Crisis Management System in the Slovak Republic
General Information

Area: 49 034 km²
Population: 5,4 mil.
Capital: Bratislava
Counties: 8
Districts: 79
Cities: 138
The lowest altitude: 95 m (River Bodrog)
The highest altitude: 2655 m (Gerlach Peak)
Ministry of Interior – Section of Crisis Management

Professional unit of the MoI responsible for:

- Integrated Rescue System
- Civil Protection
- Civil Emergency Planning
- Critical Infrastructure
- Humanitarian Assistance
- Crisis Management
Principal Legal Acts

- Constitutional Act No. 227/2002 Coll. on the state security in the time of war, state of war, exceptional state and the emergency state as amended
- Act No. 387/2002 Coll. on the state management in the time of crisis situations out of the time of war and the state of war as amended
- Act No. 42/1994 Coll. on the civil protection of population as amended
- Act No. 319/2002 Coll. on the Slovak Republic defence as amended (establishment of the central place of the state defence management)
• Act No. 110/2004 Coll. on the functioning of the Security Council of the Slovak Republic

• Directive of the Government of the Slovak Republic No. 996/2005 from December 14 2005, which regulates the notification method for the denounce of war, declaration of war state, exceptional state, state of emergency or emergency situation on the territory of the Slovak Republic
Other Relevant Legal Acts

- Act No. 129/2002 Coll. on integrated rescue system
- Act No. 179/2011 Coll. on economic mobilisation
- Act No. 515/2003 Coll. on regional and district offices
- Act No. 372/2012 Coll. on state material reserves
- Act No. 215/2004 Coll. on the protection of classified information
- Act No. 45/2011 Coll. on the critical infrastructure
- Act No. 7/2010 Coll. on the flood protection
CRISIS MANAGEMENT
Forms of Crisis Situations

1. War
2. State of War
3. Exceptional State
4. State of Emergency
5. Emergency Situation
Forms of Crisis Situations in the Slovak Republic

- **War**
  - Declared by the President upon the decision of the National Council

- **State of War**
  - Declared by the President upon proposal of the Government

- **Exceptional State**
  - Declared by the President upon proposal of the Government

- **State of Emergency**
  - Declared by the Government

- **Emergency Situation**
  - Declared by the Government, County Office, District Office

**Security Council** (Constitutional Act No.227/2002 Coll.)

Act No. 110/2004 Coll. on Functioning of the Security Council during the Time of Peace

**Central Crisis Staff**
War

- Denounced by the President of the Slovak Republic
- Fulfilment of obligations determined by the law (attack by foreign state, collective security duties...)}
State of War

• Declared by the President of the Slovak Republic upon the proposal of the Government of the Slovak Republic
• Condition of immediate threat/attack
• No war declaration
Exceptional State

- Declared by the President of the Slovak Republic upon the proposal of the Government of the Slovak Republic
- Obligatory conditions (terrorist attack, immediate threat, illegal behaviour, street riots...)
- On affected/threatened territory only
- 60 days max. (possibility to add 30 days)
State of Emergency

- Declared by the Government of the Slovak Republic
- Obligatory Conditions (life, health, environment, material assets threat)
- Only on affected/threatened area
- 90 days max.
Emergency Situation

• Threat/effect on lifes, health, property
• Saving measures, risk limitation measures, prevention measures

Emergency Event – natural disaster, accident, catastrophe, public health threat, terrorist attack
Emergency Events

Natural disaster
- abnormality in comparison with conventional state, leakage of dangerous substances.
- flood, earthquakes, extensive fires...

Accident
- increase of devastating factors, cumulation due to the natural disaster and accident.
- dangerous substances escape from stationary sources and/or during time of transport/petroleum accidents.

Catastrophe
- increase of devastating factors, cumulation due to the natural disaster and accident.
- accidents on nuclear devices, extensive air/railroad/road accidents.

Terrorist Attack
- effects of various types of guns and destructive means.

public health threat
Crisis Management Institutions
(in the time out of war and the state of war)

Government of the Slovak Republic
Security Council of the Slovak Republic

Ministries and other central state bodies

National Bank of Slovakia

Region Security Council

District Office

District Security Council

Municipality
Governement of the Slovak Republic

• Adoption of the preventive measures and the measurers for crisis situations management
• Management and control of other crisis management bodies
• Important decisions (use of finances for crisis management, foreign material aid and humanitarian assistance)
• Civil protection tasks
• Establishment of the Central Crisis Staff
Central Crisis Staff

- Coordination of state administration bodies, municipality bodies and other units designated for the crisis situation management during the crisis situation
- President: Minister of Interior
- Minister informs immediately President of the Slovak Republic and the PM about the crisis situation
• Coordination of crisis staffs activity
• Co-operation with the Security Council of the Slovak republic
• Control of tasks and measures imposed by the Government
• Proposal of finances use
• Proposal of foreign assistance request including humanitarian assistance
• Composition and other details determined in the Statute adopted by the Government
Ministries and other central state institutions

• Establishment of crisis staffs (committee)
• Analysis of risks
• Informing of the Central Crisis Staff President about the crisis situation
• Civil emergency planning
• Measures for removal of the situation (mitigation of consequences)
• Co-operation with other organs, including organs of foreign countries
• Crisis management information system conditions formation
• Civil protection tasks
• Establishment of special unit subordinated to the Minister or the head of other state administration central organ (Ministry crisis staff secretariat)
Ministry of Interior

- Provision of Central Crisis Staff activity
- Coordination of other crisis management bodies
- Coordination of legal entities and entrepreneurs in civil emergency planning
- Humanitarian assistance provision proposal (to the Government)
• Preparation activities (curses, training...)
• Coordination of professionnal preparation of Central Crisis Staff and crisis staffs of ministries/district offices
• Control of civil emergency planning tasks
Crisis Staff of the Ministry of Interior

- President: Minister of Interior
- Vice-president: State Secretary of the MoI
- Members: representatives of the MoI units
- Secretariat: Department of Civil Protection and Crisis Planning (Section of CM)
- Secretary General: Director of the department operational management
National Bank of Slovakia

• Tasks in compliance with the tasks of ministries and other central state administration bodies
• Budget for crisis situations preparation
Regional Security – Council/District Office/Municipality

- Establishment of crisis staff
- Coordination of activities in particular area
- Co-operation with relevant organs in its territorial competence
- Crisis situations management measures execution
- Civil emergency planning
- Professionnal preparation
• Civil protection tasks
• Performance of Government’s tasks
• Professionnal preparation of crisis staffs (district offices, municipalities)
• Data collection (municipalities – number of persons including name, address, birth number)
• Self-governing region fulfills tasks in the field of economic mobilisation, co-operates and coordinates its activity with crisis management organs
Security Council of the Slovak Republic

In the Time of Peace

- Advisory body
- Creation and realisation of the security system of the Slovak Republic
- Fulfilment of international obligations
- Security situation evaluation (national/international)
- Proposals for maintain the state security (developed for the Government)
- Proposals of prevention measures
- Proposals for crisis situation management

In the time of War

- Constitutional competences of the Government (in case of restraint of its activity)
Security Council Composition

- 9 members
- President: Prime Minister
- Vice-president: Government’s vice-president authorized by the PM
- Minister of Defence, Minister of Interior, Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Other members appointed and withdrawn by the President upon the PM proposal (48h)
Regional/District Security Council

• Evaluation of crisis situation in its territory
• Preparation of proposals for maintain the security in particular area in co-operation with other relevant bodies
• Preparation of preventive proposals
• Submission of proposals to the Security Council of the Slovak Republic
Management and organization of rescue works
(municipality, district, region, republic)

On the territory:

*Municipality* - represented by the mayor

*District* - represented by the head of district office

*Region* - represented by the head of regional district office

*Republic* - government of the Slovak Republic
  - represented by the prime minister of the SR
  - actions provided by the Ministry of the Interior
CIVIL PROTECTION
Civil protection

Civil protection in Slovak Republic is organized as a system, which provides the constitutional right of citizens, consisting from protection of life, health and property again the results of disasters.

Legislation set up tasks and scope of government and its bodies, self government, and also rights and obligations for ensuring tasks of civil protection. The achievement of governmental administration in the field of civil protection is directed by Ministry of Interior of the Slovak republic.

Besides other competencies, it manages and organizes on national level tasks of civil protection informational system. District office, District office in the seat of county and the municipality has similar scope on regional level – on its territory.
CP tasks and objectives

The aims of civil protection, as specified in the Act on Civil Protection of the Population (January 1994), are to protect the lives, health and property of the population and create conditions for survival under extraordinary circumstances and during the declared emergency situation.

An additional objective is to cooperate with the corresponding institutions of other countries in order to be able to provide coordinated emergency assistance.

In addition, civil protection includes the complementary activities necessary for performing the above tasks, such as planning, organisation and provision of material and technical resources as well as inspections. These civil protection tasks shall continue to apply if a state of increased preparedness has been declared. The scope of the tasks is stated in the Decree on the Classification of the Territory of the Slovak Republic issued by the Government of the Slovak Republic.
The Slovak civil protection is responsible for the following tasks:

- The organisation, management and execution of rescue, containment and elimination activities, especially those involving search and rescue operations, provision of paramedical and medical care, release of trapped persons and transportation of injured.
- The organisation and provision of warning and information services.
- The provision of emergency supplies and shelter.
- The provision of refuge and evacuation.
- The implementation of radiation and chemical protection measures.
- The organisation and training of the civil protection forces, and the training of citizens in self-protection and self assistance.
- The evaluation and location of buildings according to land-use building procedures and the observation of the technical parameters of civil protection facilities.
- The support of publishing, scientific research and development activities in the civil protection field.
Civil Protection Information System

Information System of Civil Protection constitutes of the warning service and information service.

A warning service provides early warning for residents and public in danger and notification of persons involved in response to emergency event.

Information Service ensures collection, processing, evaluation and transmission information.
Contact points – Information management in crisis situations

International level

- NATO / EADRCC
- UN/UNEC
- UN/OPCW
- UN/OCHA
- EU / ERCC
- IAEA
- PARTNER COUNTRIES

NATIONAL CONTACT POINT - MoI SCM CMRS

National level

- Operational Centre
  - Presidium of the Police Force
- Operational Centre
  - Presidium of the Fire and Rescue Service
- DIPLOMATIC SERVICE
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Operational Centre
  - Slovak Information Service
- Operational Centre
  - Ministry of Defence
- Focal point of the IRS
  - District Office at the county
- Other connection, for example: Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute, Nuclear power plants...
Contact points for nuclear emergency situations

EU ECURIE
IAEA
Neighbouring countries

NATIONAL CONTACT POINT
Ministry of Interior

Radio and Television of SR

District office TRNAVA
District office NITRA
District office TRENČÍN
District office BANSKÁ BYSTRICA
District office BRATISLAVA
District office ŽILINA
District office PREŠOV
District office KOŠICE

Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the SR
Ministry of Health of SR

Nuclear facilities
Early warning systems

Early warning system towards the population: Warning of the general public is ensured by a public warning system consisting of 9 warning centres (1 national, 8 regional). This system is supplemented by autonomic warning systems operated by legal entities located near facilities with hazardous substances (barrages, chemical factories, ice stadiums etc).

Slovak national early warning system (SEHIS) contains of more than 2000 centrally controlled state sirens placed all over Slovakia integrated with number of industrial warning systems built & used by the private companies, which includes next circa 1000 sirens.
Multilevel early warning system
SEHIS – national warning system

Two-way radio communication

Communication unit SMART

Private TCP/IP network

Ethernet

Local warning centre

State warning centre

One way RDS communication

FM radio broadcast

Private warning system

RDS line to the provider
Early warning systems towards professionals: warning system ECURIE (European Community Urgent Radiological Information Exchange) is provided by the UJD SR and the Section of Crisis Management operational centre of MoI of the Slovak Republic.

Warning system RAS BICHAT (Rapid Alert System for Biological and Chemical Attacks) and the EWRS system (Early Warning Rapid Response System) are provided by the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic. If more important information is needed, the operational centre of section of Crisis Management of MoI of the Slovak Republic is consulted.
Technology of Warning and Notification System

Warning and notification system is provided by:
* network of sirens including systems for control
* radio and television broadcasting
* local information resources of the municipalities;
* automated notification systems;
* public electronic communication networks.
Autonomous systems

Warning and notification network of civil protection is supplemented by autonomous warning systems, which are built:

a) in areas threatened by release of dangerous substances,
b) at the water structures of I. and II. category and in endangered areas
WARNING SIGNALS:

• **general hazard** – 2 minutes fluctuating tone of sirens at risk or when an extraordinary event, as well as the possibility of extending the consequences of an incident,
• „**danger of water**“ – 6 minute tone sirens in danger devastating effects of water

- Testing operability of systems of public warning is performed by two-minute steady tone sirens

- The population must be informed about the time of testing through the mass media

- Coordination of testing these systems provides the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic
Financing of Civil Protection

Expenditure on civil protection is financed from the state budget of the Slovak Republic through the budget of the Ministry of Interior.

Autonomous regions, municipalities, private companies, individuals - entrepreneurs, and individuals – producing, transporting, storing or handling, hazardous substances in quantities endangering the life, health or property also participate on the financing of civil protection.

The municipality is obliged to pay from its own resources:
- expenditures associated with the storage of civil protection material,
- the preparation for civil protection measures
- and the costs associated with maintaining the protective structures of civil protection.
INTEGRATED RESCUE SYSTEM
Integrated Rescue System of the Slovak Republic

The Slovak Republic has adopted 112 as the main national emergency number. Calls are answered in the Slovak and Czech languages. The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, the Section of Crisis Management and Civil Protection manages and supervises the Integrated Rescue System (IRS). The district office coordinates and runs the IRS including 112 calls on its territory. The Russian, Polish and Hungarian languages are used according to the borderlines.

Operators are also trained in the English, German and French languages. International calls are connected to PSAP operational centre of neighboring state. Citizens can send feedbacks and complaints (post, e-mail, fax, phone) to the Department of Control and Inspection Services of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic. Feedbacks and complaints are equipped within 30 days limit. All 112 calls are recorded and stored for 3 years (on the electronic read-only media).
The primary organizational element of the Integrated Rescue System is the Coordination Centre. Coordination centre is determined for co-ordination of rescue and recovery operations. There are total of 8 centres in Slovakia, one in each county administrative centre.
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THE STRUCTURE CHARACTERISTICS OF IRS

In integrated rescue system acts:
a) basic rescue units,
b) other rescue units,
c) formations of Police force.

Basic rescue units:
a) Fire and rescue service,
b) Medical rescue service providers,
c) Control chemical laboratories of civil protection,
d) Mountain rescue service,
e) Mining rescue service.

Other rescue units are:
a) Slovak Armed forces
b) City fire brigades
c) Enterprise fire departments,
d) Entreprise fire brigades,
e) Departments of state supervision,
f) Civil protection units,
g) Metropolitan police,
h) Slovak red cross,
i) Other legal entities and physical persons.

INTEGRATED RESCUE SYSTEM OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
Rescue Operations

- Fire and Rescue Service
  - Medical Rescue Service
- Civil Protection Control Chemical Laboratories
- Mountain Rescue Service
- Mine Rescue Service
- Principal (Basic) Rescue Units of the Integrated Rescue System
  - Police
  - Fire and Rescue Service
- Other Rescue Units of the Integrated Rescue System
  - State Control
  - Fire Brigades
  - Fire Units
  - Village (town) Fire Brigades
  - Slovak Red Cross and other organisations (aid provision as an object of their activity)
- Armed Forces
- Municipal Police
- Civil Protection Units
- Mobilised civil persons
International assistance

The Section of Crisis Management has a national operative and coordination centre that is the national contact point. The contact point receives requests for humanitarian assistance. The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic ensures the technical aspect of the assistance through the Section of Crisis Management and other authorities.

The Regulation of the Government of the Slovak Republic No.310/2006 determines the mechanism governing the Slovak Republic's provision of humanitarian assistance abroad. The mechanism defines the tasks of the respective actors. Forms of humanitarian assistance to other countries are: rescue operations, material and technical assistance and financial grants.

With respect to the humanitarian assistance, there is no national plan regarding the whole process of acceptance and utilisation.
Humanitarian aid

Humanitarian aid is a material or logistical assistance provided for humanitarian purposes. It is also an expression of solidarity for people in need with a primary objective to provide an assistance and support, save lives, maintain human dignity, and alleviate suffering of people in case of natural disasters, man-made crisis, famine, malnutrition situations or in similar emergency situations; as well as to assist and support preventative and emergency programmes, especially in high-risk areas.

In-kind humanitarian aid is provided by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, providing technical, logistical assistance, and humanitarian material support. The financial humanitarian aid is provided by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. Slovakia also provides its humanitarian aid through international humanitarian organizations of the UN system, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization on Migration (IOM), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and others. At the EU level the aid is provided by ECHO - European Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection.
Overview of bilateral agreements at the level of district offices

Agreement on mutual assistance and information

Agreement on mutual notification