

Slovakia – SD Priorities

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1. Developed democratic country - integration of the Slovak Republic into the decisive world political and economic structures; utilisation of positive trends of globalisation; taking over a share of responsibility for the global development of the world community, positive influence on international direction to sustainable development (*p. 253*)
2. Modern state and system of public administration - development of a political pluralistic system, establishment of relevant legal instruments, building modern institutions, quality and effective activities of the public administration (state, region, municipality) in favour of citizens (*p. 253*)
3. Highly-developed civic society - an overall change of value orientations, strengthening of legal awareness, historical and national awareness, achievement of high level of education and informedness of citizens and their participation in decision-making, meaningfully working components of the society (associations, family, citizen) (*p. 253*)
4. Social solidarity and social protection - social policy leading to increase of personal participation and responsibility of citizens for themselves, acceptance of principles of social solidarity preventing social disadvantaging or exclusion and poverty; to support of stimulating measures of the state family policy and employment policy and protection of rights and interests of citizens protected by law and elimination of all forms of discrimination (*p. 253*)
5. Balanced territorial development - application of a comprehensive spatial and territorial planning, preferential development of lagging and marginal regions, application of an institute of inter-regional solidarity, integrated development of settlements, renewal and maintenance of historical structures, settlement identity and forms of settlements (*p. 253*)
6. High quality of human and social resources - gradual creation and support of healthy, demographically balanced society, assurance of increasing quality of life - social, economic, cultural and spiritual needs with emphasis on problematic groups of inhabitants, elimination of negative social and socio-pathological phenomena (*p. 253*)
7. New model of economy - achievement of a long-term working modern economy and information society, elimination of structural deformations of economy, balanced development of economy with emphasis on perspective modern sectors of economy and regional natural and social conditions (*p. 253*)

8. High quality of the environment, protection and rational use of natural resources - effective protection of the environment, efficient use of natural resources, removal of environmental loads and damages to the environment, limiting the economic development in accordance with natural conditions and potentials, achieving and maintaining quality environment with emphasis on endangered areas (*p. 254*)

9. Assurance of life and safety for citizens, existence and functioning of the state - assurance of safety the Slovak Republic, its sovereignty and integrity; maintenance and development of democratic bases of the state, its internal safety; protection of life and health of citizens, protection of peace and stability in the Central Europe; extending the democracy, safety and prosperity zone, including full membership of Slovakia in NATO and EU; achieving sustainable economic, social, environmental and cultural development of the society, together with protection of important infrastructure of the state and the environment (*p. 254*)

10. Application of fundamental interests of the Slovak Republic - maintenance of peace and stability in the world, elimination and effective solution of crises using peaceful means; good relationships with neighbours and development of all forms of mutually advantageous regional co-operation; internal stability based on corresponding agreement in the issues of fundamental and important interests of the Slovak Republic, conservation of social stability; achieving environmental safety within internal and international structures; achieving dynamic transition of the Slovak economy towards an ecologically more balanced, efficient and resource-diversified market economy capable to reasonably meet the needs of inhabitants. (*p. 254*)

11. Strategic objectives of sustainable development (*p. 254*)

 - 11.1. Strengthening of international position and credibility of the Slovak Republic (*p. 255*)
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 - 11.1.2. integration in the western safety structures of NATO (*p. 255*)
 - 11.1.3. compliance with international commitments of the Slovak Republic in the area of sustainable development documents and international conventions (*p. 255*)
 - 11.1.4. initiation of projects supporting sustainable development, functioning in relevant international organisations (UN, EU, OECD, etc.) in favour of promotion of sustainable development in an international context (*p. 256*)
 - 11.1.5. participation in international activities in the area of disarmament and armament control, preventing conflicts and peace operations, besides other in the framework of NATO (*p. 256*)
 - 11.1.6. creation and maintenance of a stable and just international economic and social system (*p. 256*)
 - 11.1.7. mobilisation of resources to support "reliant" countries (the Slovak Foreign Aid - AID) (*p. 256*)
 - 11.1.8. transboundary co-operation of regions (e.g. through Euroregions), co-operation among partner cities and regions within international programmes and projects (*p. 256*)
 - 11.2. Use of positive trends and elimination of risks of globalisation (*p. 256*)

- 11.2.1. change of thinking and value orientations of the Slovak society in the light of overcoming the industrialism and understanding the changing economic and social reality, alleviation of adaptation of the society to ongoing civilisation changes (*p. 256*)
- 11.2.2. application of global long-term perspectives in political and decision-making processes - elaboration of a strategy of adaptation of the Slovak economy to conditions of the world economy (*p. 256*)
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- 11.2.4. increase of informedness of inhabitants and all groups of the society on opportunities and risks of globalisation (*p. 256*)
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- 11.2.6. minimisation of risks connected to the world globalisation process - support of national identity, protection of domestic products, stimulation of competitiveness with foreign producers, etc. (*p. 256*)
- 11.2.7. minimisation of risks connected to cultural homogenisation, support of cultural identity at national and regional levels (*p. 256*)

11.3. Development of democracy, political pluralistic system, legal instruments and institutions (*p. 256*)

- 11.3.1. stabilisation of an effective institutional organisation, legal environment, working institutions, balanced competence of the state administration and self-governments, participation of all components of the society in public administration (*p. 256*)
- 11.3.2. political stabilisation of the society, ensuring the function and quality of the constitutional bodies, improvement of execution of legislative power (*p. 256*)
- 11.3.3. effectiveness, competence and transparency of function of the public administration and also economic sphere (*p. 256*)
- 11.3.4. integrated approach in decision-making processes in all spheres of the society in accordance with requirements of sustainable development (*p. 257*)
- 11.3.5. improvement of legislative process, complexity of decisions (*p. 257*)
- 11.3.6. building a system of legal acts harmonised with the law of the European Union (*p. 257*)
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- 11.4.2. assurance of a complex system of control of public administration, its efficiency and effective function (*p. 257*)

- 11.4.3. assurance of a stable internal environment – strengthening role of the police, re-building of the police system transforming it from repressive to preventive system (*p. 257*)
- 11.4.4. independence of judiciary, substantial improvement of function of the judicial bodies (promptness, independence, transparency, anti-corruption measures) (*p. 257*)
- 11.4.5. re-building the Army of the Slovak Republic to a stable guarantor of external safety of the Slovak Republic in the framework of the democratic Western European military structures (*p. 257*)
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- 11.5.3. improvement of access of the public to legislative documents, policies, conceptions, plans and programmes, creation of conditions for efficient application of the act on free access to information (p. 258)
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- 11.5.7. increase of involvement of citizens in public affairs (local and regional identity), supporting responsible and naturally motivated behaviour and acting, improving the interpersonal relationships, solidarity and respect among citizens (p. 259)
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11.6. Strengthening of legal awareness, change of value orientations of inhabitants, education and enlightenment (p. 259)

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- 11.9.2. assurance of a modern regional policy and regional development of the Slovak Republic (p. 261)
- 11.9.3. conservation of settlement diversity of the Slovak Republic - revitalisation and revival of rural areas, qualitative development of urban settlements (improvement of housing and services, rational use of land, improvement of esthetical aspects, stabilisation of urban population) (p. 261)
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- 11.9.8. support of positive elements of rural way of life - skilfulness, consumer modesty, ability to combine various sources of income, neighbourhood co-operation, certain level of social control, etc. (p. 261)

- 11.9.9. de-centralisation of management and decision-making on principles of subsidiarity, including strengthening of institute of local and regional referenda with use of local and regional sources and decision-making on local issues (*p. 261*)
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11.11. Support of construction and maintenance of building stock and protection of historical structures in landscape (*p. 261*)

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11.13. Improvement of health state of population and health care, improvement of lifestyle (*p. 262*)

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- 11.13.3. improvement of nutrition style of inhabitants, support of a healthy lifestyle (*p. 262*)
- 11.13.4. improvement of indicators of physical and mental state of health, reduction of infant and child mortality, growth of life expectancy, in particular as far as men are concerned (*p. 262*)
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11.13.6. improvement of co-ordination among the health care sector, social care and other sectors at all levels of state administration and self-governments (*p. 262*)

11.14. Alleviation of social differences in the society, reduction of unemployment rate, completion of transformation of the system of social assurance and support of employment policy (*p. 262*)

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11.14.3. reduction of social differences in the society through aim-conscious strengthening of position and importance of middle-class in the society and through motivating support of the socially weak groups (*p. 262*)

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11.14.5. reduction of unemployment through an active labour market policy, support of creation of job opportunities, spatial and professional mobility, implementation of development programmes, change of structure of economy (*p. 263*)

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11.14.9. creation of optimal conditions for self-reproduction of the society, stability of marital and parental relationships and implementation of measures respecting principle of a free choice of a parent for parental or professional role (*p. 263*)

11.14.10. improvement and extension of execution of socio-legal protection, social prevention and substitute education, removal and elimination of all forms of discrimination, xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, consequent compliance with protection of rights and protected interests (*p. 263*)

11.15. Increase of support for socially endangered groups of inhabitants and family (*p. 263*)

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