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NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN AZERBAIJAN



Baku, Azerbaijan

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B2B meetings

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ECONOMY



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THE FOURTH UNIT OF MOCHOVCE WILL SOON START SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY

The fourth unit of the Mochovce nuclear power plant is expected to be connected to the Slovak transmission system by the end of summer and reach full capacity by the end of the year. Its commissioning should significantly strengthen Slovakia's electricity export balance, while also increasing the load on the grid, particularly between the Veľký Ďur and Levice substations. SEPS is therefore adjusting the grid configuration and preparing measures to increase transmission capacity. The gradual resumption of production at Slovalco should also help relieve the system. (SOURCE energie-portal.sk)

MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE

The minimum wage in Slovakia will increase to EUR 972 in 2027 after the social partners failed to agree on a different amount. The figure therefore follows the statutory mechanism under which it equals 60% of the average nominal wage from two years earlier. Labour Minister Erik Tomáš also expects the minimum wage to exceed EUR 1,000 for the first time in 2028. The basic minimum wage applies to approximately 120,000 employees, across all wage grades, it affects around 160,000 people.

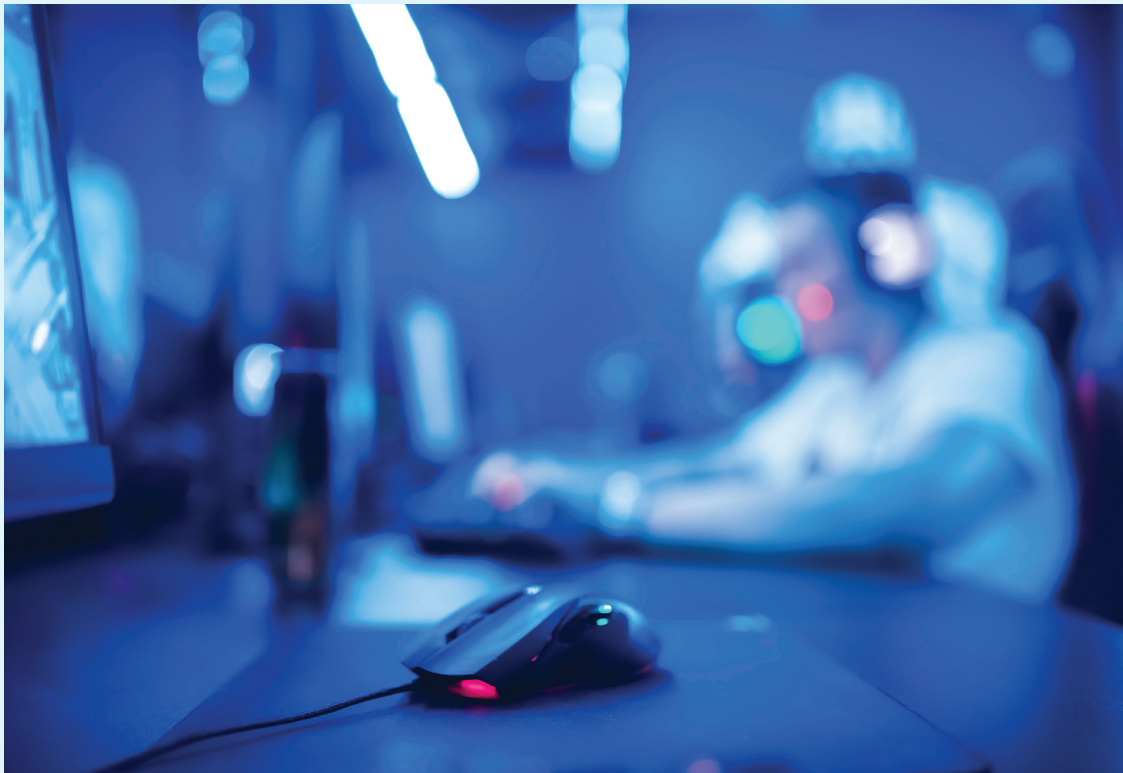
The higher minimum wage also creates pressure to adjust some salaries in the public administration. (SOURCE sme.sk)

RIMAVSKÁ SOBOTA INDUSTRIAL PARK

Following the arrival of its first major investor, the industrial park in Rimavská Sobota is continuing to expand and prepare space for additional companies. MH Invest has started work on the next phase, including the relocation of a drainage canal and telecommunications networks and the construction of a retaining pile wall. The surveyed area covers approximately 23 hectares. The development of the park is intended to create conditions for further investors and support the region's economic development. (SOURCE hnonline.sk)

PACKAGING FACES NEW RULES

New European regulations on packaging and packaging waste will introduce new obligations for manufacturers, retailers, municipalities and waste-management companies. The aim is to increase the recyclability of packaging and gradually phase out packaging that cannot be recycled efficiently. However, the Waste Industry Association warns that a number of uncertainties remain regarding the practical application of the rules. (SOURCE teraz.sk)



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INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY

Revenues of Slovak industrial enterprises increased by 1.3% year-on-year in June, the first growth recorded since the beginning of the year. The result was driven mainly by the manufacture of machinery and equipment, as well as the chemical, food and automotive industries. By contrast, the manufacture of computer and wood products recorded weaker results. Information and communication activities, transport and warehousing also performed better. Despite the June recovery, industrial revenues for the first half of the year were still down 2.3% year-on-year. The results indicate some improvement, but industry has not yet made up for the weak start to the year. (SOURCE teraz.sk)

SLOVAK GAMING INDUSTRY IS GROWING

After three years of decline, the Slovak video game industry returned to growth last year, with turnover rising to EUR 75.16 million. The number of active companies increased to 80, while the number of employees fell to 840. The sector remains highly concentrated, with the top 10% of companies generating as much as 84.6% of total turnover. Slovak studios worked on 401 released or upcoming projects, and Pixel Federation remains the largest studio by both turnover and number of employees. Gaming companies also expect further growth and estimate sector turnover at approximately EUR 85 million in 2026. (SOURCE trend.sk)

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COMPANIES & INVESTMENT



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ELDRIDGE ACQUIRES A STAKE IN SLOVAK AI COMPANY SUDO LABS

US investment company Eldridge acquired a 50% stake in Slovak AI company Sudo Labs, making it one of the largest publicly announced artificial intelligence transactions in Slovakia. The value of the deal was not disclosed. Founded in 2019, Sudo Labs operates in more than ten countries and approximately 90% of its revenue comes from abroad, mainly from the United States. The company develops AI agents and custom machine-learning solutions for around 50 clients, with more than 80% of its revenue coming from AI product development. Sudo Labs expects the combined revenues of the Slovak and US companies to reach at least USD 10 million this year. According to the company, the partnership with Eldridge should support further expansion. (SOURCE sme.sk)

ORANGE INVESTS IN GREEN ENERGY

Energy and Orange Slovensko signed a 10-year agreement under which Energy will supply Orange with electricity from a new solar park in Slovakia. The contract covers the supply of 125,030 MWh of green energy and is intended to provide Orange with a more predictable and sustainable electricity source. The 12.5 MWp photovoltaic power plant in the Banská Bystrica Region is expected to start operating in 2027 and generate approximately 15 GWh of electricity annually. This corresponds to the consumption of around 4,520 households and should prevent approximately 1,125 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year. For Orange, this is its first corporate PPA in Slovakia and is expected to cover a significant share of its network's electricity consumption. (SOURCE techbox.sk)



CTP completed and handed over a new production and warehouse hall in the CTPark Prešov North industrial park, which will be used by Dejong (PHOTO ctp.eu)

ČSOB PROFIT RISES TO €53.8 MILLION

ČSOB's net profit rose by 0.7% year-on-year to €53.8 million in the first half of 2026. Including ČSOB Poistovňa, the group's profit increased by 3.6% to €61.2 million. Net interest income rose slightly to €140.8 million, while fee and commission income increased by 2.7% to €51.3 million. At the same time, operating costs climbed by 10.2% to €137.1 million, although provisions and reserves were significantly lower than a year earlier. The bank's total assets reached €18.6 billion, while customer loans increased by 9.4% to €13.7 billion. Deposits and loans received from customers rose by 12.9% to €10.2 billion, reflecting continued growth in both lending and savings. (SOURCE teraz.sk)

CTP OPENS A NEW PRODUCTION HALL IN PREŠOV

CTP completed and handed over a new production and warehouse hall in the CTPark Prešov North industrial park, which will be used by Dejong. The building, covering more than 31,000 m², will serve the European manufacturer of stainless-steel hot-water tanks,

which belongs to the Rheem Group.

The new operation is expected to create dozens of jobs and offer local residents opportunities in internationally oriented manufacturing. According to CTP, the arrival of Dejong confirms the potential of eastern Slovakia as a strategic location for modern industrial production with access to European markets. (SOURCE presov.dnes24.sk)

SANAGRO EXPANDS ORGANIC FARMING

Slovak agricultural group Sanagro has expanded its portfolio with a third organic farm after Eko Food Farm in Leopoldov completed a two-year transition from conventional to organic farming. The farm covers 960 hectares, and the transformation itself required an investment of approximately EUR 500,000. According to Sanagro, organic farming can be more cost-effective because its operating costs are significantly lower than those of conventional agriculture. The farm grows, for example, spelt, sunflower, milk thistle, clover, pumpkin, food-grade peas and spring barley. (SOURCE sita.sk)

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BUSINESS MISSION TO AZERBAIJAN

A business mission organised by SARIO in cooperation with the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic and the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Baku took place in Baku on 14–15 July 2026, on the occasion of the official state visit of Slovak President Peter Pellegrini to Azerbaijan.

The Slovak business delegation consisted of 25 companies operating in engineering, the defence industry, agriculture and food, energy, water management, mineral extraction and ICT. The mission aimed to build on existing business contacts, present Slovak companies on the Azerbaijani market and create new opportunities for developing bilateral economic cooperation.

The main item on the programme was the Azerbaijan–Slovakia Business Forum, held on 15 July 2026. The forum was opened by Azerbaijan's Minister of Economy Mikayil Jabbarov, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of the Slovak Republic Denisa Saková, AZPROMO Executive Director Yusif Abdullayev, and Daniel Ondruš, Director of SARIO's Foreign Trade Department. In their speeches, they presented the current state of economic cooperation and highlighted the potential for further development of trade and investment relations.

Minister Jabbarov pointed to Azerbaijan's favourable business environment and presented successful examples of Slovak–Azerbaijani cooperation, including the Smart Village project in the Agdam region and the construction of the Milan

Rastislav Štefánik Secondary School. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy Denisa Saková emphasised the importance of direct cooperation between business communities as a key prerequisite for the further development of mutual economic relations.

The programme continued with the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Azerbaijan Tourism Board and Slovakia Travel, followed by a series of expert presentations devoted to the investment and business environments of both countries. SARIO presented Slovakia as an attractive investment destination, introduced investment opportunities, the support system for foreign investors and the services it provides in developing international economic cooperation. A presentation on export financing by the Export-Import Bank of the Slovak Republic was also part of the programme.

SARIO played a significant role in preparing and implementing both the business mission and the business forum; this was already the agency's fourth activity in Azerbaijan over the past three years. In close cooperation with its partners, it organised the Slovak business delegation, coordinated the programme,

communicated with Azerbaijani partners and prepared the professional content of the event.

By presenting Slovakia's business and investment environment, SARIO also contributed to strengthening the country's international profile as a reliable business partner. A key part of the agency's activities was facilitating direct contacts between Slovak and Azerbaijani companies, thereby creating space for new business partnerships and the further development of bilateral economic cooperation.

The highlight of the event was the B2B meetings between Slovak and Azerbaijani companies. Forty-six Azerbaijani companies took part, and more than 120 business meetings were held, confirming the growing interest of businesses in developing mutual cooperation. The results of the forum confirmed that Slovakia and Azerbaijan have significant potential to further expand economic relations in promising sectors and that SARIO's active role in connecting business partners makes an important contribution to the internationalisation of Slovak companies and the development of the Slovak Republic's foreign trade relations.



• SLOVAK REPRESENTATION AT CHINA'S MOST IMPORTANT SUPPLY-CHAIN FAIR

SARIO's assigned expert for China, Lukáš Merga, took part in the 4th China International Supply Chain Expo (CISCE 2026) in Beijing and the Belt & Road – Hangzhou Enterprises Exchange Event business forum in Hangzhou from 22 to 26 June 2026. [Read more](#)



• NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN UKRAINE

Following the March business mission to Lviv, SARIO organised another mission to Ukraine, this time to Ivano–Frankivsk, from 30 June to 2 July 2026. The mission was co-organised with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for the Recovery Plan and the Knowledge Economy, with the aim of connecting Slovak and Ukrainian companies and developing mutual business cooperation. [Read more](#)



• NATIONAL STAND AT THE EUROBIKE 2026 INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

Eurobike is one of the world's leading events focused on the cycling industry, e-mobility and innovations in sustainable transport. Every year, it brings together manufacturers, suppliers, business partners, experts and the general public from around the world. [Read more](#)

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EVENTS

**4-9 OCTOBER 2026**

Business Mission to IAC Antalya, Türkiye

Antalya, Türkiye

**8-11 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Slovak National Stand at CIFIT 2026, Xiamen, China

**8 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Webinar — Employing Foreign Nationals

SMEs

**17 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Webinar — Exporting Food and Beverages to China

**22-25 SEPTEMBER 2026**

InnoTrans 2026 International Trade Fair, Germany

SMEs

**23 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Czech-Slovak Business Forum 2026

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Business Mission to Thailand and Australia



6–9 OCTOBER 2026
MSV Brno 2026 International Engineering Fair, Czech Republic



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Business Mission to Thailand and Australia



17–21 OCTOBER 2026
National Stand at SIAL Paris 2026, France



27 OCTOBER 2026
Slovak Industry Vision Day 2026, Bratislava, Slovakia



3–7 NOVEMBER 2026
Business Mission to South Korea for Robotworld 2026



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INDUSTRY
VISION
DAY 2026**

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Slovak Industry Vision Day 2026,
Bratislava, Slovakia

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National Stand at CIIE 2026 — Shanghai, China



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9-13 NOVEMBER 2026
Business Mission to Web Summit Lisbon 2026, Portugal



12-13 NOVEMBER 2026
Rebuild Ukraine 2026



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Business Mission to Singapore FinTech Festival



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