

SLOVAKIA

Slovakia (Slovak: Slovensko) officially the Slovak Republic (Slovak: Slovenská republika) is a member of the European Union since 1 May 2004. It is a landlocked country in Central Europe bordered by the Czech Republic and Austria to the west, Poland to the north, Ukraine to the east and Hungary to the south.

CAPITAL

Bratislava

POPULATION

5.4 million

AREA

49,034 km²

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Customs Administration of the Slovak Republic (Colná správa Slovenskej republiky)

The mission of the Slovak Customs Administration is to ensure full control of the economic interests of the Slovak Republic and the EU, protect public health and security and fight illegal activities in international trade. The main tasks of the Customs Administration focus primarily on combating the illicit import, export and transit of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, precursors, and protected plants and animals, the smuggling of goods, especially those liable to excise duties, and customs and tax frauds. The Customs Administration is also responsible for monitoring and arresting persons suspected of customs crimes. In the framework of cooperation with Europol, the Customs Criminal Bureau has mainly supported the AWFs dealing with the production and smuggling of illegal tobacco and cigarettes, and drugs



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trafficking. The main achievements of the Customs Criminal Bureau in recent years include the disclosure and dismantling of large illegal cigarette factories and seizures of different sorts of drugs.

Police Force of the Slovak Republic (Policajný zbor Slovenskej republiky)

The Slovak Police Force is an armed security force that performs duties in the field of maintaining public order and security, and combating crime (including its organised and international forms) and other tasks resulting from Slovakia's international obligations in the field of policing. The following units of the Police Force, which deal with organised and serious crime, have been the main points of contact with Europol: the Organised Crime Bureau, the Judicial and Criminal Police Bureau and the Border and Aliens Police Bureau. The designated senior experts of these units have participated in several Analysis Work Files. The cooperation has produced excellent results mainly in tackling forgery of money, payment card fraud, facilitated illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings. The leaders of the criminal police departments and the Anticorruption Bureau have made personal visits to Europol Headquarters to increase their familiarity with the way Europol works. This is expected to lead to closer cooperation in the near future.



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