

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 reached 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 provided 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.











Following the last Parliamentary elections of 29 February 2020, the ruling left wing coalition comprising Social Democracy, the Slovak National Party and Most–Híd, which was led by Prime Minister Peter Pellegrini of Smer – SD, was defeated. The center-right Ordinary People party lead by Igor Matovič emerged victorious, with voters responding to the party's pledge to push anti-corruption reform. The discourse during these elections was dominated by the 2018 double murder of journalist Jan Kuciak and his fiancée, Martina Kusiurova. Kuciak had reported on high-level corruption within the government. The murder led to nationwide street protests, forcing Fico to resign. However, the Smer coalition remained in power, under the leadership of Peter Pellegrini.

On March 20, the “We Are Family” (Sme Rodina) party leader, Boris Kollár, has become the new Speaker of the Slovakian Parliament. Kollár, needing at least 76 votes, was elected in a secret ballot by 106 MPs. He has become the second most senior constitutional official, replacing Andrej Danko (Slovak National Party/SNS) in the post. The meeting was held under strict security and preventive measures due to the spread of COVID-19.



The new government, led by Igor Matovič (OLaNO), has been appointed by the head of state on Saturday, March 21, 2020. The new government is formed by OLaNO, “We are Family”, SaS and “For People”. The four-leaf clover shared positions in the government so that OLaNO occupied eight posts, “We are family” and SaS three, “For people” two.

The new coalition government will hold 95 seats in the 150-member National Council, giving it the power to change the constitution.

2. Composition

Results of the elections of 29 February 2020				
	Party	EP affiliation	%	Seats
	OĽaNO Obyčajní Ľudia a nezávislé osobnosti		25.02	53
	SMER-SD : SMER-sociálna demokracia SMER-Social Democracy		18.29	38
	SME RODINA We are family		8.24	17
	Kotleba - Ľudová strana Naše Slovensko (ĽSNS) Kotleba - People's Party Our Slovakia	Non-attached Members	7.97	17
	SAS - Sloboda a Solidarita Freedom and Solidarity		6.22	13
	ZA ĽUDÍ For the People		5.77	12
Turnout: 65,80 %				

3. Officeholders

<p>Speaker of the Slovak National Council</p>  <p>Mr Boris Kollár (Sme Rodina/ID) since 21 March 2020</p>	<p>Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs</p>  <p>Mr Tomáš Valášek (ZA ĽUDI/EPP) since 21 March 2020</p>
<p>Secretary-General of the Slovak Parliament: Mr Daniel Guspan, since 26 April 2013</p>	

4. Participation rights of Members of the European Parliament

Participation rights for Slovak MEPs in plenary sittings	No
Participation rights for Slovak MEPs in committee meetings	Partially (Slovak MEPs have right to attend the deliberations of the EU Affairs committee in an advisory capacity.)
Availability of videoconferencing system in the Slovak National Council	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 Liaison Office in Bratislava](#)

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