

## Factsheet: The Slovak National Council



### 1. At a glance

Slovakia is a parliamentary democracy. The Slovak Parliament (National Council of the Slovak Republic or *Národná rada Slovenskej republiky*) is a unicameral body composed of 150 Members, elected by universal suffrage under proportional representation. Members are elected directly to four year term from one nationwide constituency. Only a citizen who has the right to vote, has attained 21 years of age and has permanent residency in the Slovak Republic is eligible to be elected.

The National Council approves domestic legislation, constitutional laws and the state budget, and monitors the government activities. Its consent is required to ratify international treaties, and is responsible for approving military operations. It also elects individuals to some positions in the executive and judiciary as specified by law. The Speaker of the National Council ranks second in the hierarchy of State, after the Head of State, and represents the Council at national and international level. In his absence, one of the four Vice-Presidents can assume his role and functions.

The latest election took place on 5 March 2016 and the turnout was of 59,82 %<sup>1</sup>. There are two new political parties: "We are family" (Sme rodina), led by Boris Kollar, and Network (#SIET) led by Radoslav Prochazka. The current coalition government is formed by: SMER-Social Democracy, the Slovak National Party (SNS), Most-Híd and Siet' (Network).

### 2. Composition

| Party   | EP affiliation | 2016  |       | 2012  |       |
|---|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   |                | %     | Seats | %     | Seats |
|  SMER-Social Democracy                         | S&D            | 28,28 | 49    | 44,41 | 83    |
|  Freedom and Solidarity                        | ECR            | 12,1  | 21    | 5,88  | 11    |
|  Ordinary People and Independent Personalities | ECR            | 11,02 | 19    | 8,55  | 16    |
|  Slovak National Party                         | n/a            | 8,64  | 15    | 4,55  | n/a   |
|  People's Party-Our Slovakia                   | n/a            | 8,04  | 14    | 1,58  | n/a   |
|  "We are a family"                             | n/a            | 6,62  | 11    | n/a   | n/a   |
|  Most-Hid                                      | EPP            | 6,5   | 11    | 6,89  | 13    |
|  Network                                       | n/a            | 5,6   | 10    | n/a   | n/a   |

<sup>1</sup> Interparliamentary Union: [http://www.ipu.org/parline-e/reports/2285\\_E.htm](http://www.ipu.org/parline-e/reports/2285_E.htm)

### 3. Officeholders

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| <p><b>President of the Slovak National Council</b></p>  <p>Mr Andrej Danko<br/>(Slovak National Party),<br/>since 23 March 2016</p> | <p><b>Chairperson of the<br/>Committee on European Affairs</b></p>  <p>Mr Ľuboš Blaha<br/>(SMER-SD/S&amp;D),<br/>since 23 March 2016</p> |
| <p><b>Secretary General of the Slovak Parliament:</b> Mr Daniel Guspan, since 26 April 2013</p>  |  |

### 4. Participation rights of Members of the European Parliament

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| <b>Participation rights for Slovak MEPs in plenary sittings</b>                | No  |
| <b>Participation rights for Slovak MEPs in committee meetings</b>              | Partially (Slovak MEPs have right to attend the deliberations of the EU Affairs committee in an advisory capacity.) |
| <b>Availability of videoconferencing system in the Slovak National Council</b> | No  |

### 5. Information links

- Official website: <http://www.nrsr.sk>
- [Rules of procedure in English](#)
- [List of committees](#)
- [Recent documents submitted by the Slovak National Council to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)
- [European Parliament Information Office in Bratislava](#)

### 6. Contacts

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