

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Sources and definitions

Up to 1999, data came from independent branch enterprise surveys (agriculture, industry, construction, distributive trade, selected market services, transport, telecommunications, R&D). The exact names of surveys were the same in all branch statistics, for example:

Annual enterprise inquiry in industry; Annual enterprise inquiry in construction; etc.;

Data related to enterprises with fewer than 20 employees have not been included.

The reporting unit is the enterprise, which fills in data also for establishments.

The reference period is the calendar year.

Variables

Production corresponds to the values of shipments of goods and services, the receipts for industrial work done or industrial services rendered to others, the sales of goods shipped in the same condition as received (resales), the net change in stocks of finished products manufactured by the unit, the net change in stocks of work in progress manufactured by the unit, and in stocks of goods purchased for resale in the same condition as received, the value of electricity sold, the sales of products manufactured by subcontractors, the value of capital assets manufactured for own use and the receipts for non-industrial services. Production is valued at producers' prices.

Value added is expressed at factor cost is gross output minus intermediate consumption. It corresponds to turnover, plus the net change in stocks of finished goods, minus total purchases of goods and services, plus capitalised production, plus other operating income. It excludes duties and taxes linked to production as well as other taxes on products which are linked to turnover but are not deductible.

The definition of **investment**, or acquisition of tangible fixed assets, is compatible with the Eurostat definition of Council Regulation 58/97. It includes purchase of new fixed assets, purchase of used fixed assets, fixed assets produced by the unit for its own use, fixed assets produced for rental and leasing, improvements, repairs and renovations on fixed assets carried out by the establishment and by third parties, but sales of fixed assets are not included in acquisition of tangible fixed assets. In fixed assets are comprised the following: land for the establishment's business; buildings linked directly or indirectly to the production process; site preparation and other construction work; land which is not used for the establishment's business; machinery and other plant which are used by the establishment for its own purposes; additions, alterations, improvements and renovations which prolong more than one year the service life or increase productive capacity of capital goods; and current maintenance costs.

Employment, employees includes all salaried employees who work for an enterprise and receive compensation. It includes part-time and seasonal workers, apprentices and persons on training contracts, home workers receiving compensation, persons who work outside the unit, who belong to it and are paid by it, persons on short term leave, working partners who draw regular earnings and persons carrying out repair or maintenance work in the unit on behalf of other units. It also includes working proprietors, directors of incorporated enterprises and members of management boards if they are on the payroll of the

enterprise and persons on short term leave and persons on strike. Data are given in the form of average number of employees, in physical persons: they are not converted to full time equivalent (FTE).

Wages and salaries, employees refer to wages and salaries paid to employees in cash or in kind in return for work done during the reference year and wages paid to manual workers, including overtime and night work cash payments. Are included gratuities, tips, severance payments, workplace and performance bonuses, ex gratia payments, thirteenth month pay, seniority, attendance, incentive and productivity bonuses, payments for day off, such as leave, holidays.

Composition of the ICT sector

The ICT sector is in line with the OECD definition (see the concordance table, NACE column).