

# The Slovak Republic

A country in the heart of Europe



- **Location:** Central Europe
- **Capital:** Bratislava (population approx. 500,000)
- **Official language:** Slovak
- **Currency:** Euro (since January 2009, before Slovak crown)
- **Inhabitants:** Slovaks and national minorities
- **Neighbouring countries:** Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Ukraine

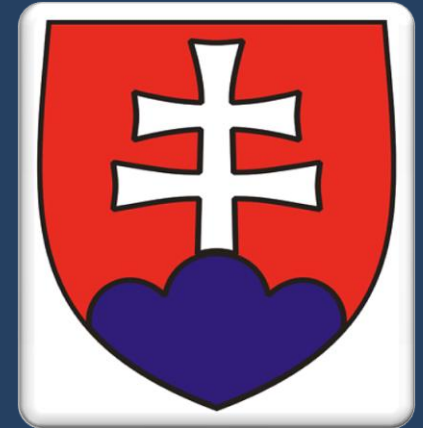
# Formation of the state

- 1918 – 1992  
Czechoslovak Republic
- Agreement on the  
separation of the state
- January 1, 1993



# State symbols

➤ The Slovak Coat of Arms

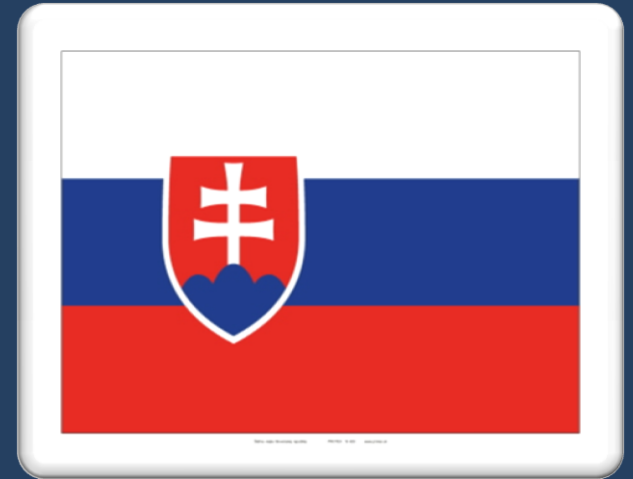


➤ The Slovak State Seal



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## ➤ The state flag





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- State anthem, 1844
- Janko Matuška, the composer of the anthem



# Political System of the Slovak Republic



The **National Council of the Slovak Republic**

a unicameral parliament— constitutional and legislative body

# The National Council of the SR

- 1st September – Day of the Constitution
- a public holiday

## Elections:

- Direct elections with secret ballots
- Take place every 4 years





# The National Council of the SR

- 150 members of the Parliament
- Representatives of various political parties

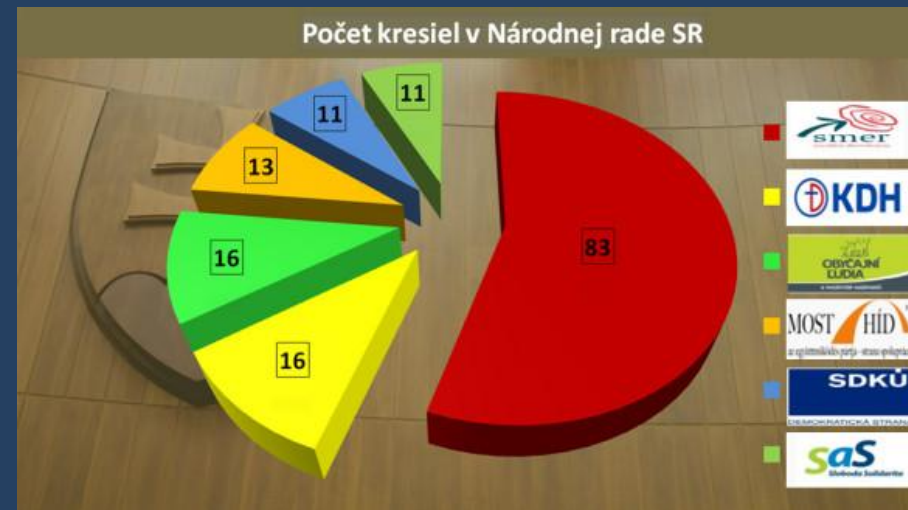
## Structure:

- The chairman of parliament
- Deputies
- Members



# SMER-Social Democracy

- In 2012 – special parliamentary elections took part
- Winning party– SMER - SD
- 83 chairs in the parliament
- Social-democratic focus
- The chairman of SMER –SD Róbert Fico nominated the government in 2012



# The Government of the Slovak Rep.

- Has executive power
- The Prime Minister  
Róbert Fico
- Deputies



# The President of the Slovak Rep.

- Elected in direct elections by the inhabitants of the state
- Every 5 years
- Maximum twice in a row
- His function is rather formal
- He represents the state in Slovakia and abroad
- Ivan Gašparovič





# Membership in international organizations

- European Union since 1 May, 2004
- NATO → 29 March, 2004
- UNO → 19 January, 1993
- Council of Europe → 30 June, 1993



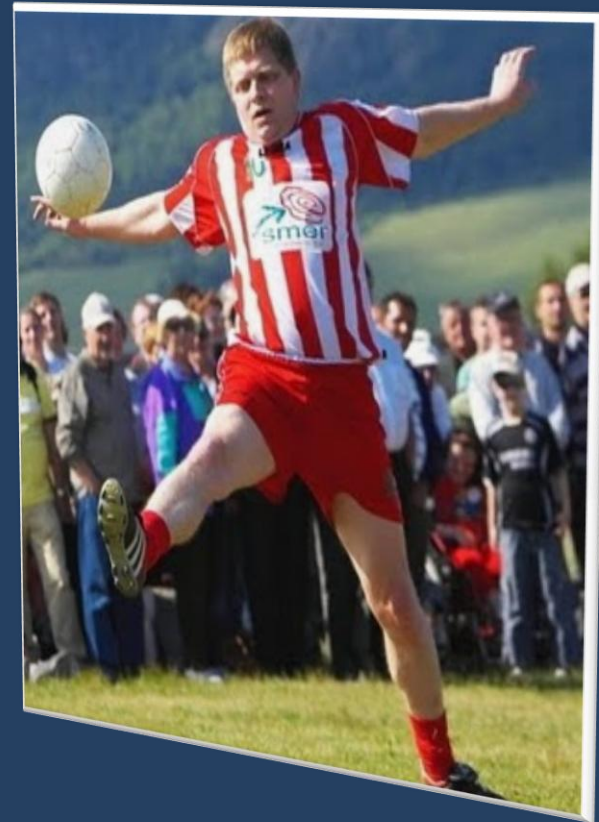
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