



Slovakia

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Sources include: Statistics Canada, IMF, EIU, Election World

General Information:

Title	Slovak Republic			EU Status
Capital	Bratislava	Currency	1 CAN\$ 26.28 koruna (2003 average)	Member 2004
Total Area	48,845 km ²	National Holiday	September 1, Constitution Day (1992).	
Population	5,422,366	Language(s)	Slovak, Hungarian	

Political Information:

Type of State Republic

Type of Government

Parliamentary Democracy. Unicameral with a 150-seat National Council (Narodna Rada). Prime Minister (leader of the majority party or the majority coalition) appointed by the President. Cabinet appointed by the President under the advice of the Prime Minister. Administrative divisions: 8 regions. Governing coalition: Slovak Democratic and Christian Union Party (SDKU), the Party of the Hungarian Coalition (SMK), Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) and the New Civic Alliance Party (ANO).

Head of State

President Ivan Gašparovič

Head of Government

Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda (SDKU)

Ministers

Foreign Affairs: Eduard Kukan (SDKU)
 Finance: Ivan Mikloš (SDKU)
 Economy: Jirko Malcharek (ANO)

Main Political Parties

Movement for a Democratic Slovakia- (HZDS), Slovak Democratic and Christian Union (SDKU), Party Direction (SMER), Party of the Hungarian Coalition (SMK), Christian Democratic Movement (KDH), New Civic Alliance (ANO), Slovak Communist Party (KSS).

National Council: HZDS (36), SDKU (28), SMER (25), SMK (20), KDH (15), ANO (15), KSS (11)

Elections

President elected by direct popular vote for a five-year term; next election, April 2009. Members of the Council elected for a four-year term on the basis of proportional representation; next election, September 2006.

Economic Information: (for 2004)

GDP in country: (billion)	\$53.06	GDP in Canada: (billion)	\$1,238
GDP per capita in country:	\$9,817	GDP per capita in Canada:	\$38,756
GDP Growth rate: (%)	3.9	Canada GDP growth rate: (%)	2.6
Inflation: (%)	7.8	Inflation in Canada: (%)	1.4
Country unemployment: (%)	n/a	Canada Unemployment: (%)	7.4
Canadian exports to country	\$30,520,864	FDI in Canada: (million)	n/a
Canadian Imports from country	\$115,003,601	CDI in this country: (million)	\$9

Please note that economic statistics reflect Canadian dollars yearly averages for 2004.

2005 figures will be available in early 2006

Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador Stanislav Opiela

Foreign Consulates in Canada

Calgary, Montréal, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg

Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Bruce Jutzi
Prague(Czech Rep.)

Canadian Consulates Abroad

Bratislava (Office of the Canadian Embassy, John Broadbent)

