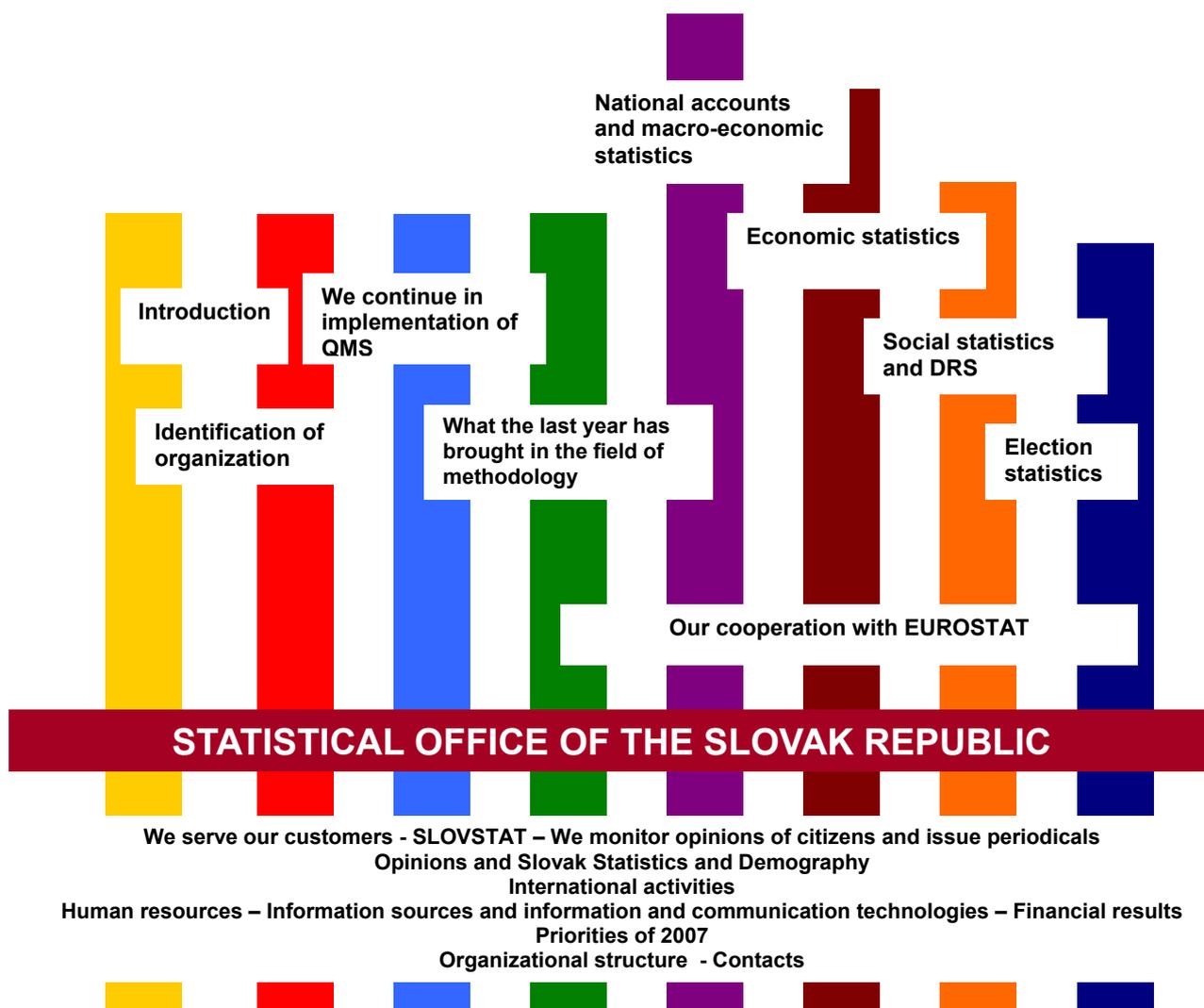


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# ISO 9001 Quality Certificate

The Certificate awarded to the Statistical Office of the SR by the international certification body Bureau Veritas Certification Slovakia s.r.o. confirms that the Statistical Office of the SR meets requirements of the international standard ISO 9001:2000 in *organizing, obtaining, processing and providing official statistics according to current standards*. There is also evidence that the system implemented in the Statistical Office of the SR creates appropriate conditions for further improvement of the quality of services provided to users and for the development of the Office towards higher effectiveness.



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## Introduction

The SO SR focused in the year 2006 on consistent fulfilling the tasks oriented towards decision making bodies of the SR, on meeting requests and needs of professional community of Slovakia as well as on satisfaction of interest in statistical information of general public.

In our work, we attached extra importance to realization of the tasks and surveys that result from the membership of the SO SR in the European Statistical System. The Slovak Republic as a member country of the European Union has duties and responsibilities to different international bodies and organizations, as well as to international public. All international projects, regular and also one-off statistical surveys that are in responsibility of the SO SR were conducted by ways, methodical and methodological standards fully convenient to professional requirements and fully answering the internationally valid standards of the Statistical Office of the European Union.

In 2006, the SO SR began with implementation of the *European Statistics Code of Practice* the aim of which is to increase confidence in independence, integrity and accountability of national statistical offices and EUROSTAT.

The SO SR being aware of the need of continuous improvement of national statistical system drew up a plan of development of the Slovak statistical system together with the World Bank. The aim of *Statistical Master Plan* was to propose an action plan that will support development and quality improvement of the national statistical system of the SR.

From great number of particular tasks, both new and ongoing ones that the SO SR realized in the past year (they are described more detailed in chapters of the Annual Report) some of them shall be mentioned particularly.

We successfully completed works connected with the first register of sources and methods of compilation of national accounts and great revision of national accounts system for 1995 – 2004. Within compilation of quarterly results of gross domestic product, we began regularly to publish flash estimates of GDP and employment.

In the field of social statistics, we continued besides other tasks in international survey EU-SILC, we transmitted required data for 2005 to EUROSTAT and the further implementation phase of survey on incomes and living conditions of household continued as well as.

We began works on preparation of the Census of Population, housing and dwellings in the year 2011.

We built database of regional statistics REGSTAT and prepared issuing of new significant comprehensive publication *Statistical Yearbook of Regions of the SO SR*.

In 2006, the SO SR fulfilled in accord with the act all tasks related to processing of results of elections to the National Council of the SR and results of elections to municipal selfgovernments.

The year 2006 was demanding for all areas in the organization – from those representing the core content of our activity through requirements regarding international cooperation, material conditions, information technologies, financial ensuring of our activities etc. up to requirements related to human resources. Despite challenging and tough situation however the SO SR fulfilled its tasks and duties on the required professional level.

Awarding of the Quality Certificate according to ISO 9001:2000 standard in November 2006 is an expression of recognition of quality of our work in the field of state statistics.

The management of the SO SR would like to thank all who contributed to successful realization of demanding tasks in 2006 and to express respect for performed work, professionalism and accountability.

## Identification of organization

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**Management:** Statistical Office is a budgetary organization, with its incomes and expenditures being a part of the state budget of the Slovak Republic

### Main activities:

The Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic<sup>1</sup>:

- a) develops and publishes the state statistics policy
- b) compiles the Programme of State Statistical Surveys in co-operation with the relevant ministries and state organizations
- c) defines methodology of statistical surveys and carries out collection and processing of statistical data
- d) defines methodology for maintenance of the system of national accounts and compiles national accounts
- e) sets up, releases and keeps classifications, nomenclatures and registers in co-operation with the ministries and state authorities
- f) defines the way of setting up the registers, assigns and issues identification numbers
- g) elaborates analyses of selected characteristics of the social, economic and environmental development of the SR
- h) co-operates with international bodies and organizations in introduction of standards and classifications in the field of statistics
- i) organizes and performs representative public opinion polls on social and economic issues
- j) publishes the results of statistical surveys for the SR and individual geographical and administrative units, regularly informs general public about social, economic and demographic development, provides statistical information and issues statistical publications and
- k) fulfils other tasks set by the Act on State Statistics.

A specific task of the SO SR is preparation and processing of election results to the National Council of the Slovak Republic<sup>2</sup>, bodies of municipal self-governments<sup>3</sup> and bodies of regional self-governments<sup>4</sup>, arrangements and processing of results from the presidential election<sup>5</sup>, referendum<sup>6</sup> and elections to the European Parliament<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Act No. 540/2001 Coll. on State statistics

<sup>2</sup> Act No. 333/2004 Coll. on elections to the Slovak National Council in a wording of later regulations

<sup>3</sup> Act NCSR No. 346/1990 Coll. on elections to the bodies of municipal self-governments in a wording of later regulations

<sup>4</sup> Act No. 303/2001 Coll. on elections to the bodies of regional self-governments

<sup>5</sup> Act No. 46/1999 Coll. on presidential elections, plebiscite and its repeal

<sup>6</sup> Act NCSR No. 564/1992 Coll. on referendum in a wording of later regulations

<sup>7</sup> Act No. 331/2003 Coll. on election to European Parliament in a wording of the Act No. 515/2003 Coll.

## We continue in implementation of the Quality Management System

In 2006, implementation of the Quality Management System (according to ISO standards, series 9000) designed so that it supports fulfilling the main strategic objective of the SO SR *to increase systematically value of the institution – credibility, efficiency and recognition*. By realization of this objective – particularly via continuous increase of customer satisfaction, continual improvement of processes, development of system approach to management and continual improvement generally – the system provides **confidence in stability of the SO SR competences to meet requirements of customers** and other interested parties.

Within implementation of the Quality Management System, **the implementation of the Development Strategy of the SO SR by the year 2007** continued - supported by the *Quality Policy of the SO SR*. Action programmes were realized that were formulated for the year 2006 in order to fulfil strategies leading to achieving strategic objectives and quality objectives defined for the core activities of the SO SR, as well as for all its functional areas. Indicators set for each strategy individually measured meeting the objectives.

**Complete process support for meeting the strategic objectives** consisting of value-adding processes, supporting (resource) and managerial processes was **implemented**. Its realization was managed by documented procedures concerning processes, obligatory documented procedures required by the STN EN ISO 9001:2001 standard as well as by basic general document of the system – *Quality Manual of the SO SR*.

In 2006, integration of the **European Statistics Codes of Practice** into the Quality Management System of the SO SR continued. Code of Practice is a basic document for ensuring independence, integrity and accountability of national statistical offices and the Statistical Office of European Communities.

**The level of implementation of the Quality Management System** was for the first time verified by internal audits of all SO SR processes conducted by group of trained auditors of the system. The objective of audits was to verify conformity of the Quality Management System with the requirements of the STN EN ISO 9001:2001 standard, to reveal opportunities and to propose recommendations for improving the system.

**Report on evaluation of the Quality Management System** compiled in September 2006 reflected the comprehensive evaluation.

Considering the achieved results in the implementation of the Quality Management System, a decision to certify the system by external certification organization was adopted. Certification body **Bureau Veritas Certification Slovakia s.r.o** performed **certification audit in October 2006**. It resulted in awarding the certificate of Quality Management System according to ISO 9001:2001 standard and the SO SR became the first central body of the state administration which acquired this kind of certificate.

## What the last year has brought in methodology

At the end of 2005, the SO SR issued, according to the Act No 540/2001 Coll., the Regulation No 482/2005 Coll. **the Program of State Statistical Surveys 2006 - 2008**. The Regulation was amended in cooperation with the responsible bodies for state statistical surveys of the SO SR, ministries and state organizations in 2006. It was necessary to make amendments based on requests for changes in statistical surveys of interested sections of the SO SR, ministries and state organizations. Draft proposal of amendments was discussed on top management meeting 19 October 2006 and was approved at the session of the Statistical Council on 31 October 2006.

**Inclusion of new state statistical surveys in connection to EUROSTAT requirements** and other international bodies and exclusion of some surveys were the most important changes. Two new short-term surveys were included into the Program, i.e. ZO 2-99 *Survey on prices in foreign trade* and ZO 1-04 *Quarterly report on prices in foreign trade*. Two surveys were also included into long-term surveys: *One-off survey of prevailing activity according to the Statistical Branch Classification by Economic Activities NACE Rev.2* and FA 2006 – *Survey on fixed assets*.

**From ministries and state organizations**, the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family asked for new statistical surveys SR – PM (MPSVR SR) 1-04 *Quarterly report on jobs in small enterprises and among entrepreneurs* and the Government of the Slovak Republic asked for SR – RI (ÚV SR) 1-01 *Annual report on residential agglomeration – Roma settlements*.

In quest of **decrease burden of reporting** units, the SO SR excluded Men Urn 1-01 *Annual report on disability for disease and accident at work since 2007*. Required data will be substituted from administrative sources.

The Ministry of Agriculture asked also for exclusion of two statistical surveys: Wine (MP SR) 2-99 *Supply balance of wine* and Wood (MP SR) 10-01 *Annual report on health of woods*. The Ministry of Health excluded A (MZ SR) 10-01 *Annual report on young people*. Statistical survey R (MZ SR) 1-01 *Report on establishment and changes of state health organisations* and R (MZ SR) 8-99 *Report of statistical data on doctor and pharmacist* was put into administrative data after agreement with the SO SR. The Administration of State Material Reserves of the SR cancelled PZ (SŠHR SR) 1-99 *Report on situation of selected range of the state emergency supplies*.

Amendments of the Program of State Statistical Surveys including special part **on usage of administrative data sources** for 2007 were issued by the SO SR Regulation No 632 of 30 November 2006 in the Collection of Acts of the SR.

**Performance indicator** related to realisation of the state statistical surveys was fulfilled as in the previous year. In 2006, all statistical surveys included into *the Program of State Statistical Surveys 2006 – 2008* conducted by the SO SR were realised.

### Classifications and registers

Activities realized in 2006 in the field of statistical classifications and nomenclatures were focused on **ensuring their development and harmonization with the European and international standards**:

- ❖ *The SO SR Regulation No 571/2006 Coll issued Statistical Classification of Education for needs of state statistics.*
- ❖ *On the base of updating list No V-11 to the norm ISO 3166, the SO SR Regulation No 541/2006 Coll amended Statistical Code of Countries.*

- ❖ Within the works on revision of International classification *ISCO 07*, a procedure of comments to new classification proposed by the International Labour Organization /ILO/ continued.
- ❖ Draft proposal of *National Statistical Branch Classification by economic activities*, which is in full accord with the European classification issued by the EP and Council Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006.

In the course of 2006, methodological assistance relating to application of the classification of employments to *Integrated system of classified positions* – a tool for improvement of the quality of communication on labour market was still provided still.

In the field of administration of state registers, the main activities were focused on improving their quality and harmonization with new European standards.

At ensuring of routine operation of registers, testing of new function of subsystem AŠIS – Regis set for recording and control of new items continued according to revised classification NACE Rev.2. In connection with the project *Operation 2007*, it has come to real fulfilling of new codes of prevailing activity on the base of information obtained on groups of physical persons – entrepreneurs from administrative sources.

In June 2006, the third harmonised data collection on demography in enterprises, where data provided by Datacentre were used for purposes of imputing number of employees in small enterprises, was finished.

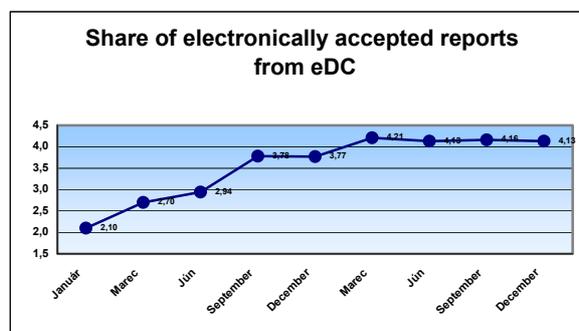
At the beginning of the year, Internet application of presentation of the organization register allowing the users to obtain information on basic characteristics of subjects registered in this register.

### Electronic data collection

To rationalize and make more effective statistical data collection and processing, the SO SR has introduced electronic data collection since January 2005. The system of electronic data collection was focused on preparation and distribution of statistical forms to reporting units, their filling up in computers in domestic environment and emailing to the SO SR.

Since January 2005, electronic data collection was conducted in 7 monthly surveys in industry, trade, selected market services, agriculture, construction, transport and post and telecommunications. The share of the number of statistical surveys enabling electronic collection in the first quarter comprised 5,5 % of the total number of surveys.

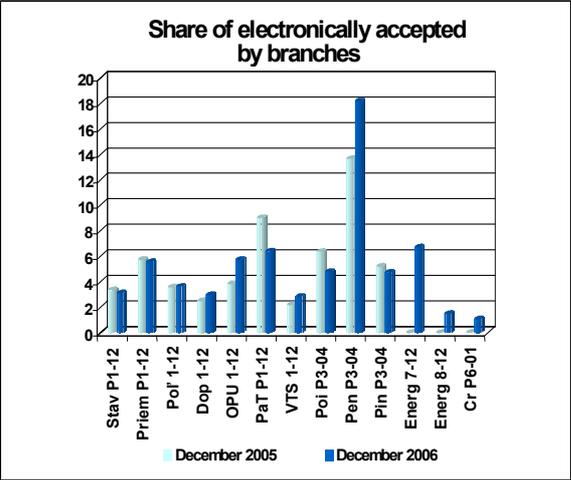
Since April 2005, quarterly statistical surveys in finance, insurance and non-banking financial institutions were also included in electronic data collection, the share of surveys enabling electronic data collection increased to 7,9 % and since January 2006 to 10,2 % of the total number of statistical surveys, after adding two monthly surveys from the branch of energy and annual survey on tourism services. Further increasing of electronic data collection is prepared in 2007.



Introduction of electronic data collection since January 2005 enabled to 19 685 reporting units and since April to another 559 reporting units to provide data via electronic form. At the end of 2006, 21 313 reporting units were allowed to email reports.

Concerning the reporting units, the level of using electronic data collection did not increase more considerably from its introduction.

Share of number of respondents emailing reports from the total number of reporting units included into the aggregate of reporting units is still low, in December 2006 it reached on average 4,1 % in all reports (in 2005 3,8 %) of the total number of submitted reports and only 3 % of the total aggregate of reporting units (in 2005 2,7 %).



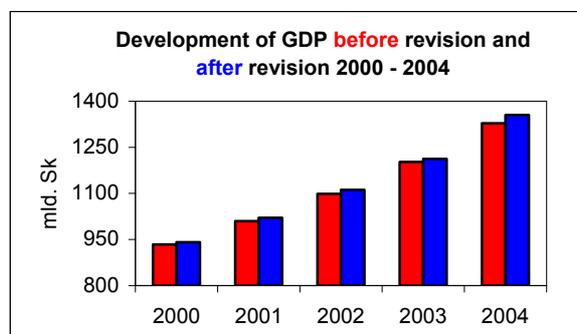
## National accounts and macro-economic statistics

In the field of **macro-economic statistics**, implementation of the system of national accounts developed by new regulation and directives of the European Union and ensuring of consistence of time series of national accounts through considerable revision for 1995 – 2004 counted among the important tasks. Information from price statistics increased and the system of foreign trade statistics (Intrastat and Extrastat) improved.

In 2006, preliminary **annual sector accounts** for 2005 and estimation of national accounts for 2006 were compiled. Increased effort was paid to works relating to a proposal of new program of sending data according to ESA95, it is connected with preparation of information needed for the entrance into Euro-union. Emphasis was laid on compilation of accounts for the sector of public administration and also on preparation of *Report on deficit and debt of public administration* (notification tables). Priority objective in 2006 was the implementation of allocation of FISIM (financial intermediation services indirect measured) to sectors used by FISIM.

Significant capacities were put in ensuring EUROSTAT projects for improving all fields of macro-economic statistics including description of sources and method of compilation of national accounts (GNI Inventory).

Final **commodity and sector supply/use tables** were compiled for 2003 and revision changes were reflected in time series of data for 1995 – 2002 in accord with annual national accounts. On the base of revised balanced supply/use tables for 1995 – 2002 and sector structures for 2003 – 2005, converting of time series of indicators of production and income method to constant prices of 2000, converting of data to prices of previous year and by chain procedure were carried out.



In 2006, methodology of calculation of compensation for **small companies exempted from VAT** and calculation of data of own sources flowing from VAT provided by the Ministry of Finance of the SR was developed. Within calculation, the problem of administrative data usage needed for calculation of compensation was solved.

Questionnaire on gross domestic product was sent for the Slovak Republic in September 2006.

Revision of time series of quarterly data starting with the first quarter of 2005 and ending with the third quarter of 2006, implementation of new principles of ESA95, converting of quarterly data to stable prices at change of base on the year 2000 and preparation of methods of converting of quarterly data to stable prices on the base of chain procedure of price indices and shortening deadlines of result release on gross domestic products count among the most important results in the field of **quarterly national accounts**.

In compilation of quarterly results on gross domestic product, experimental compilation of **flash estimates of GDP and employment** started according to main aggregates available 45 days after the end of reference quarter. First regular data of quarterly accounts were compiled in full range of ESA95 Data Transmission Program and are regularly released to 68 days after the end of reference quarter. Significant progress was achieved in seasonally adjustment of data of quarterly accounts, when in 2006 we adjusted quarterly 162 time series of seasonally adjusted data (in 2005, there were 12).

Significant progress was achieved in compilation of quarterly non-financial and financial accounts for the sector of public administration. In the sector of public administration, initial non-consistencies among annual financial accounts, quarterly non-financial accounts, Maastricht's debt and data on excessive deficit and debt to permissible level (less than 0,5 %) were eliminated.

Automated system for compilation of the zeroth version of annual and quarterly financial and non-financial accounts was put into practice. Progress was achieved also in compilation of quarterly data for other institutional sectors including the external sector. At the section of preparation of documents for compilation of **purchasing power parity**, all tasks required by EUROSTAT were ensured.

Within the **regional accounts**, revision of time series of indicators from 1995 to 2004 including implementation of new principles of ESA95 and methods of their regionalization was the decisive task. Important tasks were connected also with selection of employees of the SO SR to working group of EUROSTAT concerning the creation of methodology for evaluation of quality of regional gross added value.

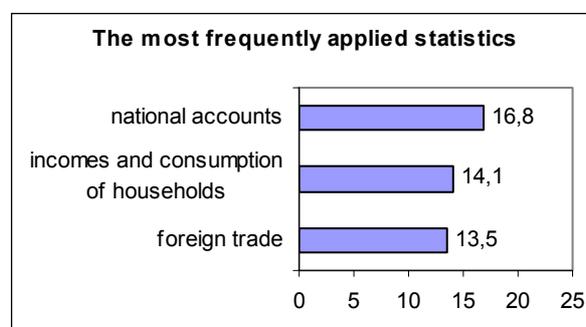
Within **data transmission** from company accounts for needs of national accounts, employees of the National Accounts Section worked mostly on improving of methodical notes to indicators of short-term and long-term statement and met requests of significant domestic and foreign users for data over the range of data released.

In **price statistics**, required level in harmonized index of consumer prices, as well as in index of industrial producers was achieved and also price indices of other producers except directly measured prices of market services were without comments. In this field, implementation of pilot projects that will finish gradually the program to 2010. Demanding revision of weight schemes for calculation of price indices of industrial producers and price indices of construction works was realized.

Besides routine activities relating to data collection and processing at the Department of **External Trade Statistics**, one of the key tasks was improving the data quality provided by reporting units. 8 workshops were carried out for this purpose, 649 reporting units were trained on these workshops.

Extension of operativeness of application program equipment for work with the foreign trade register connected with the organization register were realized, i.e. make more effective work with it and enabled its flexible updating. The European Parliament and Council Regulation No 1158/2005 amending the Council Regulation No 1165/2005 on short-term statistics was implemented. Works relating to introduction of survey on price import and export continued. After analysis, goods and reporting units that will submit reports on prices of selected goods quarterly were proposed and survey on prices of base period of selected goods, their transmission into electronic form and filling the database for survey were carried out.

Some preparatory works for realization of Regulation No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation No 2553/98 concerning payment balance, international trade with services, direct foreign investments and data collection by European Central Bank were realized.



## Economic statistics

In economic statistics, implementation of tasks focused on increasing the level of harmonization with the newest European legislation, as well as on increasing the data availability in EUROSTAT database and in public database of the Office continued.

In **short-term statistics**, regular short-term data transmission to EUROSTAT in compliance with the new requirements of addendum of the Regulation No 1158/2005 concerning short-term statistic continued in shortened terms and revised classifications. Within the regular evaluation of harmonization with the Regulation on short-term statistics in STS Issues documents by individual indicators to the 1 April and to 1 October 2006, the SO SR was included into the first group of Member States with the highest level of harmonization. The schedule of data transmission for *Release Calendar 2007* was updated. Within the Action plan of the quality of short-term statistics, a special questionnaire on way of indicator compilation – index of receipts in retail trade was compiled and sent. In 2006, survey on burden of reporting units and costs of the Office were conducted due to requirements on short-term statistics. Results of survey, as well as estimate of costs on short-term statistics were included into EUROSTAT questionnaire.

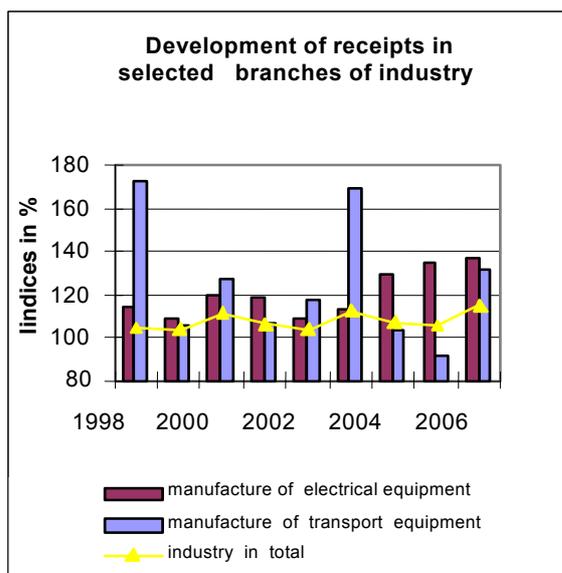
In annual **structural statistics**, compiled aggregates of final indicators for 2004 and aggregates of preliminary data for 2005 were compiled. Within evaluation of the quality, *Report on quality of structural data of 2004* was drawn up and calculations of required qualitative indicators were carried out. According to the tasks of the project on statistics of foreign affiliations, extra survey ZA 2006 was carried out. The main objective was to obtain information on final owner of internal foreign affiliation (UCI – Ultimate Controlling Institutional Unit) according to required methodology of prepared regulation on statistics of foreign affiliations.

Within preparation of implementation of the new version of **NACE 2007** classification in **branch statistics**, first survey on receipts according to transitional classification of economic activities for purposes of preparation of the base year 2005 and determining of conversion coefficients for calculation of time series according to new classification were conducted. Comparative survey for purposes of determining of prevailing activity of enterprises according to new classification was also prepared.

According to the requirements of the European Commission (EC), the methodology for business tendency surveys and methodology of calculation of composite economic sentiment indicator and creation of samples of business tendency surveys in industry, construction, trade, services and survey on investment were completed. Results of economic sentiment were presented in new weight system at the EC workshop in November in Brusel.

In statistics of **information and communication technologies** (ICT), surveys on ICT usage in enterprises and households were included into regular statistical survey with annual periodicity of reporting. Detailed publications with results of surveys on information technologies were issued.

Statistical surveys in **transport** were fully harmonized with the EU standards in all areas of transport. Results of these statistical surveys were published in the *Yearbook of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications*. Activities leading to obtaining results for railway transport by regions and inland waterway transport of goods were performed.



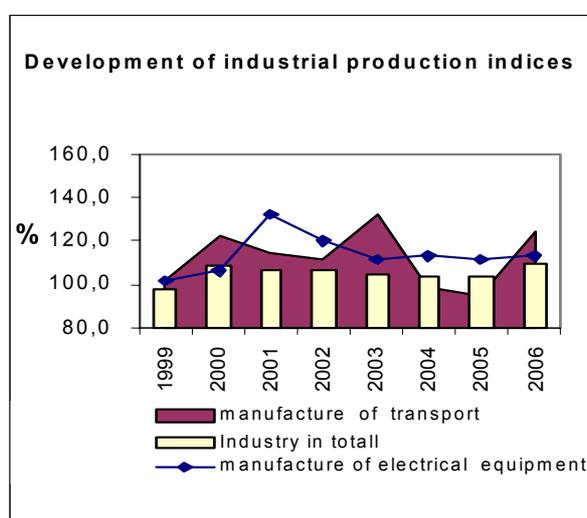
In the field of **selected market services** statistics, the SO SR continued in realization of special survey in order to acquire harmonized data on structure of consumers of market services. Final data were sent to EUROSTAT in required structure and time. Analysis of results of this survey will be a supporting document for amendment of the European standard on short-term statistics.

In **tourism statistics**, significant effort was put in supplementing and improving the quality of register of accommodation facilities. Data on tourism are sent in monthly or quarterly periodicity to the European database. EUROSTAT published basic indicators on tourism in EU countries in the publication *Tourism Statistics Pocketbook 2000 – 2005*.

In **agriculture statistics**, *Farm Structure Survey 2005* was finished. Results of survey were sent to EUROSTAT in required structure and time. Data quality and also rate of processing were appreciated by congratulation letter from EUROSTAT. Works on structural conversion of farm register that will enable administration and updating in AŠIS started. Farm register will also serve as a database of basic information on agricultural farms.

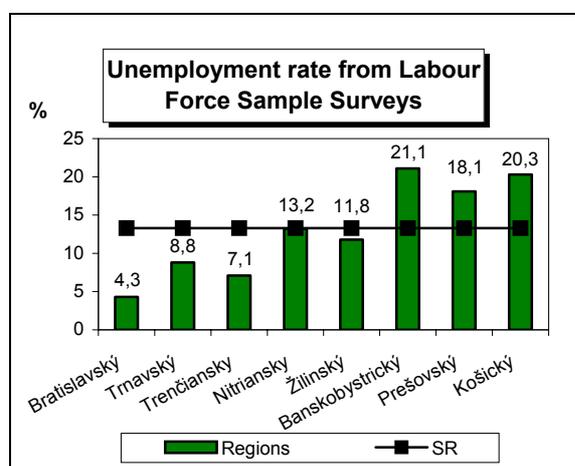
Within international contacts, business statistics provided consultations for many foreign delegations, which visited the SO SR. The Turkish delegation visited the Office to discuss the question of construction statistics in February; the Serbian delegation from the Ministry of Mines and Energy visited the Office in September and again in November to discuss the energy statistics.

Good cooperation continued traditionally with international organizations. Representatives of business statistics took part in many significant international events, i.e. particularly CIRET conference to evaluation of economic cycles. Significant progress was carried out in cooperation with IEA (International Energy Agency) that offered re-training for two employees of the Statistical Office within the preparation of the SR to become a member of IEA.



## Social statistics and Demographic Research Centre

In **demographic statistics**, providing and presentation of information on development of population continued, possibilities of data acquiring from administrative sources were verified. Besides the development of **migration statistics** system, methodical harmonization of acquired data from administrative sources and their harmonization with the EU legislation were performed. Works on preparation of the **Census of population and housing in 2011** intensified, particularly in the field of definitions of surveyed data and their harmonization with international recommendations.



In statistics of household incomes and expenditures, sample surveys in households were conducted. In **household budget statistics**, harmonization of survey on household expenditures with requests of the EU was ensured. Realization of the first **survey on income and living conditions of households** (EU SILC 2005) fully harmonized with EU requirements continued and will enable international comparison of social situation in households in the SR. Required information for 2005 were processed and sent to EUROSTAT and data were provided to other external users.

The survey for 2006 was conducted and survey in 2007 was prepared methodically and organisationally.

**Labour market statistics** ensured and provided quarterly data on business activity, employment and unemployment from Labour Force Sample Survey in households. New indicators in accord with the EU legislation increased a questionnaire. In the second quarter, additional survey on transition from work to retirement was carried out. In business statistics on labour, publication of data on number of job vacancies started regularly.

**Wage statistics** compiled information on average nominal and real wage for needs of calculation of other indicators in social sphere. Quarterly labour cost indices, annual labour costs of employers and annual gross earnings of employees were submitted to the integrated system of wage and labour costs statistics of the European Union. Detailed annual data on level and structure of wages by age, education and occupation were processed. Information on gender pay gap in remuneration and share of employees in wage zones were released.

In **social statistics**, except realization of statistical surveys included into the Program of State Statistical Surveys, implementation of international statistics of social protection (ESSPROS) with particular emphasis on improving the data quality and specifying the methodology on net social benefits and production of data for statistics of labour market policy continued.

In **health statistics**, previous works relating to preparation of the European survey on health through preparation of pilot survey continued. Works on implementation of the health account system mostly relating to ensuring data from administrative data sources continued. International statistics of accidents at work according to the ESAW methodology was applied in the national system of reporting of registered accidents at work in the form of particular module in record on accident at work.

In **education statistics**, data collection on continuing vocational training in enterprises by the EUROSTAT methodology (CVTS3) was realized and works on preparation of Adult Education Survey (AES) were carried out. Works on production of education accounts continued in co-operation with the Institute for Informatics and Statistics (INFOSTAT). Preparation for **time use survey** (TUS) was performed through realization of a pilot survey. Within the working group of EUROSTAT, employees of the Section participated actively in preparation of internationally comparable **criminality statistics**.

Particular task was management of the project **Use of administrative sources for enhancement and improvement of the statistical information system** (PHARE program 2004). Terms of reference for contract of technical assistance and contract for purchasing of equipments were drawn up in this project, the part twinning light and purchase of equipment were carried out and implementation of a key part of the project – technical assistance began.

On the base of the plan of activities approved by inter-service working group on 6 December 2005, **Demographic Research Centre (DRC)** dealt with five planned tasks in 2006. Three publications issued directly in INFOSTAT (*Population development in districts of the SR 2005*, *Basics of Demography*, *Prognosis of labour forces in the SR and regions to 2025*) and supporting documents for two publications of the SO SR (*Population Movement of the SR 2005* and *Mortality tables*) were a result of that activity.

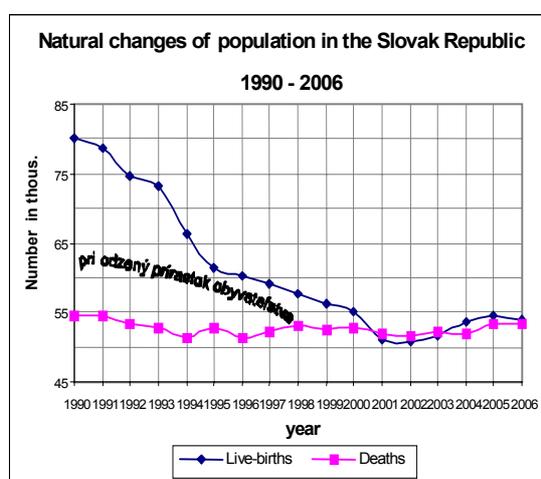
The publication *Population development in districts of the SR 2005* pointed out regional differences in reproduction behaviour of population, where the demographic development is complicated (high mortality, high abortion rate, over-aged age structure, threat of establishment of depopulation enclaves, etc.) and where pointed measures are needed for influencing it. Effort was also to show as changes in reproduction behaviour of the SR population are reflected in individual regions.

*Prognosis of labour forces in the SR and regions to 2025* contained description of development of labour force in the period of 1996 – 2004, prognosis of labour forces for the SR and 8 regions to 2025 and prognoses of employment to 2025 on the level of the SR.

The publication *Population Movement for 2005* (printed and electronic version) contains detailed data on all demographic processes derived directly from primary data (weddings, divorces, births, abortions, deaths, causes of death, migration).

Life tables (or *Mortality tables*) contain data on the level of the SR, districts, towns Bratislava and Košice and also for a group of towns and municipalities.

The publication *Basics of demography* has a form of textbook and contains basic information on demography as a subject field. Within the publication, a presentation and a set of exercises were put together.



Except planned tasks, employees of the DRC were involved also in realization of non-planned (actual) tasks for needs of ministries that had usually a form of working documents, supporting documents, opinions and evaluations. The DRC developed cooperation with domestic and foreign demographic institutions. Employees participated in implementation of many projects and in realization of task of research and development of the state program of the Ministry of Education of the SR *Changes of demographic development of the Slovakia*. The main participant of this task was the Faculty of Natural Sciences of UC. The most significant international project, which employees of the DRC were involved in, was trans-European project *Childbearing trends and policies*.

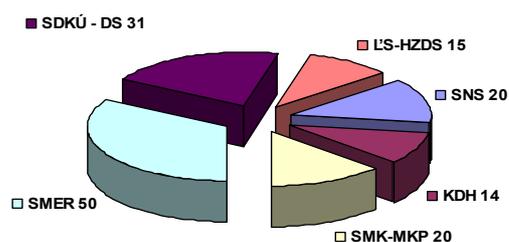
## Election statistics

In election statistics, the year 2006 entailed ensuring of two significant tasks. The first task was processing of results of early elections to the National Council of the Slovak Republic. In preparation



of processing the results of these elections, the SO SR prepared a register of candidates and posted them in electronic form on its Internet website. It cooperated with the Central Election Commission in control of tickets. In accord with organisational and technical ensuring of elections, the SO SR issued a methodology and drew up a project of automated results processing in these elections. It published the results of elections and also posted them on its Internet website. For the first time in a history, it published continuous results of voting.

### Number of mandates assigned to political parties in elections to the National Council of the SR in 2006



In the second half of the year, the SO SR realized processing of results of elections to the bodies of municipal self-governments. It set up expert



(summarizing) units for the Central Election Commission, all district election commissions and municipal election commissions in towns (town districts) with over 50 districts. In preparation of elections, the SO SR issued a methodology and draw up a project of automated results processing of elections. It prepared programme equipment for processing the results of elections also in municipalities and towns (town districts) with less than 50 districts. It was distributed to municipalities and towns (town districts), which had asked for it. It published the results of elections on its Internet website and issued also publications including the results of elections.

The SO SR processed results of the four new elections to bodies of municipal self-governments (additional elections to the bodies of municipality / local corporations).

Employees of regional offices took large part in fulfilment of all tasks of election statistics.

## Our cooperation with INFOSTAT

Contributory organization, Institute of Informatics and Statistics (INFOSTAT) also participated in statistical activities. Long-term objectives of INFOSTAT result from its basic orientation as **research and development work station in the area of state statistics. Priority tasks**, which are taken into account in compilation of annual work plans, and are reflected in the contract signed between INFOSTAT and the SO SR for the relevant year, are yearly determined on the base of these objectives. Activity of INFOSTAT for 2006 is completely documented in a special report available on the Office's website [www.statistics.sk](http://www.statistics.sk) in part "Annual Reports".

In the last year, INFOSTAT dealt with 52 subject matter tasks, as well as with 2 tasks relating to services rendered for **preparation and processing the results of elections**:

- to the National Council of the Slovak Republic held in June 2006 and
- to the bodies of municipal self-governments held in December 2006

Within the **subject matter tasks**, it dealt with:

- national accounts – harmonization of quarterly sector accounts with annual accounts; satellite accounts and their application in practice; converting the indicators of annual accounts into constant prices in connection with the new transmission program of the EU;
- statistical, economic and demographic analyses and prognoses based on the newest research results;
- science, research and innovations statistics according to recommendations of OECD and EUROSTAT;
- development of applications of sample surveys methodology;
- harmonization and restructuring of the register of business subjects for statistical surveys;

- pilot processing of selected statistical surveys and innovation of the process of data collection and processing of data in the system AŠIS supporting the application of electronic questionnaires;
- development and application of common standards in the area of data transcription and their takeover from administrative sources.

Tasks realized by the **Demographic Research Centre** within INFOSTAT have a special role. There are tasks of demographic research supporting statistical practice in methodology, information database and model measures on production of demographic prognoses. Particular attention was paid to the problems of population development in regions of the SR, prognoses of labour forces, outputs describing movement population for 2005 and calculation of mortality tables (see more detailed in the chapter Social Statistics and Demographic Research Centre).

## We serve our customers – information via public database SLOVSTAT

In connection to the adopted *Marketing Conception of the SO SR*, ensuring of strategic objective continued, i.e. to satisfy the existing and expected needs of customers to the highest possible extent by approving the **Marketing Strategy and Marketing Plan of the SO SR for 2006**. System for survey of satisfaction of customers with products and services of the SO SR was also developed via form of electronic questionnaire. Particular departments arranged some consultations focused on diffusing knowledges of customers and possibilities of usage of statistical products of the SO SR.

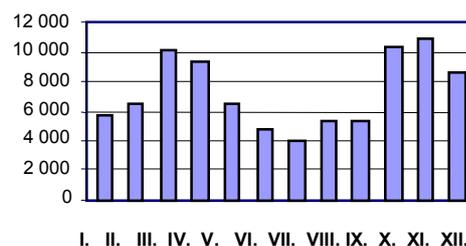
Attention in the area of satisfying the needs of customers of statistical information was aimed at required **product portfolio** and their early providing. From domestic customers, there were especially legislative and executive bodies of state administration, mostly the Ministry of Finance of the SR, the Ministry of Economy of the SR, the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR, the National Bank of Slovakia, the Ministry of Education of the SR and the Ministry of Agriculture of the SR. Elaborated number of pre-defined tables and data files were available for these bodies besides printed products.

Meeting the requests of international and inter-governmental organizations, the member of which the Slovak Republic is, headed mostly towards EUROSTAT, UN ECE, European Commission of ECFIN, OECD, ILO, FAO, IEA and UNSTAT. In this group of customers, requests in fields as national accounts, tourism, transport, SILC, short-term statistics, foreign trade, science and technology, labour market increased considerably in relation to 2005.

The Information service provided continuously miscellaneous statistical information. 3 449 requests were met, mostly from the group of students of universities and faculties, business sphere, science workstations, but also broad public. Requests met by personal visit of customer, information provided by phone are not included in this number.

One of the products of the Office counting among the most frequently sought-after products is the public database **SLOVSTAT**. It was continuously updated and extended by new objects. In 2006, 7 661 users were registered. From particular fields, the most interested were students (3 381), enterprises, associations and corporations (more than 1000), other public (889), science and technology (738) and state administration and municipality (716). The total number of retrievals reached 87,4 thousand, the most of them were related to macro-economic indicators of quarterly national accounts, labor and wage statistics, demographic statistics, prices, incomes and expenditures of households, statistics of industry, organizational statistics and foreign trade.

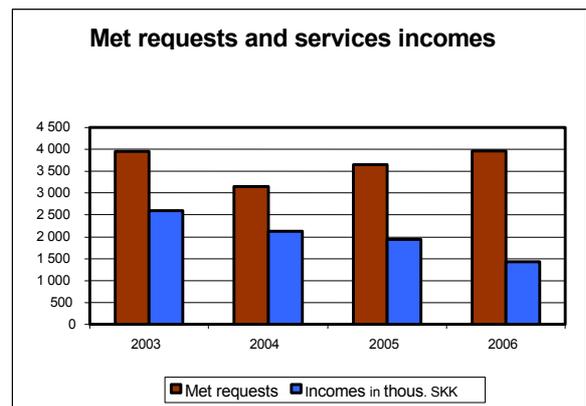
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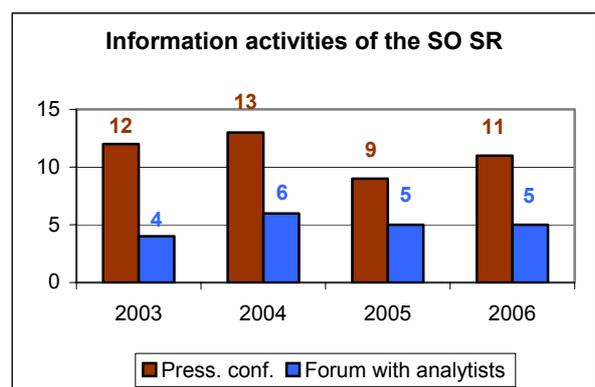
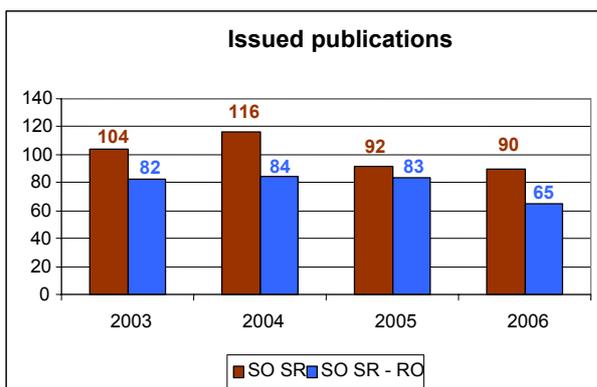
After finishing of the project **REGSTAT**, effort was focused on implementation of **Data Storage of Regional Statistics** – creation of personal and content structure, verification of application and presentation tools as the main assumptions also for the primary dissemination of regional statistics through Internet.

In compliance with the **Catalogue of Publications 2006**, statistical publications were issued continuously both in printed and electronic form. 90 titles at the headquarters and 65 at regional offices were released. Within implementation of the *Development Strategy of the SO SR in 2007*, the Office created 15 new products and innovated 18 products. Compared to the previous year, it was by 6 respectively by 7 more products. From new publications, we can mention *Statistical Yearbook of regions of Slovakia 2006*, which provides a lot of needed information on state and development of economy and society in regional dimension. There are further e.g. publication of *EU SILC 2005 – Survey on incomes and living conditions in households, Slovakia and EU – Labour Market, Farm Structural Census 2005*. Except publications, new products are e.g. information reports, where calculation GNP for 2002 – 2005 are reported, *Report on deficit and debt* submitted to the European Commission. Innovated products are e.g. data dissemination from foreign trade on import and export by the most significant improters and exporters, from labour market on job vacancies. In 2006, interest of users continued particularly in publications of comprehensive character, prices, publications concerning living standard and social statistics.

Since October 2006, the Office provided a new service, when it became involved in the grant project of EUROSTAT on support of users in working with European statistical data, i. e. **European Statistical Data Support – ESDS**. In this connection, the European Statistical Data Support Centre in the SR was set up. The Centre provides assistance in data retrievals relating to European statistics in EUROSTAT databases, publications, as well as in methodical questions.



In the course of 2006, 16 **presentation events** took part, of which 11 press conferences for journalists and 5 conferences for bank and financial analysts. These events were concentrated on current statistical issues and information on various fields, e.g.: GDP revision, GDP results for quarters, presentation of results of surveys in households in Slovakia EU SILC; in cooperation with Demographic Research Centre, press conference on demographic development for the past year took part. Experts are informed also about new data sources and their usage at work in these conferences.

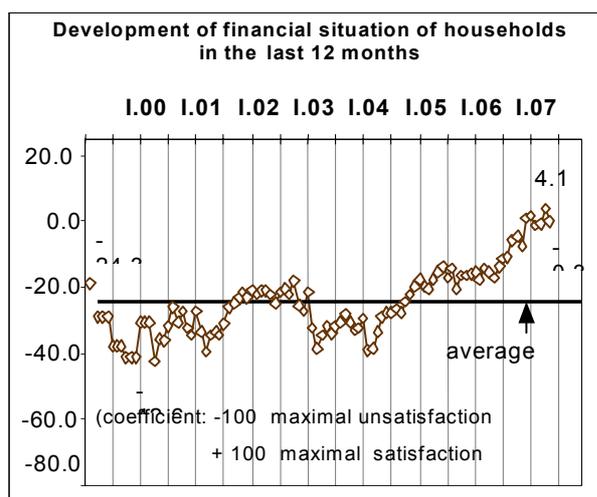


Within professional monitoring and evaluation of **news and articles in printed and electronic media**, 1543 news and articles using or referring to data of the SO SR were published in 2006. Compared to the past year, it was by 149 news and articles more. From the total number, 19 news and articles were negative. These relates mostly to minicipal elections due to technical problems with the Office's server.

## We monitor opinions of citizens – we publish periodicals **Opinions and Slovak Statistics and Demography**

The centre of attention of the Institute for Public Opinion Research (IPOR) were particularly social and economic problems during the year 2006. The Institute in 23 research projects focused on monitoring of opinion spectrum of adult population on social and economic problems of Slovak society.

In internationally coordinated project **Consumer Barometer**, inhabitants of Slovakia evaluated trends of economy of the SR and financial situation in household (breakdown on development in graph). The main user of acquired data was the Directorate General of Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission and the National Bank of Slovakia.



Within the Program of State Statistical Surveys, IPOR realized quarterly surveys focused on short-term and long-term domestic and foreign **holidays and business trips**.

The object of research **Hidden economy in informal sector** carried out yearly were undocumented purchases of goods and services, their range, as well as population's expenditures.

**Prevalence of using legal and non-legal drugs in Slovakia** in optic of young of the SR, young in Bratislava and adult population of the SR was already surveyed seventime in 2006. IPOR cooperates with the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addictions and the General secretary of ministries committee for drug addictions and drug control in this survey having two-year periodicity.

The survey on preparedness of the Slovak enterprises to **adoption of common currency euro** as well as research on development of **credibility of Police Force** among inhabitants of the SR were customer-oriented. Attention was paid also to survey on opinion of **protection of confidential data**.

IPOR aimed at marketing publication of the **information bulletin Opinions**, which gives a space quarterly for publishing the results of regular public opinion polls on topical issues of social and economic development of Slovak society. In 17<sup>th</sup> issue of the bulletin, problems of unemployment, introduction of common currency Euro in Slovakia, investment plans of households, as well as elections to the National Council of the SR and municipality elections were presented.

2006 was the 16<sup>th</sup> year of issuing the periodical **Slovak Statistics and Demography**, which is issued in the group of scientific periodicals. The Edition Council of the periodical exercised more strict criteria and selection of reports for publication in the periodical.

The periodical *Slovak statistics and demography* presents expert articles, overviews, analytic studies, and other reports from the field of statistics and its various areas. Articles and discussion contributions, opinions and polemics from demographic area are presented regularly in the periodical. Articles, in which research projects of the Institute for Public Opinion Research at the SO SR are presented, have a special space. The editors obtain reports for publication in the periodical not only from employees of the SO SR, but also from authors of various universities and scientific workplaces in Slovakia.

## International activities

The main international activities of the SO SR were connected with participations in activities of the European Statistical System (ESS) that focused mostly on **increase credibility and improve the quality of official statistics** in the past year. For this purpose, the European Commission, i.e. *European Statistics Code of Practice* aimed at providing high-quality statistical data according to particular EU standards. Implementation of the Code in conditions of national statistical system was therefore one of the priority task of the Office in the past year. In February 2006, the SO SR arranged to this issue an introductory workshop with participation of the Deputy General Director of Eurostat M.Bohatá.



The aim of the workshop was to present the Code not only to employees of the Office, but also to representatives of other departments representing the national statistical system of the SR and win them for implementation of the Code over.

Together with other national statistical institutions, the SO SR involved also into further phase of the Code implementation that lied in a process of self-evaluation of independence and integrity of statistics in the form of filling of European harmonised questionnaire and external evaluation in the form of Peer Review will follow up in future.

Comprehensive project of the World Bank under name **Statistical Capacity Master Plan** was concentrated on evaluation and improving the quality of national statistical system. Final document presented also at the final workshop in September 2006 analyses weak and strong points of the national statistical system, formulates recommendations for elimination of existing failings and drafts an orientation of further development of the Slovak statistical system.

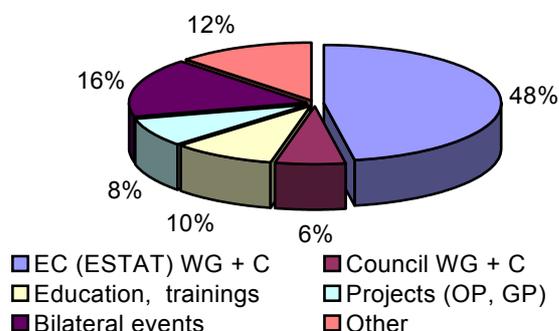
One of the significant events of the past year was sure **a visit of the highest representatives of EUROSTAT** – the Director-General H. Carré and its Deputy M. Bohatá held on invitation of the President of the SO SR 22 – 23 November 2006. The aim was particularly to familiarize a new Director-General with position, mission, and organizational chart of the Office and to discuss current tasks and problems faced by the European statistics.



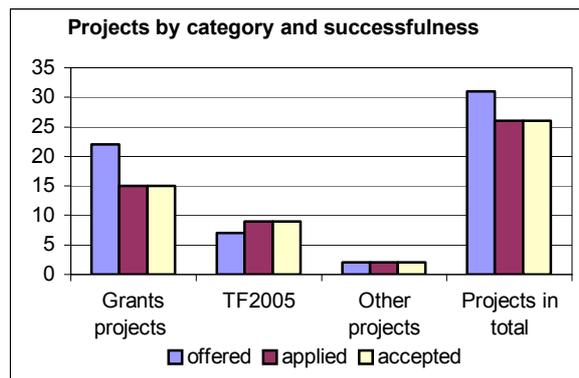
The SO SR was actively involved into development of statistical methods, preparation and approving the **European statistical legislation**. In 2006, 4 new European Parliament and Council regulations were approved for transport statistics,

fishing statistics, harmonised consumer prices index and classification of economic activities NACE, but also many others were developed to final phase. In order to ensure active participation of experts of the Office in the approval process of the EU statistical legislation, the Office paid particular attention to consistent monitoring and submitting of consistence opinions. Internal *Methodical Instruction of the President of the SO SR on procedure in approval process of legal acts of the European Communities in the field of statistics* was draw up and issued. In connection with international activities, employees of the SO SR took part in 2006 at 264 events abroad, i.e. toally 347 individual participations.

**Participation in events abroad**



One of the significant forms of participation of the SO SR in international activities were **projects and grants** focusing particularly on application of the European statistical legislation into the national statistical system. In the first quarter of 2006, Multi-beneficiary Program PHARE 2003 continued, 13 projects aimed at data collection were implemented. Since January, implementation of 26 projects comprising multilateral program of the Transition Facility Fund 2004, which implementation period end 31 December 2007, began. Besides, 47 standard grant projects were implemented.



Participation in various projects requires increased personal capacities, but since these activities are supported financially from EU resources, it poses considerable extra-budgetary incomes for the SO SR. Therefore the Office puts a great effort to receive as much as possible projects and grants. During 2006, the European Commission offered totally 31 various types of projects, which will be implemented in the next year. The SO SR applied for 26 projects and also received all, i.e. 100 % successfullness.

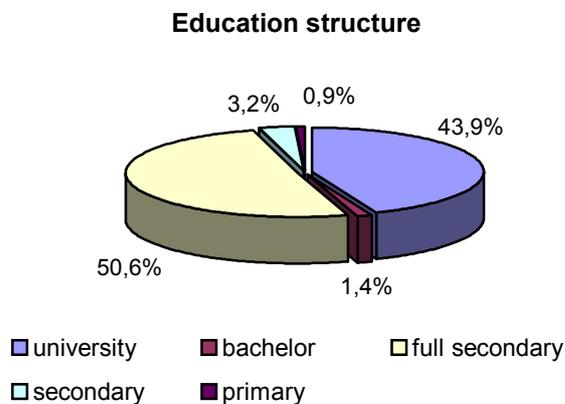
The SO SR became gradually from a long-time beneficiary of **external assistance** a provider of assistance. During 2006, the Office provides technical assistance in the form of many professional consultations, i.e. State Institute of Statistics in Turkey (in the field of statistics of construction permissions, indices of construction production and price indices in construction), General Statistics Office of Vietnam (national statistical system), Statistical Office of Serbia (energy statistics) and Agency of Statistics of the Republic of Kazakhstan (creation of the system of metadata). The Office was introduced into consortium together with the statistical offices of Germany, Denmark, Sweden and the CR that will implement the project of creation the statistical system in Tajikistan in 2007 – 2012.

# Human resources

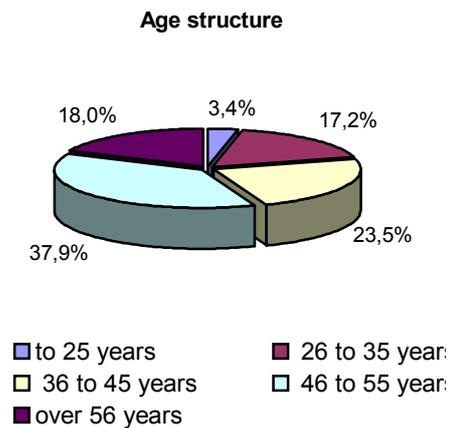
Number of employees of the SO SR did not change considerably. **Average registered recalculated number of employees** in 2006 was 1096, of which 954 were employed as civil servants and 142 employees on employment contract. It has no come to change in planned number of jobs at the Office. (1130, ov which 980 were civil servant posts and 150 jobs). To the 31 December 2006, 96 % of jobs in the Office were occupied. The Personnel Office conducted 24 **public competitions** to occupy vacant civil servant posts, of which 20 public competitions were successful and 4 unsuccessful. 3 public competitions were announced for the jobs of heads and these jobs were occupied on the base of their results.

Both **education and age structure** of employees of the Office to the 31 December 2006 are depicted in the following graphs.

Education structure



Age structure



79,8 % of women and 20,2 % of men worked at the SO SR. From the total number of 126 heads, 67,5 % were women and 32,5 % men.

According to the Act on Civil Service and decision of management of the Office, **evaluation of employees** was executed for the period of the year 2006 in order to obtain information and to provide feedback on working performance of employees. 1030 employees were evaluated in total.

The Personnel Office provided **education** of employees according to the *Education Plan for 2006* and on the base of current needs of particular sections. Considerable part of education activities was carried out in cooperation with INFOSTAT and the Slovak University of Technology on the base of projects co-financed from the European Social Fund.

Professional education was focused mostly on **managerial** education and **specialized** education for civil servants in the sector of state statistics, where attention was paid to questions of quality management, management of human resources and finances in public administration, as well as needs to develop operational and marketing management and project management. Professional education of statisticians was aimed at support and introduction of modern statistical methods with the stress on methodology of production of statistical indicators in the context of European statistics, with the aim to improve professionalism and efficiency of performed work. Professional education included also specialized informatics education, education in legal, financial, wage and tax area, in the area of working and legal relations, public procurement and others. **Internal** education activities were organised by particular sections, regional offices, departments and were concentrated on current needs of performance of professional activity. Part of professional education was also posting of selected employees of the SO SR to training events abroad. These employees took part mostly in training events within the **European Statistical Training Program (ESTP)**. 1217 employees took part in professional education, of which 93 took part in education abroad.

In the field of **ICT**, employees attended trainings for improving knowledges in MS Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access, which were important for realization of the **ECDL program**, where more than 200 employees were trained within e-learning. To the 31 December 2006, 171 employees acquired Certificate Start and 63 employees Certificate ECDL. In this field, the SO SR count among active central bodies of state administration, which began with training and testing in the ECDL program in advance. For needs of regional offices, 15 trainings in the field of ICT for statisticians were realized in the form of supplies, 299 employees took part in total. 836 employees took part in ICT trainings in total.

**Language preparation** continued in English and France language in various advanced levels and 348 employees attended it.

Volume of financial resources spent for education of employees in 2006 had growing trend and increased by 59 % totally in relation to 2005.

The **library** of the Office extended also services, either towards employees of the Office or also towards external visitors. The library recorded 5565 borrowings realized by 3145 readers. The library fund increased by 336 books and by 98 periodicals (new titles). The total increase of books and periodicals was by 1129 pieces, i.e. 700 thousand SKK in financial statement.

## Information sources and information and communication technologies

In 2006, in development of information and communication technologies (ICT), main activities were focused on realization of action programs for meeting the strategic goal in the field of informatization within the *Development Strategy of the SO SR to 2007*: "to ensure the level and safety of ICT corresponding with the real needs of the main activities of the institution and its management systems with the aim to increase efficiency of processes and availability of data and products".

In 2006, considerable part of capacity of informatics departments was used for technological support of projects implemented particularly from the European Union resources and providing of automated processing of results of elections to the National Council of the SR and the bodies of municipal self-governments.

The SO SR was evaluated very positive also in the field of ensuring technical inter-operability by using new technological standards of providing and exchange of statistical data with international institutions (EUROSTAT, OECD, MMF).

## Financial results

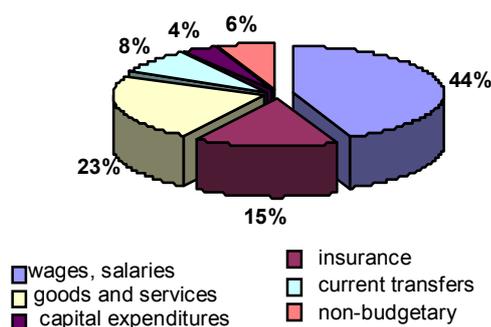
Expenditures in the amount of SKK 558 309 thousand (including expenditures on elections to the NC SR and the bodies of municipal self-governments) were approved for the chapter of the SO SR by the Act No 655/2006 Coll. on state budget for 2006. Approved budget was adjusted by nine budgetary measures during the year to SKK 561 925 thous. From approved budgetary resources were bounded SKK 8 082 thous. totally, of which SKK 7 032 thous. in accord with government decision of the SR No 686 of 9 August 2006. It came to increase of the budget in the amount of SKK 10 146 thous. in connection with increase of (valorization) of wage tariffs. Another increase by SKK 1500 was on the SO SR request for financing of expenditures on survey on incomes and living conditions of households.

The nonfiscal **income** for the chapter of the SO SR was SKK 9 500 thous.. The real income was SKK 48 366 thous., including nonfiscal income SKK 11 330 thous. and income of external grants SKK 37 036 thous.. The nonfiscal income is mostly from renting of rooms of the SO SR, sale of statistical data and transfer of account balance of additional financing of program. External grants from the European Commission represented by EUROSTAT were awarded to the SO SR in order to introduce new surveys, methodological tools in compliance with the European legislation in the field of statistics and to improve the quality of statistical information.

Budgetary expenditures approved for 2006 were spent on 100 %. Considerable part of expenditures (68,9 %) comprised expenditures on wages and salaries, payments to health insurance companies and 8 % contribution to the contributory organization INFOSTAT set for implementation of research tasks for the SO SR. Other expenditures were spent particularly on special statistical surveys (household accounts, total labour costs) in the amount of SKK 9 366 thous., printing of statistical questionnaires and regulations SKK 2 301 thous., projecting programming and processing of statistical information SKK 5 001 thous., operation costs (energy, protection of objects, telecommunication

services) SKK 26 258 thous., travel compensations SKK 5 965 thous. and thechnical support of ICT and maintenance of computer technology SKK 13 614 thous.

Spending of expenditures for 2006

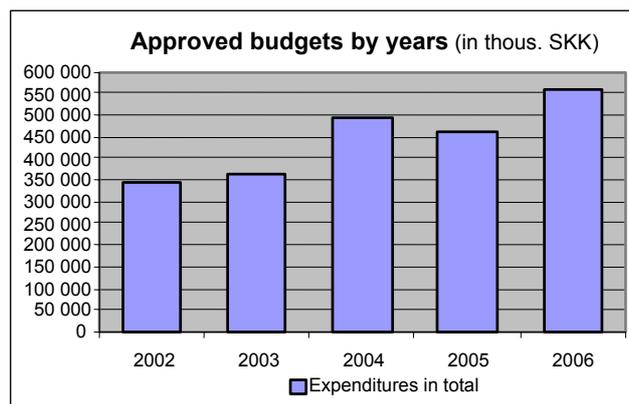


SKK 746 thous. were spent on professional trainings, including SKK 239 thous. on trainings in ICT, and SKK 263 thous. on language courses and SKK 244 thous. on short-term professional trainings and workshops from expenditures for education.

Financial resources for processing of election results to the National Council of the SR and the bodies of municipal self-governments in the amount of SKK 42 230 thous. were spent on goods and services, mostly on material provision of expert (summarizing) units (paper, spare parts, toners), telecommunication services, technical support of computer systems and maintenance of equipment. Other resources in the amount of SKK 10 535 thous. were transferred to INFOSTAT for supply of services relating to preparation and processing of election results.

Non-budgetary financial resources that the SO SR received from external sources were spent for financing of new surveys in the field of statistics in compliance with the European legislation, especially on payments of contracts of interviewers in statistics of incomes and living conditions (EU-SILC), collection of questionnaire of Farm Structural Survey, program equipment, information campaigns, printing of questionnaires, material provision, foreign business trips and labour costs.

In 2006, capital expenditures in the amount of SKK 25 000 thous. were approved for the SO SR, of which SKK 15 000 thous on elections to the National Council of the SR. Extent of capital expenditures was adjusted by budgetary measures to SKK 21 650 thous.. Decrease of capital expenditures by SKK 3 350 thous. was due to binding of expenditures in the amount of SKK 1 500 thous. and transfer of current expenditures in the amount of SKK 1 850 thous.. Capital expenditures were spent really in the amount of SKK 21 632 thous. Capital expenditures (except the elections to the NC SR) were spent on purchase of motor vehicles, thermal insulation and reconstruction of frontages of buildings of regional offices, purchase of air-conditioner, security system, finishing of electrical distributions.



Capital expenditures for elections to the NC SR were spent in the amount of SKK 14 984 thous. on their technical provision, particularly on purchase of personal computers, servers, printing machines, notebooks, photocopiers and cutting machines.

	Approved budget 2006	Adjusted budget 2006	Reality to 31.12.2006	Difference 3 - 2
	1	2	3	4
<b>Expenditures in total (in thous. SKK)</b>	<b>558 309</b>	<b>561 925</b>	<b>561 800</b>	<b>-125</b>
<b>of which:</b>				
wages, salaries,	254 861	261 809	261 806	-3
Insurance, benefits	89 074	91 512	91 350	-162
goods and services	139 021	137 660	137 431	-229
current transfers	50 353	49 294	49 581	+ 287
<b>of which:</b>				
PO - INFOSTAT	49 736	48 677	48 677	0
capital expenditures	25 000	21 650	21 632	-18
non-budgetary expenditures	0	0	37 042	+ 37 042
<b>Expenditures in total including non-budgetary (in thous. SKK)</b>	<b>558 309</b>	<b>561 925</b>	<b>598 842</b>	<b>+ 36 917</b>

## Priorities for the year 2007

In the field of **methodology**, priority task will be issuing the national statistical classification of economic activities fully harmonized with the European classification NACE Rev.2 and implementation of new classification to statistical registres. Effort of the Methodology and Informatics Section will be focused also on ensuring data sources needed for supplementing of registers on new types of statistical units - groups of enterprises, i.e. harmonization of registers with new EP and Council Regulation will be achieved. Further priorities are ensuring of product portfolio for domestic and foreign customers, extension of functional tools of application programme equipment of Automated Information System - sub-system for administration of meta-data (AŠIS-METIS) in terms of production and presentation of updated meta-data in the environment of intranet and internet. Sub-system for administration of statistical registers (AŠIS-REGIS) will be increased by tools enabling two-digit coding of statistical units by former and new classification of economic activities. In relation to users, priorities will be concentrated on providing current data availability in databases of SLOVSTAT, REGSTAT and in new portal of the SO SR.

Priority task in compilation of **national accounts** will be incorporation of new methodology of accrualization in the whole time series of national accounts. Further it will be necessary to focus on updating of all agreements, on the base of which administrators of administrative data sources provides data of the SO SR and subsequent incorporation of changes into meta-system. Particularly demanding will be conversion of sending program by prepared amendment of the EP and Council Regulation No 2223/96 on data transmission of national accounts required in many cases in markedly shortened terms.

**Price** statistics will focus mostly on introduction of survey on market services prices, on implementation of NACE Rev. 2 in price statistics and preparation of specific deflators for application of chaining procedure in converting of data of national accounts to comparable prices.

Key tasks in the Department of External Trade Statistics will be ensuring of survey directly measured prices of foreign trade, putting the automated system of processing of Intrastat and Extrastat into routine operation.

In the field of **dissemination of statistical data** and satisfaction of customer needs, priorities are defined in the *Marketing Plan for 2007*. Priority aim is also to make available data to more general group of users via new Internet portal of the Office. Centre of works in publication activity will lie in issuing of publication with added value by application of analytic and presentation tools

In the field of **economic statistics**, effort will be focused on improving the quality of transmission of time series of short-term indicators in terms of increasing of data adjustment on number of working days in trade and services, on evaluation of quality of short-term indicators in accord with Action plan of EUROSTAT, on survey of contribution of STS regulation for users of short-term statistics and on updating of methodical questionnaire National Sources.

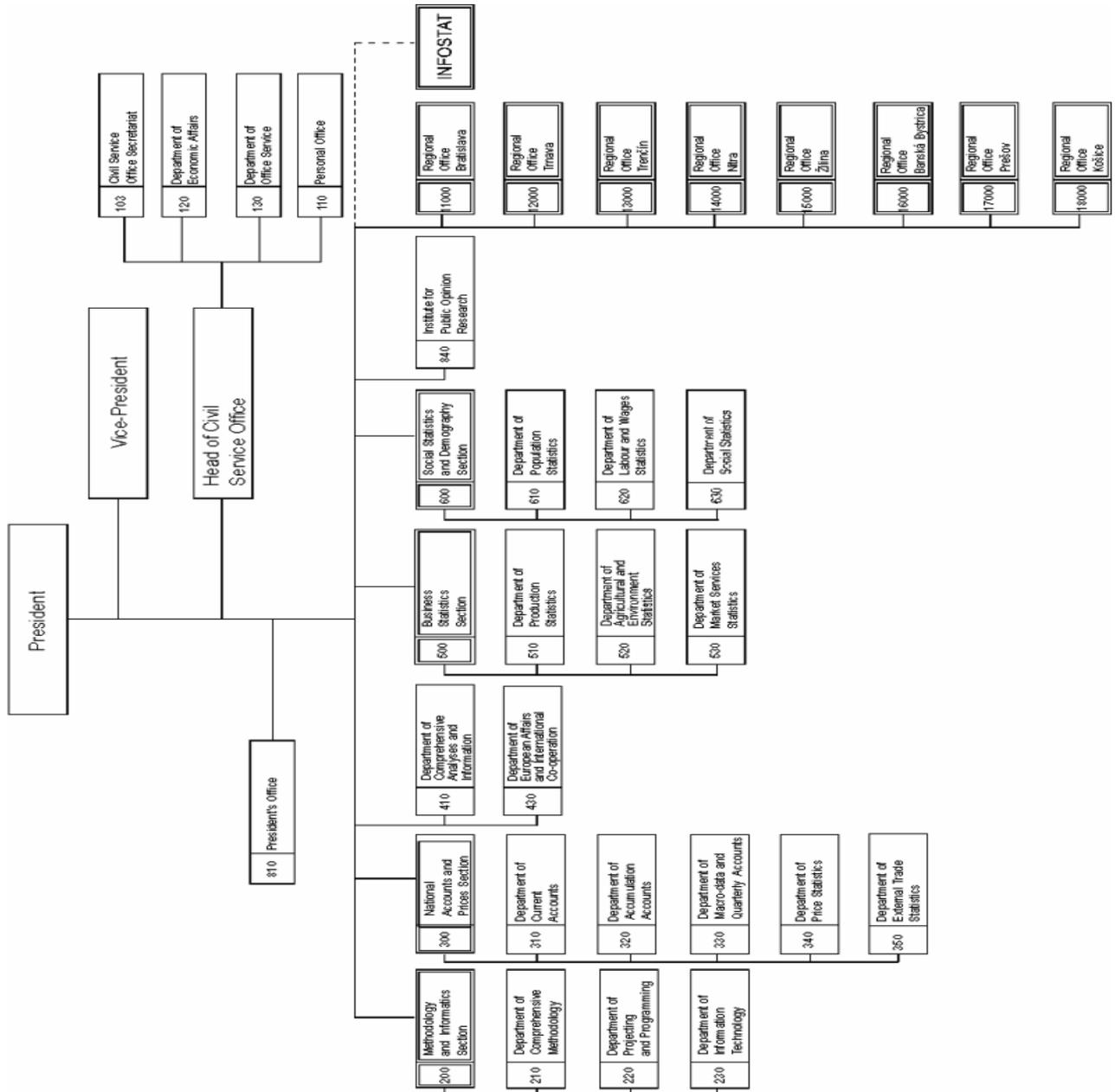
In **structural statistics**, key works will be concentrated on finalizing of survey in the field of statistics of internal and external foreign affiliations and on implementation of new version of classification NACE 2007. Priority will be also Farm Structural Survey 2007, statistical survey on orchards 2007, as well as finishing of project activities developed in 2006 (PRODCOM, CHD – Careers of Doctorate Holders, Indicators of energy efficiency, Innovations).

Activity of the **Demography and Social Statistics** Section will be focused primarily on realization of further phase of survey on incomes and living conditions in households (EU SILC) and on legislative preparation of the Census of Population and Housing in 2011. The main tasks will be also ensuring of quarterly statistical data on labour forces (LFSS), including results of additional survey on accidents at work and work-related health problems. Publication of data on average monthly wage, wage structure and wage differences of employees and total costs of employers on labour forces, finishing of works on surveys on continuing vocational training in enterprises (CVTS3) and on Adult Education Survey (AES) including providing of key data files to the most significant users. Ending of the project *Usage of administrative data* will be important for strengthening and improving the statistical information system.

Within the **customer orientation**, the Institute for Public Opinion Research in 2007 will focused on improving the quality of the system of providing results of surveys to public. Range of provided information will be increased via Internet website of the SO SR.

In 2007, all activities related to **euro adoption** in the Slovak Republic will continue in the SO SR.

# Organizational structure



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