

SLOVAKIA

MAINSTREAM STRATEGY ON ACCESSIBILITY	
National Action Plan on Accessibility in place	<p>NO – accessibility initiatives contained in a broad action plan</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030 was approved on February 24, 2021. The goal is to create optimal conditions for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including requirements for accessibility.</p>
Authority monitoring accessibility initiatives in place	<p>YES – accessibility initiatives led by one specific authority</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The main coordinator of the National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030 is the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family. The National Program proposes accessibility measures, which are implemented and monitored by various ministries of the Slovak Republic, regional governments and others institutions.</p>
Adoption of target dates to achieve accessibility initiatives	<p>YES – long term target dates</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>Pursuant to resolution no. 109/2021, the Government of the Slovak Republic ordered members of the Government to ensure the fulfillment of the tasks arising from the National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030 within the approved expenditure limits of the relevant budget chapter until December 31, 2030.</p>

	<p>The national program for the years 2021-2030 is created as an open document, with updating and evaluation every year. It was prepared with the participation of several experts from various fields in order to ensure the interconnection and compatibility of all measures and tasks.</p>
<p>Infringement and sanction regime on equal opportunities, non-discrimination and accessibility for people with disabilities in place</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The Slovak National Centre for Human Rights (the Centre) is a national human rights institution established in the Slovak Republic. The Centre performs a wide range of tasks in the area of human rights and fundamental freedoms including the rights of the child and observance of the principle of equal treatment. The Centre among other powers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitors and evaluates the observance of human rights and the observance of the equal treatment principle; • conducts research and surveys to provide data in the area of human rights; gathers and distributes information in this area; • prepares educational activities and participating in information campaigns aimed at increasing tolerance of the society; • provides legal assistance to victims of discrimination and manifestations of intolerance; • issues expert opinions on matters of the observance of the equal treatment principle; • performs independent inquiries related to discrimination; • prepares and publishes reports and recommendations on issues related to discrimination; and • provides library services and services in the area.
<p>Public Body that manages complaint about accessibility in place</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Úrad Komisára pre osoby so zdravotným postihnutím in Slovak) is a Slovakian state institution overseeing the protection of the rights of persons</p>

	<p>with disabilities. The Office was established by law in parallel with the Office of the Commissioner for Children, with a view to assure the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the broadest sense, in accordance with the provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examining complaints regarding violations of the rights of persons with disabilities • Monitoring of the implementation of the rights of persons with disabilities • Meeting persons with disabilities in places of detention or custody in private or in the presence of his/her lawyer • Carrying out analyses and research in the field of the implementation of the rights of persons with disabilities, their overall living conditions and full integration and inclusion in the society • Submitting of notifications on behalf of the child or children under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities on the notification procedure (after all available national remedies have been exhausted) • Promoting the interests of persons with disabilities in society • International cooperation, networking, exchange of best practices
<p>Umbrella organisation representing more than 50% of associations for persons with disabilities in place</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The umbrella organisation is the Slovak Disability Forum (Slovenské fórum osôb so zdravotným postihnutím in Slovak). It is federation of nationwide organisations of people with disabilities, which was established on 20 November 2003. The supreme body is the general assembly held once in 4 years. Each member organisation sends two representatives to its meeting. The highest body in the time between two general assembly meetings is the Presidency of SDC/SDF, consisting of the representatives appointed by individual member organisations. The executive body is the Executive Committee elected by the general assembly. The statutory representatives are the SDC President elected by the general assembly and the director appointed by the Executive Committee.</p>

International accessibility standards incorporated into the national legislative framework	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>International accessibility standards have been incorporated into the following Slovak standards STN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STN EN 301549 Accessibility requirements for ICT products and services. The present document specifies the functional accessibility requirements applicable to ICT products and services, together with a description of the test procedures and evaluation methodology for each accessibility requirement in a form that is suitable for use in public procurement within Europe. The present document is intended to be used with Web based technologies, non-web technologies and hybrids that use both. It covers both software and hardware as well as services. It is intended for use by both providers and procurers, but it is expected that it will also be of use to many others as well. The relationship between the present document and the essential requirements of Directive 2016/2102 on the accessibility of the websites and mobile applications of public sector bodies is given in Annex A.• STN EN ISO 9241-171 Ergonomics of human-system interaction - Part 171: Guidance on software accessibility (ISO 9241-171:2008)• STN EN 81-82 Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts - Existing lifts - Part 82: Rules for the improvement of the accessibility of existing lifts for persons including persons with disability• STN EN 62944 Audio, video and multimedia systems and equipment - Digital television accessibility - Functional specifications• STN EN 16586-1 Railway applications - Design for PRM use - Accessibility of persons with reduced mobility to rolling stock - Part 1: Steps for access and egress• STN EN 16586-2 Railway applications - Design for PRM use - Accessibility of persons with reduced mobility to rolling stock - Part 2: Boarding aids• STN EN 63080 Accessibility terms and definitions• STN EN 17161 Design for All. Accessibility following a Design for All approach in products, goods and services. Extending the range of users
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- [STN EN 17210 Accessibility and usability of the built environment - Functional requirements](#). This document describes basic, minimum functional requirements and recommendations for an accessible and usable built environment, following "Design for All"/"Universal Design" principles which will facilitate equitable and safe use for a wide range of users, including persons with disabilities. The requirements and recommendations given in this document are applicable across the full spectrum of the built environment. These functional accessibility and usability requirements and recommendations are relevant to the design, construction, refurbishment or adaptation, and maintenance of built environments including outdoor pedestrian and urban areas.
- [TNI CEN/TR 17621 Accessibility and usability of the built environment - Technical performance criteria and specifications](#): This document has been developed to support EN 17210, "Accessibility and usability of the built environment – Functional requirements". This document provides and exemplifies technical performance criteria and specifications for an accessible and usable built environment, following the Design for All/Universal design principles. The document specifies what is necessary to align with these principles which will facilitate equitable and safe use for a wide range of users. The technical performance criteria and specifications are applicable across the full spectrum of the built environment and can be used as criteria for awarding public contracts (in support of the Public Procurement Directives). These technical performance criteria and specifications are specifically applicable to the design, construction, refurbishment or adaptation, and maintenance of public or public-use environments including external areas.
- [TNI CEN/TR 17622 Accessibility and usability of the built environment - Conformity assessment](#): This document provides criteria to assess conformity of the built environment with the functional requirements and recommendations described in EN 17210 Accessibility and usability of the built environment – Functional requirements, regardless of whether self-declaration, second-party attestation or third-party certification is requested. This document provides guidance on how and when accessibility and usability of the built environment have to be considered throughout all stages of the building process, including feasibility, design, construction, completion and post occupancy. It is also applicable for refurbishment or adaptation of existing buildings. FprCEN/TR 17621 Accessibility and usability of the built environment - Technical performance criteria and

	<p>specifications, provides examples of a way or ways in which the functional requirements in EN 17210 could be fulfilled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STN EN ISO 21801-1 Cognitive accessibility - Part 1: General guidelines (ISO 21801-1:2020): This document presents guidelines for the design and development of cognitively accessible systems, including products and services and built environments. This document is relevant to mainstream systems as well as those designed specifically for people with disability. Within the broad field of accessibility, this document is limited to guidance related to cognitive accessibility. NOTE 1 It acknowledges, however, that diverse sensory perceptions can impact cognitive accessibility. NOTE 2 While the following guidance in this document can benefit all users, it is included here because failure to follow it could lead to barriers that would prevent some potential users from being able to use the system at all. This document is relevant to all types of systems. • STN EN ISO 21801-2 Cognitive accessibility - Part 2: Reporting (ISO 21801-2:2022): This document specifies requirements for reporting the cognitive accessibility of systems, including assistive products, assistive technologies, consumer technologies, and household appliances, according to the recommendations given in ISO 21801-1:2020. • TNI CEN/TR 17884 ICT accessibility competences - Guidelines for a more inclusive ICT development: This document specifies the knowledges, skills, responsibility and autonomy of ICT experts involved in the development of products and services (including digital contents) to increase the accessibility knowledge in different fields, for different competences and responsibilities. This document: — considers accessibility as "base line" (accessibility has been also recognized in EN 16234-1:2019 as a Transversal aspect); — recognizes accessibility as the requirement in procurement for both public and private sectors; — provides an overview of useful CEN, ISO and ESCO publications in the field; — defines a set of knowledges, skills, responsibility and autonomy for different ICT areas to improve accessibility in the current professional roles and job positions (hardware, software, web); — refers to ESCO ICT profiles, that can be adapted for the three main areas: hardware, software, web; — refers to W3C activities for define knowledges, skills, responsibility and autonomy in web accessibility role profiles.
<p>Certification Body for accessible</p>	<p>YES</p>

<p>environments, products, or services in place</p>	<p>Additional information:</p> <p>There is no official accessibility certification body in Slovakia but there are a few organisations that provide accessibility audits of the built environment, products, ICT or services. One of them is CEDA (Centre of Design for All) at the Faculty of Architecture and Design, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava.</p>
<p>Mandatory requirement regarding accessibility courses at post-secondary level in place</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>There is no mandatory requirement in Slovakia. There are some schools/universities that provide courses on Accessibility/ Universal Design/ Inclusive Design/Barrier-free design/ Design-for-All. One of them is the Faculty of Architecture and Design, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, which provides mandatory course on Universal Design for bachelor students in the architecture and urban planning study programs.</p>

<p>BUILT ENVIRONMENT</p>	
<p>Legislation requiring public buildings to be accessible in place</p>	<p>YES – unknown if based on the European Standard – EN 17210:2010 Accessibility and usability of the built environment</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The basic requirements of accessibility of the built environment were governed until recently by the Construction Act No. 50/1976, which lays down the general requirements for designing constructions including the requirements for accessibility. This law was valid until 31 March 2023, after which it was replaced by the Construction Act No. 201/2022 and the Spatial Planning Act No. 200/2022.</p>

	<p>The more specific technical requirements for accessibility are governed by the Decree No. 532/2002 Coll. on General Technical Requirements for Construction and Buildings Used by Persons with Limited Mobility and Orientation. This Decree is applicable to new constructions as well as to renovations and restorations. This decree is valid until 31 March 2023, after which it will be replaced by new decree.</p>
<p>Action plan on accessibility related to built environment in place</p>	<p>NO – accessibility initiatives related to built environment are contained in a broad action plan</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>Measures for accessibility related to the built environment are included in the National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030.</p>
<p>Authority monitoring the action plan on accessibility related to built environment in place</p>	<p>NO – accessibility initiatives related to built environment are contained in a broad action plan</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The main coordinator of the National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030 is the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family. The National Program proposes accessibility measures, which are implemented and monitored by various ministries of the Slovak Republic, regional governments and others institutions.</p>
<p>Adoption of target dates to achieve accessibility initiatives related to built environment</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Official data on public buildings complying with</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Additional information:</p>

<p>EN17210:2010 available</p>	<p>There is no official data available on whether public buildings comply with the standard EN 17210:2021. Some access audits of school buildings and cultural buildings supported by ministries are ongoing.</p> <p>Monitoring of the state of accessibility of kindergartens, primary and secondary schools by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.</p> <p>The Centre of Design for All - CEDA, FA STU also prepares assessment of the accessibility of the built environment of higher education institutions in Slovakia.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">TRANSPORT</p>	
<p>Action plan on accessibility related to public transport in place</p>	<p>YES – accessibility initiatives related to public transport are contained in a specific action plan</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>Slovakia has a National plan for the implementation of the technical specifications for interoperability relating to the accessibility of the Union railway system to persons with disabilities and people with reduced mobility (2016).</p> <p>Measures for accessibility related to public transport are also included in the National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030.</p> <p>There is also the National implementation plan for the technical specification of interoperability related to infrastructure of the rail system of the European Union.</p>
<p>Authority monitoring the action plan on accessibility related</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p>

<p>to public transport in place</p>	<p>The agenda of the accessibility measures related to public transport is implemented and monitored by the Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic.</p>
<p>Adoption of target dates to achieve accessibility initiatives related to public transport</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Legislation in place regulating built environment accessibility conditions in airport infrastructures</p>	<p>YES – not based on the European Standard – EN 17210:2010 Accessibility and usability of the built environment</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The basic requirements of accessibility of the built environment and technical requirements for accessibility are governed by the Decree of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 532/2002 Coll. on General Technical Requirements for Construction and Buildings Used by Persons with Limited Mobility and Orientation (hereinafter as the “Decree”). This decree is valid until 31 March 2023, after which it will be replaced by new decree. The new decree (is currently under preparation and will be valid from 1 April 2024) will be in accordance with the standard EN STN 17210.</p>
<p>Legislation in place regulating built environment accessibility conditions in railway infrastructures</p>	<p>YES – unknown if based on the regulations established by PRM TSI NIP (TSI 1300/2014) and the European series of standards EN 16584, EN 16585, EN 16586 and EN 16587</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>At national level, there was the harmonization with Directives performed in particular through the adoption of Act No. 513/2009 Coll. on railways and on amendments and supplements to certain acts, as</p>

	amended. The implementing regulation to the Act is the Decree No. 350/2010 Coll. on the Construction and Technical Regulations of Railways.
Legislation in place regulating accessibility conditions of sea and inland waterway ports	NO
Legislation in place regulating accessibility conditions of bus and coach transport infrastructure	<p>YES – not based on the European Standard – EN 17210:2010 Accessibility and usability of the built environment</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>Law no. 56/2012 Coll. on road transport as amended. The law regulates the rules of road transport, ensuring transport serviceability of the territory in regular transport and the rights and obligations of carriers and passengers in bus transport and in the taxi service. Among other things, it imposes on the carrier in transport regulations to state the rights and obligations of carriers and passengers in bus transport and in the taxi service, including the scope of special rights and obligations passengers with disabilities and passengers with reduced mobility, accompanying persons, and the conditions for transporting a dog with a special training that provides assistance to a passenger with a severe disability.</p> <p>The new decree (is currently under preparation and will be valid from 1 April 2024) will be in accordance with the standard EN STN 17210.</p>
National Enforcement Bodies in place to monitor and enforce	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p>

<p>compliance with Passenger Rights Regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slovak Trade Inspection Act • National Enforcement Bodies for Passenger Rights
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ICT	
<p>Entity responsible for accessibility compliance of public websites and applications in place</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring, reporting and enforcement: Úrad podpredsedu vlády Slovenskej republiky pre investície a informatizáciu: Sekcia informačných technológií verejnej správy, Odbor architektúry e-Governmentu (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatization: Government and Public Sector IT Division, Architecture and eGovernment Department) • Member States' bodies in charge of monitoring the Web Accessibility Directive
<p>Results of accessibility compliance test son public websites and applications published</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Accessibility Directive - Monitoring reports
<p>Action plan on accessibility related to ICT in place</p>	<p>NO – accessibility initiatives related to ICT are contained in a broad action plan</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>Measures for accessibility related to ICTs are included in the National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030 in the Chapter 3.1.1 Ensure</p>

	<p>the prevention and removal of barriers for persons with disabilities preventing access to information, information systems, including communication with public administration and the usability of e-services provided to the public</p> <p>Measures for accessibility related to ICTs are also included in the NATIONAL DIGITAL SKILLS STRATEGY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC AND THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2023 – 2026</p>
<p>Authority monitoring the action plan on accessibility related to ICT in place</p>	<p>NO – accessibility initiatives related to ICT are contained in a broad action plan</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>The main coordinator of the National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030 is the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family. The National Program proposes accessibility measures, which are implemented and monitored by various ministries of the Slovak Republic, regional governments and others institutions.</p> <p>Other relevant authorities include the Ministry of Investment, Regional Development, and Informatisation, as well as the National Coalition for Digital Skills and Jobs.</p>
<p>Adoption of target dates to achieve accessibility initiatives related to ICT</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic goal in the National Program for the Development of the Living Conditions of Persons with Disabilities for the years 2021-2030: Active work and education of persons from disadvantaged groups in the field of digital skills. Due date: 2026

Public Policies / Data Availability

<p>The inclusion of people with disabilities, particularly Universal Accessibility and Design for All, is promoted in the transposed laws of Directives 2014/24 and 2014/25</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>EU Directives 2014/24 and 2014/25 are transposed into Slovak Act 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement, § 44 Criteria for evaluation of tenders, Section 4: The best price-quality ratio is assessed on the basis of price or cost and other criteria, which include qualitative, environmental or social aspects related to the subject of the contract and which are mainly quality including technical contribution, aesthetic and functional properties, accessibility, solutions suitable for all users, social, environmental and innovative characteristics...</p>
<p>Online Accessibility Information Schemes (AIS) in place at national or regional level to inform the public about the accessibility of public-use buildings, ICT products or services</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <p>Drawing up a statement on the accessibility of the web site/mobile application and publishing it on the relevant site is the duty of every public body according to Act no. 95/2019 Coll. on information technologies in public administration and is based on the relevant EU legislation.</p> <p>Information about the accessibility of public-use buildings are available for Bratislava, the Capital City of Slovakia:</p>