

## Development of supply chains

The development of supply chains realized within the National project at SARIO heads towards a systematic approach to supply chains and towards increasing of participation of SMEs established on the territory of Slovakia into subcontractor networks, particularly by increasing their competencies.

The realization of this activity should primarily contribute to increased transparency of the current situation in supply chains in Slovakia, to identification of gaps, as well as of unused market potential of established SMEs, and subsequently to increased volumes of production in the individual industry areas. This should eventually lead to an increase in exports, that is, to increased internationalization of SMEs, but it should lead especially to a decrease in imports of commodities that are today subject to imports.

In the first phase of the realization of this activity of the project it is SARIO's goal to recognize the needs of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and their key suppliers (Tier 1, Tier 2). This knowledge will give an image of what the companies on the lower ranks of the supply chain 'ladders' (and the companies that are currently outside of these chains) must do to effectively rise to higher ranks.

Within the National project, SARIO has the ambition to create a complex database tool that will map not only the current situation and laws that apply in supply chains, but also the unused potential of SMEs established in Slovakia and long- term requirements of key customers.

SARIO will ensure regular updates of the interactive database and the data published therein. With the goal to ensure active participation of the members of the National project's target group in the database (in the form of actualization of own data and use of offered tools), there will be new interactive elements gradually added to the database, with the ultimate aim being long- term sustainability of this product.

The users of this product will be representatives of the business sphere, the state and public administration (e.g. the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, economic advisors at diplomatic missions abroad), chambers of commerce and industry, bilateral chambers, professional associations, the general public, etc.

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