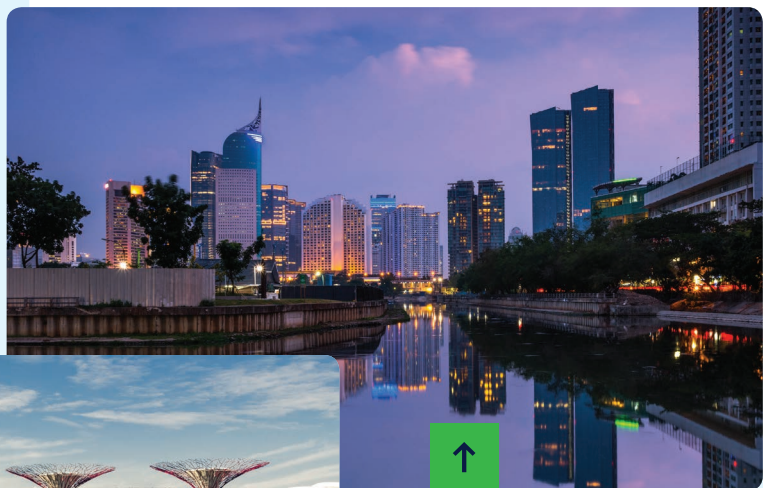


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SLOVAK INDUSTRY REPORTS REVENUE GROWTH

In 2025, total revenues in the Slovak industrial sector rose by 3.2% year-on-year, marking the first value increase after a series of downturns. Revenue growth was supported by 12 of the 16 monitored sectors, particularly computer products (+19.8%) and metals (+6.2%). In December, the industry continued to grow month-on-month, although some sectors, such as energy and vehicle manufacturing, showed weaker performance. Construction output increased by nearly 10%, signaling a return of investment activity. Overall, the annual balance delivered positive revenue results, with variations across individual sectors. (SOURCE sita.sk)

SIEA CALL FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

The Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency (SIEA) has launched its second call for advanced technologies and dual-use materials. Entrepreneurs can receive support of up to 30,000 EUR for innovative projects in both the civilian and defense sectors. Aid intensity can reach up to 85% of eligible costs, and online consulting is also available. The program supports product testing, prototyping, process optimization,

and solution simulations. Applications can be submitted from April 1, 2026, and an informational webinar for applicants will take place on March 10, 2026.

(SOURCE siea.sk)

EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR – INSPIRING WINNERS

The EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2025 award in Slovakia went to Jaroslav Maslen, founder of Maslen, a leader in the production of cold-formed metal roofing sheets. The winner was selected by a 15-member expert jury, whose chair praised the nominees' entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, and strategic vision. The evaluation team also included Robert Šimončíč, Executive Director of SARIO. The EY Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year 2025 title was awarded to Martin Cuper of Dental Friends, while a special jury prize went to Martina Matejíčková for the socially oriented project Cacaofé. This year, celebrating 20 years of the competition in Slovakia, attracted over 200 nominations. The winner will represent Slovakia at the global finals in Monte Carlo. The award is recognized as one of the most prestigious international entrepreneurial honors and serves as an inspiration for future generations of entrepreneurs. (SOURCE ey.com)



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SLOVAKIA GROWING IN THE SPACE ECONOMY

Slovakia is becoming an increasingly active player in the global space economy, moving beyond mere observation to active participation. Since 2021, the Slovak Space Office (SSO), operating within SARIO, has been coordinating sector development and supporting domestic entrepreneurs and researchers. The number of companies operating in this sector has grown significantly in recent years, opening up new business and career opportunities. Interest from young talent is rising, supported by educational projects such as

the CanSat competition, where students develop real space solutions. Slovak companies are presenting themselves on international platforms and expanding across various segments, from sensors to satellite data processing. Cooperation memoranda with global partners, including projects for Axiom Space, are opening doors to the global supply chain. According to experts, the space sector is now more accessible than ever, even for non-technical professions. For Slovak companies and specialists, space is no longer just sci-fi — it represents a real economic and career opportunity. (SOURCE sita.sk)

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COMPANIES & INVESTMENT



Helgeheim is set to start series production at its Martin facility in Q2 next year, boosting the region's manufacturing capacity (PHOTO martin.sk)



HELGEHEIM EXPANDS STERILE PHARMA PRODUCTION IN MARTIN

Helgeheim is set to start series production at its Martin facility in Q2 next year, boosting the region's manufacturing capacity. The plant, located on the former Heavy Engineering Works (ZŤS) site, will produce sterile injectable products for hospital use. The first phase of production setup involves an investment of around 27 million EUR and will undergo state certification. Currently employing 20 people, Helgeheim plans to expand the workforce to 50 once production is underway. This project introduces high-tech manufacturing to the region with a lower environmental footprint and potential support for research initiatives. (SOURCE teraz.sk)

D-NUTRITION LAUNCHES NEW FACILITY NEAR PRIEVIDZA

Slovak supplement maker D-Nutrition is building a new production plant in Pravenec, near Prievidza, with an investment in the tens of millions of euros. The facility is expected to create over 200 new jobs, strengthening the local labor market and industrial activity. Currently employing more than 50 people, D-Nutrition will significantly expand its production capacity and growth potential. This move highlights the trend of Slovak manufacturers expanding both domestically and abroad, boosting the Upper Nitra region's appeal to investors. The plant is also a vital development for a community long challenged by unemployment and industrial revitalization. (SOURCE sme.sk)



A 300 million EUR state-of-the-art arms factory is planned in eastern Slovakia, set to create hundreds of jobs (PHOTO msm.sk)

MAJOR ARMS FACTORY PLANNED IN EASTERN SLOVAKIA

A 300 million EUR state-of-the-art arms factory is planned in eastern Slovakia, set to create hundreds of jobs. Developed by Slovak firm ZVS Holding in partnership with France's Eurenco, the facility will produce critical components for artillery systems. This strategic investment strengthens Europe's defense industry while enhancing Slovakia's technological base and workforce opportunities, supporting regional economic growth. (SOURCE hnonline.sk)

PALOMA BOOSTS PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS

Paloma, part of SHP Group, has launched a new €12 million modern production line, increasing output and efficiency. The investment introduces advanced automation and energy-saving technologies, strengthening the company's competitiveness in European markets. It also responds to growing demand for sustainable hygiene products and reinforces Paloma's leadership in the region while expanding export potential across Europe. (SOURCE teraz.sk)

GREEN LIGHT FOR LI-ION BATTERY RECYCLING IN ŠURANY

ShredCo has reached a key milestone — its 'Li-Ion Battery Processing Plant' in Šurany has received positive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) approval. The project, which will create around 70 jobs, focuses on safe recycling of used Li-Ion batteries from e-mobility and consumer electronics, contributing to the circular economy. Operations are scheduled to begin in the first half of 2027, with strict environmental, health, and safety standards in place. (SOURCE sita.sk)

NEW INVESTMENT AID

The Slovak government has increased regional investment aid for strategic technology projects by 10%. Targeting digital, zero-carbon, and biotech industries—including critical drug production—this measure aims to attract innovative investments, boost competitiveness, and create high-value jobs. A new maximum aid cap of 75% of eligible project costs applies. Effective March 1, 2025, the enhanced support will be available until the end of 2027. (SOURCE economy.gov.sk)

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BUSINESS MISSION TO INDONESIA & SINGAPORE

The SARIO agency, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the Slovak Embassy in Jakarta, organized a business mission of Slovak companies to Indonesia & Singapore from 1 to 5 February 2026. The mission was attended by 18 Slovak companies operating mainly in the fields of ICT, medtech, water & waste management, engineering, construction and logistics.

The first stop was the island of Bali, where the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Economic Cooperation of the Slovak Republic Juraj Blanár opened an honorary consulate with the aim of strengthening support for bilateral economic relations. The program also included a seminar on entrepreneurship and investment opportunities in Indonesia, which was practically presented by the Chairman of the Association of Czech and Slovak Entrepreneurs in Indonesia. In Jakarta, the Indonesian–Slovak Business Forum was organized by SARIO in cooperation with the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN). More than 50 Indonesian companies participated in the B2B negotiations, and approximately 80 meetings with the potential for further cooperation took place. The forum culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between SARIO and KADIN and a panel discussion on investment opportunities in Indonesia, in which SARIO CEO Egon Zorád spoke. The work program in Jakarta continued with the reception of a delegation at the Ministry of Investment and Manufacturing Industry.

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The program in Jakarta also included a visit to Metindo, a major Indonesian manufacturer of components and spare parts for the automotive industry. The Slovak business delegation led by SARIO representatives had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the company's production capacities, technological background and processes focused on quality and efficiency of production. The business mission then moved to Singapore, where a seminar on entrepreneurship and investment was held, which introduced the participants to the specifics of the local market and created a space for networking. The business mission to Indonesia and Singapore confirmed the mutual interest in deepening economic cooperation and opened up new opportunities in the dynamic markets of Southeast Asia. The Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency actively supported the preparation of the program, the identification of business or institutional partners, the organization of a business forum and accompanying visits, thereby supporting the possibilities of Slovak companies to apply themselves in the promising markets of the ASEAN region.



• **SLOVAK SHARED SERVICES SECTOR CONFIRMS GLOBAL QUALITY AT WARSAW AWARDS**

The Slovak shared services sector received significant recognition at the CEE Business Services Summit & Awards 2026 in Warsaw, a platform connecting global investors with key players in Central and Eastern Europe. [Read more](#)



• **NATIONAL PAVILION AT MEBLE POLSKA 2026**

Slovakia showcased its presence at the international furniture fair Meble Polska 2026 in Poznań through a national stand. Eleven Slovak companies exhibited jointly, conducting over 300 B2B meetings with foreign partners. [Read more](#)



• **NATIONAL STAND AT WORLD HEALTH EXPO DUBAI 2026**

Slovakia participated in the prestigious World Health Expo Dubai 2026, one of the world's largest healthcare events. In a joint exhibition organized by SARIO, Slovak companies showcased innovations and technological solutions in medical technology, diagnostics, digital health, and IT systems. [Read more](#)

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EVENTS



MARCH 25, 2026
Business mission to Atlanta, USA



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MARCH 26, 2026
Slovak–Moldovan Business Forum



APRIL 10, 2026
Webinar — Business Opportunities in Latvia



APRIL 12 — APRIL 17, 2026
Business Mission to Vietnam



APRIL 14, 2026
Webinar — Legal and Tax Issues of Doing Business in Germany

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APRIL 20 — APRIL 24, 2026
Hannover Messe 2026, Germany

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APRIL 12 — APRIL 17, 2026
Business Mission to Vietnam

APRIL 21, 2026

Slovak–Dutch Investment Seminar, Netherlands

**APRIL 21 — APRIL 23, 2026**

Slovak National Stand at DMEA 2026, Germany

**APRIL 23, 2026**

Slovak–Chinese Business Forum, Hebei Province, China

**APRIL 27 — APRIL 30, 2026**

Business mission to the Three Seas Initiative Summit in Dubrovnik, Croatia

**MAY 3 — MAY 7, 2026**

Business mission to Switzerland

**MAY 6 — MAY 7, 2026**

Business mission to Bavaria, Germany

**MAY 19 — MAY 21, 2026**

Poland–Slovakia Economic Cooperation Forum



The Hague, Netherlands

**APRIL 21, 2026**

Slovak–Dutch Investment Seminar, Netherlands

JUNE 7 – JUNE 11, 2026

Business Mission to Kenya and Tanzania

**JUNE 8 – JUNE 13, 2026**

Business Mission to Smart Tech Korea 2026

**JUNE 9 – JUNE 10, 2026**

How to participate and succeed in tenders of UN agencies & organizations

**JUNE 16 – JUNE 19, 2026**

Beyond Fair in Athens, Greece

**JUNE 21 – JUNE 25, 2026**

Deep Tech Week 2026 Business Mission to San Francisco, USA

**JUNE 24 – JUNE 27, 2026**

Eurobike Fair 2026, Germany

**SEPTEMBER 22 – SEPTEMBER 25, 2026**

Innotrans 2026 International Trade Fair, Germany

**JUNE 16 – JUNE 19, 2026**

Beyond Fair in Athens, Greece



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