

**SLOVAKIA (2017-2019)**

**THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR**

**Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention**

<b>REPORTING</b>	<b>Fulfillment of Government's reporting obligations</b>	Yes.	
	<b>Involvement of Employers' and Workers' organizations in the reporting process</b>	<p><b>2019 AR:</b> The report was sent to the Republic Union of Employers, the Federation of Employers' Associations of the Slovak Republic, the Association of Industrial Relations, and the Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic. The National Labour Inspectorate was also consulted.</p> <p><b>2018 AR:</b> The questionnaire was submitted to the Republic Union of Employers, the Federation of Employers' Associations of the Slovak Republic, the Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic after being sent to the ILO. The National Labour Inspectorate was consulted, as it is the authority which is supposed to monitor compliance with labour law provisions.</p> <p><b>2017 AR:</b> No.</p>	
<b>OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS</b>	<b>Employers' organizations</b>	No.	
	<b>Workers' organizations</b>	No.	
<b>EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Ratification status</b>	Slovakia has not yet ratified the Protocol of 2014 (P029) to the Forced Labour Convention.
		<b>Ratification intention</b>	<p><b>2019 AR:</b> The Protocol is likely to be ratified.</p> <p><b>2018 AR:</b> Crucial legislative changes are currently being drafted and implemented and, after these are drafted and adopted, the Slovak Republic will turn towards the Protocol. The Protocol is likely to be ratified.</p> <p><b>2017 AR:</b> The protocol is likely to be ratified.</p>
	<b>Existence of a policy and / or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour</b>	<p><b>2019 AR:</b> There is the National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons for the period of 2019 – 2023 containing measures for victim care, education and awareness-raising.</p> <p><b>2017-2018 ARs:</b> There is the National Action Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons for the period of 2015–2018 containing measures for victim care, education and awareness-raising.</p>	
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action</b>	<p><b>2018-2019 ARs:</b> There is an anti-forced labour policy within the EU and its member states, which is followed by the Slovak Republic as well, and the Government also cooperates with selected countries in the field of prevention of forced marriages.</p> <p><b>2017 AR:</b> No measures have been taken or envisaged.</p>	
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to prevent forms of forced labour</b>	<b>2017-2019 ARs:</b> No measures have been taken or envisaged.	
	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour</b>	<b>2017-2019 ARs:</b> No measures have been taken or envisaged.	

	<b>Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies</b>	<b>2017-2018 ARs:</b> No measures have been taken or envisaged. Victims 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 2015–2018. Forced labour as such is not present in the country according to the findings of the National Labour Inspectorate.	
	<b>Non-prosecution of victims for unlawful acts that they would have been forced to carry out</b>		
	<b>Cooperation with other Member States, international / regional organizations or NGOs</b>	<p><b>2018-2019 ARs:</b> The Government cooperates with other member States as well as with international, regional and non-governmental organizations.</p> <p><b>2017 AR:</b> There is an anti-forced labour policy within the EU and its member states, which is followed by the Slovak Republic as well. The Slovak Republic also cooperates with selected countries in the field of prevention of forced marriages.</p>	
	<b>Promotional activities</b>		
	<b>Special initiatives/Progress</b>		
<b>CHALLENGES IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL</b>	<b>According to the social partners</b>	<b>Employers' organizations</b>	
		<b>Workers' organizations</b>	
	<b>According to the Government</b>	<b>2017-2019 ARs:</b> Forced labour as such is not present in the country according to the findings of the National Labour Inspectorate.	
<b>TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS</b>	<b>Request</b>	<p><b>2019 AR:</b> The Government requires ILO technical cooperation in the following areas: a) Awareness-raising and mobilization activities; b) Guidance on the development of the national policy and plan of action; c) Capacity building for the competent authorities; d) Capacity building for employers' and workers' organizations; e) Promotion of freedom of association and collective bargaining to enable at-risk workers to join workers' organizations; and f) Exchange of experiences between countries or regions, international cooperation.</p> <p><b>2018 AR:</b> The Government requires ILO technical cooperation in the following areas: most important: a) Guidance on the development of the national policy and plan of action; b) Capacity building for employers' and workers' organizations; c) Promotion of freedom of association and collective bargaining to enable at-risk workers to join workers' organizations. Important: a) Awareness- raising and mobilization activities; b) Strengthening the legal framework; c) Inter-institutional coordination; d) Promotion of fair recruitment and placement practices; e) Promotion of fair migration policies; f) Vocational training, job-creation and income-generation programmes for at-risk populations; g) Guidance on supporting due diligence; and h) Basic social security guarantees.</p> <p><b>2017 AR:</b> The Government does not require ILO technical assistance.</p>	
		<b>Offer</b>	