

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON SLOVAKIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 9 February 1993
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2009-2013)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere. Member (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme. Vice-President. Member (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee. Member (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Member (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. Member (term expires in 2017)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Slovakia: 2**
 - 5-7 May 2016: official visit
 - 1-2 June 2012: official visit
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Slovakia: 2**
 - August 2005: official visit
 - July 2002: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Ms Klara Novotna, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 4 July 2014)
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Igor Grexa (September 2008 – June 2014), H.E. Mr Ján Kuderjavý (November 2007 – July 2008), H.E. Ms Maria Krasnohorska (January 2002 – June 2007), H.E. Mr Vladimir Valach (September 1997 – October 2001)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Slovakia is covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice
8. **National Commission of the Slovak Republic for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: February 1993
 - President : Mr Miroslav Lajčák (October 2016)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Edita Filadelfiová (since February 2016)
9. **Personalities having a relationship with UNESCO:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 4**
 - UNESCO Chair in Multilingual and Multicultural Communication, Comenius University, Bratislava (2016)
 - UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, University of Presov (2010)
 - UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development and Ecological Awareness, Technical University of Zvolen, Banska Stiavnica (1994)
 - UNESCO Chair for Human Rights Education, Comenius University, Bratislava (1992)
11. **Associated Schools:** 23 (3 primary, 2 primary/secondary, 17 secondary and 1 vocational and technical). Slovakia has participated in the ASP Network since 1966.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **Biosphere Reserves: 4**
 - East Carpathians, jointly with Poland and Ukraine (1998)
 - Tatra, jointly with Poland (1992)
 - Polana (1990)

- Slovensky Kras (1977)

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: 1

- Novohrad – Nógrád Transnational Global Geopark (Hungary and Slovakia)

15. World Heritage Sites: 7 (5 cultural and 2 natural)

Cultural sites:

- Wooden Churches of the Slovak part of the Carpathian Mountain Area (2008)
- Bardejov Town Conservation Reserve (2000)
- Historic Town of Banská Štiavnica and the Technical Monuments in its Vicinity (1993)
- Levoča, Spišský Hrad and the Associated Cultural Monuments (1993)
- Vlkolínec (1993)

Transboundary natural sites:

- Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany (2007), jointly with Germany and Ukraine
- Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst (1995), jointly with Hungary

16. Tentative List: 13 properties

- Sites of Great Moravia: Slavonic Fortified Settlement at Mikulčice – Church of St. Margaret at Kopčany (2007)
- Tokaj Wine Region (2002)
- Original Meadow - Pasture Sites of Slovakia (2002)
- The Memorial of Chatam Sófer (2002)
- Limes Romanus - The Roman antique monuments on the Middle Danube (2002)
- System of Fortifications at the Confluence of the Rivers Danube and Váh in Komárno - Komárom (2002)
- The concept of the lenticular historical town core of Košice City (2002)
- Natural Reserves of Tatras Mountain (2002)
- Karst Valleys of Slovakia (2002)
- Natural and Cultural Landscape of Danube Region (2002)
- Fungal Flora of Bukovské Hills (2002)
- Geysir in Herlany (2002)
- Gemer and Abov churches with the medieval wall paintings (1995)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 4 inscriptions on the Representative List

- Puppetry in Slovakia and Czechia (2016)
- Bagpipe culture (2015)
- Music of Terchová (2013)
- The Fujara and its Music (2008)

18. Memory of the World Register: 3 inscriptions

- Mining maps and plans of the Main Chamber - Count Office in Banská Štiavnica (2007)
- Illuminated Codices from the Library of the Bratislava Chapter House (1997)
- Basagic Collection of Islamic Manuscripts (1997)

19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

20. Legal instruments: 27 ratified and 13 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratification (11 March 2009)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (26 January 2007)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (18 December 2006)
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (24 March 2006)

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: 2

- 350th anniversary of the birth of Ján Kupecký, painter (1667-1740), with the support of the Czech Republic and Poland
- 200th anniversary of the birth of Jozef Miloslav Hurban, writer and philosopher (1817-1888), with the support of the Czech Republic and Poland

Anniversary proposals for 2018-2019 recommended by the 201st session of the Executive Board: 1

- 300th anniversary of the birth of Adam Frantisek Kollar, scholar (1718-1783), with the support of Austria, Bulgaria and Hungary

22. Participation Programme:

- Since 2014, no request submitted
- 2012-2013: 2 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 57,710
- 2010-2011: 4 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 101,000

23. Fellowships: 3 fellowships awarded since 2004, for a total amount of US\$ 27,500

24. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO (expressed in US dollars):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	11,677	32,894	2,850	11,166	26,453	9,272	9,272

25. Payment of contributions assessed membership fees for 2016-2017: fully paid

- Assessment rate: 0.160%
- Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 1,044,800

26. Representation within the Secretariat: under represented

- 1 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4):
- 1 professional staff in non-geographical posts: