stranka

Description: The service provider offers the possibility to treat the declaration of

corporate tax via the website. Holders of the Qualified Electronic Signature may declare tax online. There is a limited possibility to declare tax fully

online, for non-holders of eSignature.

Reporting imports/exports

Customs declarations (eCustoms)

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Finance, Customs Administration

Website: https://www.financnasprava.sk/sk/titulna-stranka

Description: Information and forms to download. Holders of the Guaranteed Electronic

Signature may submit a declaration online. The service provider offers the possibility to carry out the declaration of customs electronically.

3. Selling abroad

Competition rules, unfair contract terms, consumer guarantees, defective products

Legal information system

Responsibility: Ministry of Justice

Website: https://www.slov-lex.sk/domov

Description: The legal information system of Slovak Republic Slov-Lex is a collection of

Slovak and EU legislation. All texts of laws can be found at this portal in

an electronic form by the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic.

4. Staff

Health and safety

Information portal of the Ministry of Labour, social affairs and family

Responsibility: Ministry of Labour, social affairs and family

Website: http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/praca-zamestnanost/bezpecnost-

ochrana-zdravia-pri-praci/dokumenty-2.html

Description: The website of the Ministry of Labour, social affairs and family contains all

the necessary information in regard to the legislation related to the safety

and health at work.

Terms of employment, social security, equal treatment, redundancies

Social contributions for employees

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Social

Insurance Agency

Website: http://www.socpoist.sk/index/index.php

Description: All businesses with more than five employees are required to submit

regular monthly social contributions forms via the web-based data intake

system. All forms are downloadable from the website.

5. Product requirements

Chemicals (REACH)

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals, EU Regulation no 1907/2006) Helpdesk

Responsibility: Centre for Chemical Substances and Preparations at Ministry of Economy

of the Slovak Republic

Website: http://helpdesk.ccsp.sk/

Description: Information on REACH and CLP is provided on the portal.



6. Finance and funding

Access to funding, EU funding programmes

National Business Centre, V4 Going Global, CLUSTRAT

Responsibility: Slovak Business Agency

Website: http://www.sbagency.sk/en/slovak-business-agency

Description: The portal offers information for businesses about funding options,

education and training as well as international cooperation. The main tools are the Microloan Program and the National Holding Fund that provides venture capital. The Microloan programme is intended for small businesses employing up to 50 people and can be used for procuring movable and non-movable investment property, reconstruction of operating spaces as well as the purchase of necessary stocks, raw

material or goods and other investment projects.

7. Public contracts

Rules and procedures, tools and databases, reporting irregularities

Public procurement / eProcurement

Responsibility: Central Government, Office for Public Procurement

Website: http://www.uvo.gov.sk/en/web/opp; http://www.eks.sk

Description: To send an online notice to the National Journal of Public Procurement

(eVestnik), the contracting authority/entity has to gain access to the online system for editing and sending notices (ZOVO application). Access to ZOVO is subject to the assignment of a password and an ID by the Office for Public Procurement. Within the application, all forms used in public procurement are centralised. The contracting authority/entity selects relevant forms for a particular tender and sends them to the OJ EU (depending on thresholds) and to the OPP for publishing. There is also a tool for a simple participation in eProcurement called Electronic

Contracting System.

8. Environment

EMAS certification, energy labels, eco-design, EU eco-label

Environment-related permits (incl. reporting)

Responsibility: Central Government, Ministry of the Environment, local environment

offices

Website: http://www.enviro.gov.sk/

Description: The publicly accessible website managed by the relevant administrative

level offers the possibility to start the procedure for environment-related

permits in a non-electronic way using a paper form.

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