

# SLOVAK REPUBLIC



Population 5 459 781



GDP per capita
16 770 €

CoE Median 20 301 €



Clearance rate (%)

Efficiency

1st Instance

Avg gross annual salary 15 275 €

Disposition time (days)

Highest Instance

CoE Median 20 612 €

### Implemented judicial system budget **Judicial system Prosecution services** Courts Legal aid 0.43% of GDP 71.5 per inh. 50.5 per inh. 21.0 per inh. NA per inh. CoE Median: 0,30% CoE Median: 64,50 CoE Median: 43,53 CoE Median: 13,86 CoE Median: 3,08 50,5 0.43% 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020 2014 2016 2018 2020

**Budget**: In 2020, Slovak Republic spent 390 646 499 € for the Judicial System which is 72 € per inhabitant (higher than the COE median). Legal aid is included in the courts' budget. The budget allocated to courts and, consequently, the judicial system budget, have been constantly increasing since 2014 (+66% of court budget, +56% of judicial system budget).

#### **Professionals**

Slovak Republic has 24 judges per 100 000 inhabitants, which is higher than the CoE median. The percentage of female judges is higher than the percentage of male judges in all instances, including the Supreme Court. The gender proportions among judges and prosecutors, as well as for higher functions, have remained largely stable. However, the proportion of women among the heads of prosecution offices has decreased, while the proportion of women among all prosecutors has increased.

### ICT in judiciary

Slovak Republic spends relatively more on IT (12,8% of the courts' budget). In 2020, there has been a positive evolution in the ICT as regards communications and electronic submissions. All courts are now able to receive electronic submissions for all categories of cases, and electronic communications are now mandatory for some categories of professionals (advocates, notaries, enforcement agents) through a centralised system of posting and delivering document to public institutions.

#### Organisation of courts

The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic has prepared a reform of the judicial system, which will mainly concern the territorial jurisdiction of courts, by reducing their number and merging. The goals of the judicial map reform are faster, better quality, more predictable court decisions thanks to the specialization of judges.



2nd Instance

Efficiency: In general, in 2020, the courts are most efficient in the second instance, while the criminal domain is the most efficient area of law. Specifically, the courts have the lowest Disposition Time in the second instance criminal cases, while the Disposition Time is the highest in the first instance administrative cases. The efficiency of courts decreased under the COVID-19 influence, except for the second instance civil and criminal cases. In the Slovak Republic, during the pandemic, courts were not closed but operated in a restricted regime. For this reason, the number of incoming and resolved cases generally decreased. Judges were able to solve almost all the incoming cases (clearance rate around 100%), except for civil and commercial litigious cases in the third instance (CR 89,7%) and administrative cases (CR 86,8%) in the first instance. The overall Disposition Time increased.

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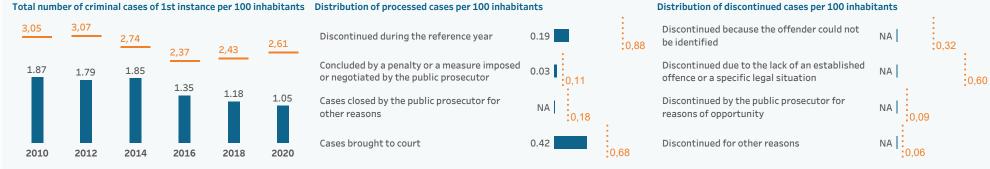
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#### **CEPEJ efficiency indicators** Clearance Rate (CR) = (Resolved cases / Incoming cases) \*100 Instance CR > 100%, court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing Highest Instance CR < 100%, court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing 2nd Instance Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) \*365 1st Instance The Disposition Time (DT) is the theoretical time for a pending case to be resolved, taken into consideration the current pace of work Clearance Rate Disposition Time (in days) **Evolution of Disposition Time** 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 Civil Civil **Highest Instance** 89.7% 249 - NA - NA - NA - NA 127 249 103,0% 2nd Instance 115.6% 177 NA NA NA 121 186 177 99.7% 204 437 524 130 157 204 1st Instance 364 98,1% Criminal 101 Criminal Highest Instance 99.0% 48 35 44 71 92 101 101,0% 99.7% 45 2nd Instance 83 77 90 28 40 45 99.4% 1st Instance 99.9% 125 168 145 136 63 124 125 .7% Administrative 123 202 311 354 297 388 Administrative Highest Instance 99.2% 388 101,2% 299 2nd Instance 0.0% 0 79 135 110 73 100.9%

# Public prosecution services

1st Instance

86.8%



Note: There are different methodologies on calculating number of cases in prosecution statistics by event or by perpetrator. CEPEJ collects data per case (event) but some countries present it by perpetrator.

# Judiciary related websites

1. Legal texts

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

## 2. Case-law of the higher court/s

585

97,5%

https://www.ustavnysud.sk; https://www.nsud.sk; https://otvorenesudy.sk

### 3. Information about the judicial system

https://www.justice.gov.sk

66

733

397

203

401

585