

COUNTRY BASELINE UNDER THE ILO DECLARATION ANNUAL REVIEW

Slovakia - 2023

THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR Protocol of 2014 P029 to the Forced Labour Convention

REPORTING

Fulfillment of Government's reporting obligations

Yes

Involvement of Employers' and Workers' organizations in the reporting process

91. When preparing its report, did the Government consult? [10.1]

a) The most representative employers organizations, b) The most representative workers organizations, c) The competent authorities.

92. To which employers organizations was the report sent? [12] Please provide the list

Republic Union of Employers, Federation of Employer's Associations of the Slovak Republic, Association of Industrial Relations and Transport

93. To which workers organizations was the report sent? [13] Please provide the list

Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic, Joint Trade Unions of Slovakia

94. Please describe the consultation process(es). [10.2]

Due to time constraints the most representative employers' or workers' organizations were contacted via a telephone to confirm whether they possess updated information relevant for this questionnaire. However, the reports and official documents issued by the social partners were also consulted. The National Labour Inspectorate was consulted, as it is the authority which is supposed to monitor compliance with labour law provisions.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS

Employers' organizations

83. Have employers and or or workers organizations been consulted in the development and implementation of adopted measures? [6.1]	Yes
84. Please provide details and provide any relevant URL(s) [6.2]	The social partners were involved in the discussions during the development of the national action plan, as well as during its aproval process within the Economic and Social Council of the Slovak Republic, because all such documents must have a consent of the Economic and Social Council prior to the adoption or approval of these documents by the Government.
95. Did employers organizations comment on the report? [11a]	No
96. Did workers organizations comment on the report? [11b]	No
97. Please provide URL(s) to the responses and comments of the employers and workers organizations to the above questions, if you have received them	

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EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL	
Ratification	
Ratification intention	
61. If you have ratified Convention No. 29 but not the 2014 Protocol to Convention No. 29, what are the prospects for ratification of the Protocol?	Likely
62. What, if any, are the impediments to the ratification of the 2014 Protocol to Convention No. 29?	Lack of political will. However, after the recent elections, the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family will propose the ratification of the Protocol to the new Government after it has taken up its position.
Existence of a policy and or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour	
63. Is there a national policy and plan of action aimed at realizing the principle of effective and sustained suppression of all forms of forced or compulsory labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies? [1.1]	Yes
65. Please also indicate the manner in which employers' and workers' organizations have been consulted. [1.3]	When the document was discussed within the Economic and Social Council of the Slovak Republic during its approval prior to the forwarding of the document to the Government for approval.
68. Is there a national policy and plan of action setting out measures and specific action for combatting trafficking in persons for the purposes of forced or compulsory labour? [1.5]	Yes
69. Please describe these measures. [1.5]	The above mentioned National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons for the period of 2019 - 2023 also includes measures related to the prevention of forced labour.

70. Does the Government collect and analyse statistical data and other information on the nature and extent of forced or compulsory labour? [1.6]	Yes
71. Please describe these data. [1.6.1]	The implementation of the above mentioned National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons for the period of 2019 - 2023 is also based on statistical data collected by the relevant authorities. However, according to the annual report of the National Labour Inspectorate, there were no cases of forced labour recorded in 2021.
72. Does the Government envisage collecting data on forced or compulsory labour? [1.6.2]	No information

Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action

64. Please describe the measures envisaged, the established objectives and the authorities responsible for the implementation, coordination and assessment of these measures. Please provide any relevant URL(s) [1.2]	The National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons for the period of 2019 – 2023 containing measures for victim care, education and awareness-raising. Authorities responsible for implementation are the Ministry of the Interior, labour inspectorates.
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Measures taken or envisaged to prevent forms of forced labour

74. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged for the prevention of all forms of forced or compulsory labour? [2.1]	No
75. If so, please indicate the type of measures, [2.2]	No information

Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour

76. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged for the identification, release, protection, recovery and rehabilitation of victims of all forms of forced or compulsory labour? [3.1]	No
77. If so, please indicate the type of measures [3.2]	No information

Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies

78. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged to provide victims of all forms of forced or compulsory labour with access to remedies? [4.1]	No
79. If so, please indicate the type of measures, [4.2]	No information
80. Please indicate whether the measures aimed at providing access to justice and remedies apply to all victims of forced or compulsory labour, irrespective of their presence or legal status in the national territory. [4.3]	Yes
	Victims of all types of trafficking in persons have access to remedies and to justice, in accordance with the National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons for the period of 2019 – 2023 and the relevant national legislation. Forced labour as such is not present in the country according to the findings of the National Labour Inspectorate.
Non-prosecution of victims for unlawful acts that they would have been forced to carry out	
79.g. Please provide a description of measures taken or envisaged:	No information
Cooperation with other Member States, international / regional organizations or NGOs	
81. Does the Government cooperate with other member States, international and regional organizations, or non-governmental organizations to achieve the effective and sustained suppression of forced or compulsory labour? [5.1]	Yes
81.1 Please specify	a) other Member States, b) organisations and regional organisations, c) non-governmental organisations.
82. Please briefly describe the modalities of this cooperation. [5.2]	The European Union, of which the Slovak Republic is a member state, has an anti-forced labour policy which has to be followed by all of its members. The Slovak Republic also cooperates with selected countries in the field of prevention of forced marriages.
Promotional activities	
90. Please provide URL(s) to any new information on efforts made to respect, to promote and to realize the principle of effective and sustained suppression of forced or compulsory	Information on the National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons for the period of 2019 – 2023 and helpdesks for victims of trafficking in persons. For more info

labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies. [14]	please see: https://www.minv.sk/?information-centre-for-combating-trafficking-in-human-beings-and-for-crime-prevention
Special initiatives or Progress	
85. Please describe any significant changes which have taken place since your last report (for example, changes in the legislative and institutional framework, launching of major programmes, new data, changes in the number of persons in forced labour who have been identified, released and protected, penalties imposed on perpetrators). [7]	N/A.
CHALLENGES IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL	
According to the social partners	
Employers' organizations	
86. What are the main obstacles encountered by your country with regard to realizing the principle of effective and sustained suppression of all forms of forced labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies? [8]	m) Other
Workers' organizations	
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According to the Government	
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86.m. Please specify

Forced labour as such is not present in the country according to the findings of the National Labour Inspectorate. The same applies within the monitoring of the National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons, as there were no findings of trafficking in persons for the purpose.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS

Request

87. Does your Government think that it should establish technical cooperation activities with the ILO or pursue those that already exist for the prevention and effective suppression of forced or compulsory labour, victim protection and access to remedies? [9.1]

No