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Slovak Republic Weighing Industry 2023

Political situation



- in 2023, the government fell and early parliamentary elections were announced.
- the new government is far more left oriented than the previous so there are too many legislative changes in all areas, whether implemented, partially implemented or being prepared and the situation is very unstable and uncertain
- there were presidential elections in the spring and the campaign for the elections to the EU Parliament is currently underway
- an attempt was made to assassinate the Prime Minister and at the time of writing this report, no one knows how this will affect political and economic stability in Slovakia
- the manufacturing companies cannot estimate the probability of EU subsidy approval and are therefore more cautious in their investment plans

Macroeconomic indicators



Slovak Republic:

- Area: 49036 km²
- Inhabitants (act.) 5,422 mil.
- Currency: EUR (from 2009)
- Unemployment (act.): 5,90 %
- Actual GDP (2023): 122 812 mil.€
- Inflation (2024/01-04) +2,9%
- Export (2023) 108 265 mil.€
- Import (2023) 104 063 mil.€
- Private consumption -3,09 %

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Inhabitants	5,458 mil.	5,441 mil.	5,431 mil.	5,424 mil.
Econ. Active	2,713 mil.	2,748 mil.	2,774 mil.	2,798 mil.
Unemployment	7,57 %	6,76 %	5,90 %	5,08 %
GDP (fix.pr.2015)	-3,3 %	+4,8 %	+1,9 %	+1,6 %
Inflation	+1,9%	+3,2 %	+12,8 %	+10,5 %
Export	-5,5%	+16,6 %	+16,1 %	+5,3 %
Import	-8,4 %	+19,4 %	+23,8 %	-3,0 %
Gov. debt (%GDP)	60,57 %	61,08 %	57,74 %	56,04 %
Priv,cons.(fix.pr.)	-1,11 %	+2,61 %	+6,17 %	-3,09 %

Weighing industry in Slovak Republic



Weighing industry and Weighing Union of Slovak Republic

- We do not have actual data about registered companies (companies must be registered in Slovakia to be able to install or repair scales)
- There are so far 2 new private authorized companies (re-verification of scales)

Slovak Weighing Union

- 27 members of the Slovak Weighing Union
- around 200 employees (not all of them working in the field of scales and metrology)
- about 45 mil € of income / year (not all of the income is in the field of scales)
- After the covid-19 epidemic, we are still not able to start activities at the pre-covid level. Increased activity of management bodies of UV SR will be necessary.
- We hope to create and realize the plan for such activities this year.

Weighing Union of Slovak Republic (UV SR)



Main activities of UV SR

- cooperation with state authorities in the field of weight metrology (after last elections and following personal changes in the state authorities it decreased a little bit)
- cooperation with the APZD (association of business unions and transport) in commenting on prepared laws and regulations (the membership of the UVSR in the APZD allowed us to increase the influence of the UVSR in the legislative process during preparation and in the comments procedure)
- organization of seminars about metrology for our members in order to help them meet the personal qualification requirements for registration and authorization
- we are preparing changes in the statute of the UVSR with the aim of making membership available to metrologists (employees responsible for metrology) in manufacturing companies in various industries to increase their awareness of current issues in the field of metrology and to increase the impact of the UVSR