





Introduction

The year 2007 was a demanding year for the Statistical Office and for employees and brought a number of new tasks and also new projects. The Office management put great emphasis on creation of appropriate system conditions to achieve required results of the institution, but also on realization of the specific activities, which led to meeting requirements of significant customers at national and international level, to satisfaction of needs of the Slovak community and to coverage of constantly growing interest of wide public in statistical information. These works were performed under conditions of limited financial and human resources.

The Statistical Office continued to develop the quality management system implemented according to international standards ISO 9001:2000, but it mostly concentrated on finish of realization of the Development Strategy of the SO SR to 2007, on further development of value-added and supporting managerial and source processes and on their better understanding through monitoring of key efficiency indicators.

The supervisory audit performed by the classification society Bureau Veritas Certification that confirmed the validity of the certificate awarded to the Statistical Office in 2006 also confirmed a harmonization of the quality management system as a whole with the requirements of ISO 9001:2000 in November 2007.



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Principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice continued to be implemented in works and procedures of collection, processing, analysis, and presentation and in data dissemination in last year. The team of external experts of the ESS (European Statistical System) conducted verification of a current state of the implementation and came to the conclusion that the Statistical Office is professionally and good functioning efficient institution. Positive evaluation confirmed correctness of the Statistical Office approach, increase of confidence in the SO SR as an institution and also credibility and increase of quality of the statistical products that are produced and provided.

One of the key long-lasting objectives of the new management of the Statistical Office of the SR was optimization of national statistics. There is needed particularly revision of reporting system with the concentration on decrease in response burden as well as on the process of decrease in costs of statistical surveys in the first phase.

Optimization of reporting system became one of the priority objectives fully in compliance with decisions adopted by the government of the SR in the Agenda of better regulation in the Slovak Republic and in the Action programme on decrease of administrative burden in business in the SR 2007 – 2012. First steps were elimination of duplicity in surveys and re-evaluation of range of monitored indicators, decrease of periodicity in surveys, simplification of the form of statistical data submission as well as search of possibility to substitute required statistical indicators by data from administrative sources (the project *Use of administrative sources for enhancement and improvement of the statistical information system* for integration of relevant data into the statistical information system).

The Office **intensified works related to prepared entrance of the SR to Eurozone** in the last year. We have begun to set technical projects in order to ensure automated projects of data in individual statistical databases. The direction on conversion of data from the Slovak koruna to euro was issued for needs of the national statistical system. We prepared methodological instruction to the survey on prices in shorter (decadal) periodicity in order to obtain information about price development of select-

ed goods and services. We also met tasks on realization of regular public opinion pools on euro adoption resulting from the National Euro Changeover Plan.

The Office dealt successfully with works in the field of **national accounts statistics**. The final sectoral accounts on 2004, preliminary ones for 2005 and an estimate for 2006 were compiled in 2007. Preliminary version of annual accounts for 2006 including new methodology of accrualization in complete time series of national accounts was compiled. The revision of time series of quarterly data (from the 1st quarter of 1995 to the 2nd quarter of 2007), which new European legislation and also indicators from regional accounts (in the period of 1995 – 2005) were completely reflected in, was realized. The preliminary quarterly national accounts (for 4th quarter of 2006 and 1st – 3rd quarter of 2007) were also compiled and two grant tasks related to the purchasing power parity and improvement of quarterly accounts were finished.

Conditions for regular compilation and transmission of data sets on internal and external foreign affiliations were created in coordination with Eurostat in **business statistics**. Organization of the second data survey on receipts in the structure of transition classification of economic activities was a basis for possibilities to calculate and to assign the main economic activity according to new classification NACE Rev. 2 to enterprises included into annual business surveys. Currently, a framework on compilation of converting coefficients matrix was created to recalculate time series of short-term and annual indicators.

The **census of population and housing** is one of the most comprehensive statistical surveys with the long-lasting tradition not only in countries of Europe but also in the whole world. The Statistical Office processed legislative intention of the Act on CPH 2011 that was approved by the Government of the SR. The SO SR gave a base for preparation of significant data source on demographic, cultural, social and economic structure of population in the SR, on development and structure of families and households, on housing and living conditions of population and etc. Approved framework of the Act gives conditions for creation of wide range of data sources to prognosticate the population development and for preparation of measures in national social policy as well as for international comparability of acquired data.

The start of **new Internet portal of the Statistical Office**, which gives an access to complete information about social and economic phenomena in society from one place, meant for the Office a progress also in the field of dissemination and providing of statistical data. Information are created in simple form and synoptically divided into logical entirety to increase efficiency of works of users. The portal also facilitates the feedback from customers through new user functions and meets standards of the updated information system.

Database of **regional statistics RegDat** meant for wide professional and laic public was put into operation. It contains data on development of regions of Slovakia with the possibility to display data via graphs and maps. All the data are available free of charge.

International cooperation and participation in international statistical activities were also the permanent priorities of the Statistical Office in the last year. The Office, as an integral part of the ESS, was actively involved in initiatives that led to development of the ESS, creation of statistical legislation, introduction of new statistical procedures and methods and to increase of comparability and quality of data. The SO SR took part in preparation of new legislative framework for the European statistics and also in further significant activities in terms of the ESS as a whole together with the statistical institutes of other member countries.

Other fields – information and communication technologies, financial management, human resources management and operation management, which support the main activity of the Office, dealt also with a demanding year. Regardless the conditions of limited material and financial sources, employees of the Office performed required tasks professionally and at high level.

The management of the Statistical Office **thanks** all who participated in fulfilment of demanding tasks with responsible access to work and contributed to the fact that the year 2007 was successful for the Office.

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Identification of organization

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Acronym:	SO SR
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Contact:	telephone (operator) 50236 111 Internet http://www.statistics.sk/
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 Republic¹:

- a) develops and publishes the policy of national statistics
- 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 method 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 de-



mographic 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 Republic², bodies of municipal self-governments³ and bodies of regional self-governments⁴, arrangements and processing of results from the presidential election⁵, referendum⁶ and elections to the European Parliament⁷.

¹ Act No. 540/2001 Coll. on State statistics

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

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

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

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

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

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

We continue in development of the integrated management system

Development of the **quality management system according to ISO standards series 9000** continued in 2007. By increase of customer satisfaction, improvement of process approach, development of systematic direction and continuous improvement – the system contributed to increase of confidence in stability of the SO SR competences to meet customer requirements and other interested parties. It contributed significantly to fulfilment of the main strategic objective of the SO SR *to increase systematically value of institution – credibility, efficiency and recognition*.

The **Development Strategy of the SO SR to 2007** within the quality management system supported by the quality policy as well as other policies of the SO SR was fulfilled. The report on its fulfilment assessed achieving the main strategic objective of the institution, i.e. *systematically increase of value of the SO SR*, through partial strategic objective, relevant strategies and specific action programmes measured by defined efficiency indicators.

Attention was also paid in order to **ensure the appropriate process support** to meet objectives of institution. Documented procedures (value-added, supporting managerial and resources), compulsory documentation required by the Standard STN EN ISO 9001:2001 and also fourth issue of the Quality Handbook of the SO SR reflected all necessary changes.

Integration of the **European Statistics Codes of Practice** into the quality management system of the SO SR continued in last year. The level of meeting the objective of the Code, i.e. to *ensure*

the independence, integrity and accountability of the national statistical institutions and Eurostat as well as to increase the credibility and quality of statistics provided, was for the first time verified by external experts from Eurostat and selected national statistical institutes. Based on interviews with the Office management, with employees as well as with other interested parts, experts came to the conclusion that the SO SR is professional and well functioning efficient institution. This positive evaluation confirmed the correctness of the SO SR approach to increase both, confidence in the office oneself and confidence and quality of statistical products provided.



The **level the quality management system** was again verified by internal audits of all processes of the SO SR. The audits except standard objectives verified the perception level of value and cost efficiency, discrepancies on borderlines of individual processes or sub-processes for the first time. Recommendations and suggestions formulated within internal audits created appropriate conditions to improve the system as a whole.

The second **Report on Evaluation of the Quality Management System** reflected the comprehensive evaluation of the system.

The first **supervisory audit performed by the classification society Bureau Veritas Certification** also showed a harmonization of the implemented quality management system as a whole with requirements of the ISO 9001:2000 in November 2007. The classification society also confirmed a validity of the certificate of the Quality Management System according to the Standard ISO 9001:2001 awarded to the SO SR in 2006. The favourable result of supervisory audit pointed out the quality management system creates appropriate conditions to increase satisfaction of customers and other interested parts as well as efficiency increase of the Statistical Office as a whole.



What the last year has brought in methodology

The SO SR issued the Program of State Statistical Surveys 2006 – 2008 (PSSS) according to the Regulation in 2005. The Regulation was amended in cooperation with the responsible bodies for surveys in order to ensure transposition and implementation co-accountability of the SO SR, ministries and other state organizations for undertaking and implementation of regulations, directives and decisions of the European Communities in the field of statistics (The Regulation of the SO SR No. 447/2007 Coll.).

New national statistical surveys resulted from application of the European legislation were also included into the PSSS. The most important national statistical surveys provided by the SO SR included into the PSSS were: Org SP – Survey on groups of enterprises (realization in 2008), Org Zam 2007 – One-off survey on number of employees in enterprises and KPESC 2-52 – Card of the first evidence of consumer prices survey – dual pricing in SKK and EUR (the start of realization from the II. half of 2008).

Some ministries and national organizations asked for new statistical surveys: the Ministry of Education of the SR – Mlad (MŠ SR) 3-01 Report on centres of talented youth and association centres of youth preparation, the Ministry of Economy of the SR – Priem (MŠ SR) 3-01 Annual report of wood processing industry, the Ministry of Agriculture of the SR – Ryby (MP SR) 1-04 Quarterly report on manufacture of products of fishing and aquaculture and the Administration of State Material Reserves of the SR – PPH (SHŠR) 1-52 Weekly report of automotive fuels sellers.

The Ministry of Health of the SR and the Government of the SR asked for exclusion of surveys from PSSS. The MH SR excluded three surveys: ODZ (MZ SR) 10-01 Annual report on activity of motor vehicle park, S (MZ SR) 2-01 Annual report on network of health care providers (ambulatory and pharmaceutical health care providers) and S (MZ SR) 3-01 Annual report on network of medical facilities (bed section) and the Government of the SR excluded one survey – Annual report on residential agglomeration – Roma settlements.

Classifications and registers

Activities realized in 2007 were focused on development of statistical classifications and nomenclatures and on harmonization with the European and international standards:



- ▲ the Regulation of the SO SR No 306/2007 issued the national version of statistical classification by economic activities in accord with the Article 4 of the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No. 1893/2006 (which establish the statistical classifications by economic activities NACE Rev. 2 and which amends the Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 and some regulations (EC) concerning particular fields of statistics)
- ▲ works on draft of basic methodological documents (Basic guidelines and Methodological notes) for the implementation of new classification of activities into the statistical system of the SO SR finished in the first half of 2007;
- ▲ the process of subject matter comments of revised classification of CPA 2008 production within the Operation 2007 continued. Works within the European legislation decision-making process were focused on comments of Slovak version texts of the regulation on CPA 2008 in the second half of 2007;
- ▲ the amended Regulation of the SR No. 571/2006 Coll. was drafted and issues statistical classification of education in cooperation with the ME SR;
- ▲ the Regulation of the SO SR No. 303/2007 Coll. issues the statistical code of countries for national statistics;
- ▲ procedure of comments to new classification proposed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) continued within the works on revision of International classification ISCO 07.

Methodological assistance of the MLSAF SR 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 in the course of 2007.

The main activities of administration of national registers were focused on harmonization with the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No. 1893/2006 that establish the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Rev.2 and amend the Regulation (EEC) No. 3037/90 and some regulations (EC) concerning particular fields of statistics.

Works on implementation of revised classification by economic activities to the statistical organization register along with the routine operation of registers finished in compliance with above-mentioned Regulation No. 1893/2007 in September 2007. The main data source on implementation of new codes to registers of more than 500 000 registered active legal units was data from irregular statistical survey conducted in the period of March – May 2007 at sample of almost 46 000 reporting units. The development of further additional implementation methods and within these methods also test of new functions of electronic system of state registers administration ASIS Regis (Automated statistical information system) focused on calculation of prevailed economic activity by the European method „top down“ and on dual evidence of relevant codes according to new and also original classification continued together with evaluation of required data.



Harmonised data collection on demography of enterprises finished in June 2007 and methodology of data imputation of number of employees in small enterprises within this data collection was applied on the base of administrative data provided by Datacentre for this purpose.

Works within preparation of the implementation of new European Parliament and Council regulation on common framework for business registers for statistical purposes continued in the area of production of national methodology to specify new types of statistical units – groups of enterprises and to prepare statistical survey focused on data acquisition for separating out the groups of enterprises in statistical register continued.

Electronic data collection

The SO SR facilitates to reporting units to submit reports of selected statistical surveys not only in the form of paper but also in the electronic form. The system of electronic data collection is focused on preparation and distribution of statistical forms to reporting units in electronic form through the Office's website, filling up the electronic forms (by using of application programme equipment) in computers in domestic environment of reporting unit and emailing of filled reports to the SO SR.

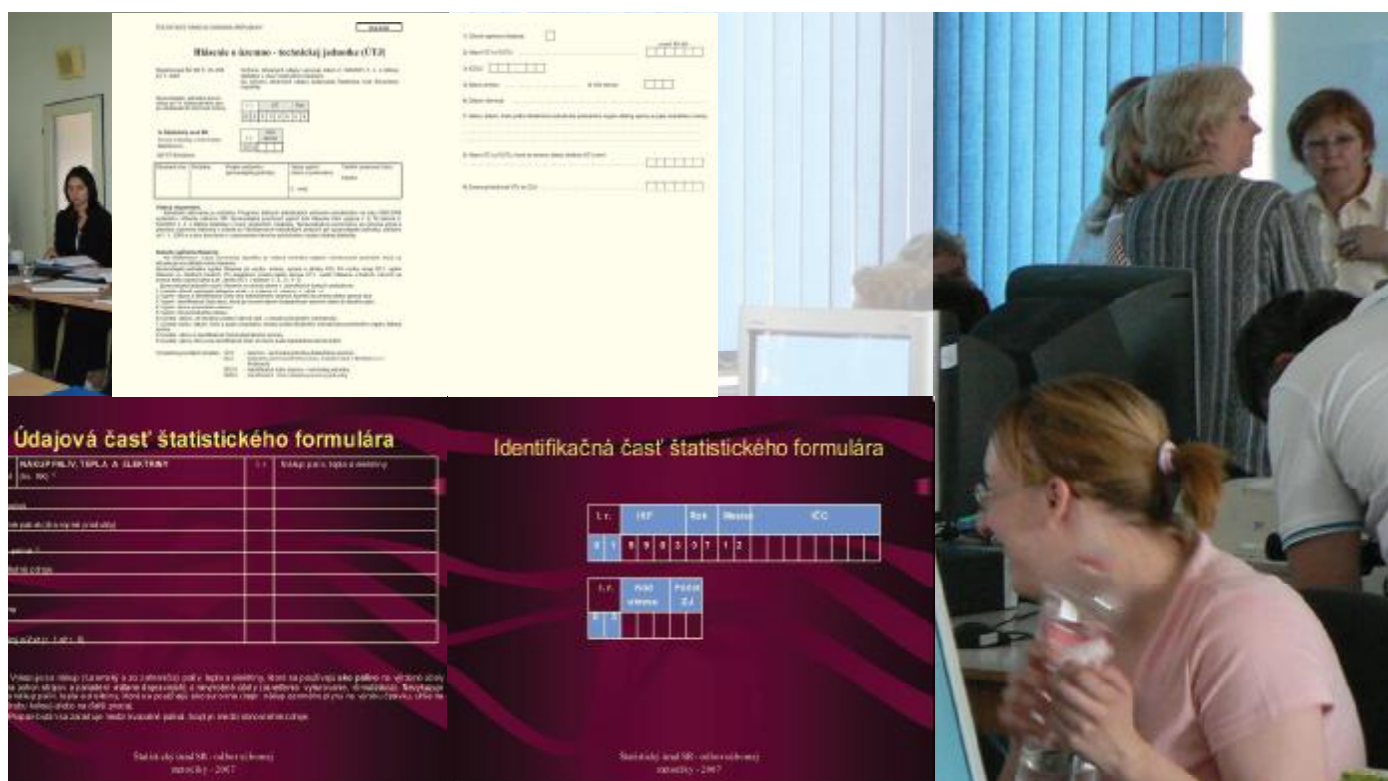
The Statistical Office enabled use of electronic data collection in 13 surveys in 2007. Electronic form of submission of reports in surveys with monthly periodicity related to branches of industry, trade, agriculture, construction, transport, communications, energy, selected market services and tourism. Reporting units from insurance, finance and non-banking financial institutions were allowed to use this possibility in surveys with quarterly periodicity. The possibility of electronic data collection was available only to reporting units from the field of services of tourism in surveys with annual periodicity.



The share of surveys with electronic data collection comprised more than 10 % of the number of miscellaneous statistical surveys that were organized and conducted by the SO SR within PSSS in 2007. Considering that there were mostly surveys with monthly and quarterly periodicity, reporting units were allowed to use electronic data collection more than once in the course of year. About 20 000 reporting units were allowed by the Office to submit electronically data. About 620 – 650 reporting units of this number used electronic method of data submission per year (more than 3 %).

The level of use of electronic data collection by reporting units did not change significantly from its introduction. Regarding the number of reporting units, units included into the branch of industry (139 units), trade (159 units) and selected market services (113 units) use most intensively the electronic data collection.

Considering the potential number of reporting units, the order of surveys (by branch specification of reporting units) is following: starting with the highest share from the field of finance (16,5 %), then electricity and heat supply (6,9 %) and communications (6,38 %).



National accounts and macro-economic statistics

The development of the system of national accounts in compliance with new regulations and directives of the European Union was also a decisive task in the field of macro-economic statistics in 2007.

In last year, the final annual **sector accounts** for 2004, preliminarily ones for 2005 and estimation of national accounts for 2006 were compiled. Emphasis was laid on compilation of accounts for the branch of public administration and also on preparation of the report on deficit and debt of public administration (notification tables). In September 2007, regular visit of Eurostat was realized to questions connected with compilation and content of the report on deficit and debt of public administration.

New methods within the revision of annual national accounts for 1995 – 2005 (finished 31 August 2007) were implemented by regulations of the European Union and recommendations of Eurostat and also new data sources were used. The revision was mostly focused on change of accrual record of taxes and social benefits to method of time delay of cash payments, change of record of insurance paid by the state for selected groups of population, specification of source data, change of classification of some source items, change resulting from re-classification of some transactions and transfers and adjustments related to external trade.

Comments and check of table transmission by the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No. 1392/2007 from 13 November 2007 amending the Council Regulation (EC) No.

2223/96 with respect to the transmission of national accounts data requested a great effort.

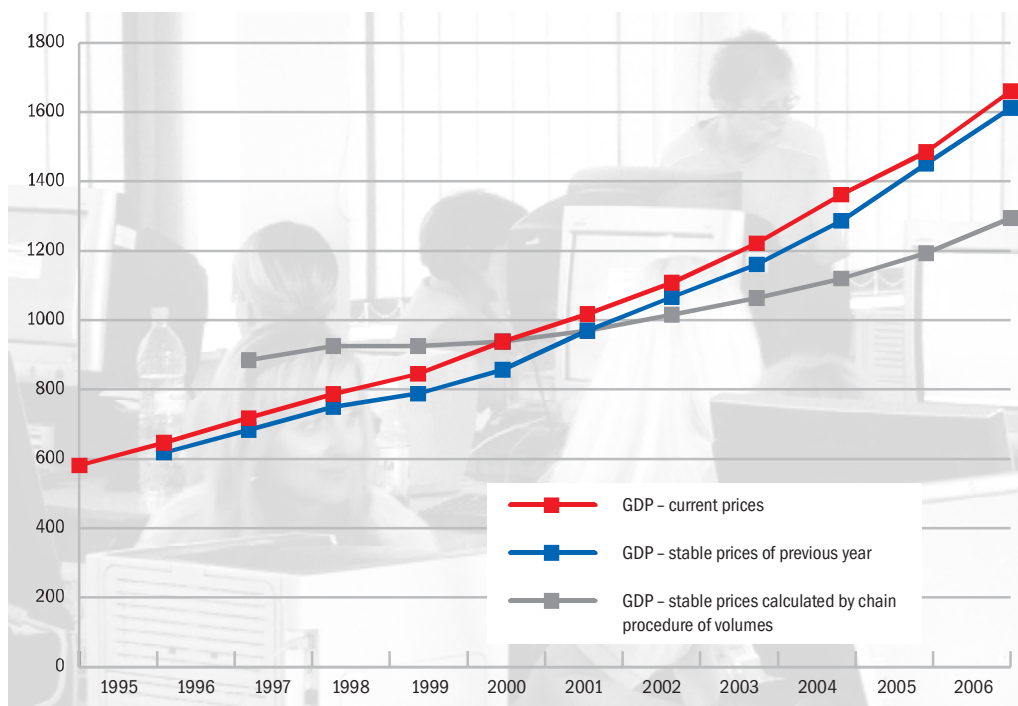
Individual types of aggregates within the project TF 01-04 (Transition Facility) were estimated on the base of table method in production and income methods. The SO SR provided required data in different structures for the project EU KLEMS.

Revision of indicators of national accounts at current prices for the period of 1995 – 2005 and also revision in the field of conversion to **stable prices** continued and the methodology of calculation of national accounts indicators to stable prices changed by use of two different methods of calculation, i.e. to prices of the previous year and by chain procedure of volume indices related to reference year 2000.

Final **commodity and sector supply/use tables** for 2004 were compiled. Revised changes were reflected in time series for the period of 1995 – 2004 in accord with annual national accounts. On the base of revised balanced supply/use tables for 2000 and 2004 and sectoral structures for 2005 and 2006, time series of production and income method indicators to stable prices of previous year were recalculated and recalculation was realized by chain procedure of volume indices related to reference year 2000.

In case of **own sources flowing from VAT** in 2007, the SO SR calculated compensation for small companies exempted from VAT on the base of the prepared methodology and in accord with the requirement of the MF SR.

Time series in GDP and at stable prices (billion SKK)



The most important result in the field of **quarterly national accounts** was the revision of time series of quarterly data from the 1st quarter of 1995 to the 2nd quarter of 2007 on the base of the revision of time series of annual accounts data. Many new principles and procedures by ESA95 as well as data adjustment were implemented in this revision.

The important objective was also new **recalculation of quarterly data to stable prices of previous year calculated by chain procedure of volume of indices** in the whole time series of data.

Preliminary quarterly national accounts for the 3rd quarter of 2007 and **flash estimates of GDP and employment** within compilation of quarterly results on **gross domestic product** in 2007 were compiled by the main aggregates within 45 days after the end of reference quarter in 2007. **The first regular data from quarterly accounts** were compiled in full range of the ESA95 Data Transmission Program and are regularly released to 65 days after the end of reference quarter. Significant progress was achieved in seasonally adjustment of data of quarterly accounts.

One of the important objectives was also



compilation of **quarterly national accounts by institutional sectors**. Quarterly non-financial accounts of the sector of public administration are available in full range and released also in public database – SLOVSTAT. The significant progress was also achieved in compilation of data for other institutional sectors including the sector abroad.

Actions in three **grant projects** of Eurostat related to purchasing power parity – *PPP Production of data by 25 member states (GP 01 – 06)*, quarterly accounts and flash estimates– *Quarterly Sector Accounts and Flash Estimates for the Main Aggregates of the National Accounts (GP – 05)*, *Improvements of quarterly national accounts (TF 02– 04 / Transition Facility)* were realized with increased effort.

One of the decisive tasks within the **regional accounts** was the revision of time series of indicators from 1995 to 2005 including implementation of new principles of ESA95 and procedures of their regionalization. Important tasks were also connected with selection of employees of the SO SR to participate in “task force” of EUROSTAT concerning the production of methodology to evaluate the quality of regional gross added value.

All tasks required by EUROSTAT were performed at the section of preparation of documents for compilation of **purchasing power parity**. As for the most significant tasks, it can be mentioned calculation of GDP (volumes and prices) for purchasing power parity, price surveys of selected comparable goods, servi-

ces, construction projects and investment complexes, survey on wages in state administration and survey on prices of rent.

Required level in harmonized index of consumer prices and also in price indices of production statistics was achieved in **price statistics**. Information about development of prices of services, except services that are currently not monitored by direct survey, was transmitted to Eurostat for the first time. Implementation of pilot projects that will finish gradually by the program to 2010 continued in this field. New classification NACE Rev. 2 was also implemented in the field of price statistics in 2007.

Changes within **data transformation** from company accounts that occurred in selected areas of accounting procedures at a company level were included into the methodological specification of statistical indicators for national accounts.

Some modules were cancelled in the process of preparation of statistical forms for the calendar year 2007 and 2008 as a result of optimization of reporting system, mostly in the sector of financial corporations. Decrease of response burden also continued in 2007.

Except cancellation or simplification of reports, **foreign trade statistics** shared in decrease of burden of small and medium enterprises on the base of significant increase of exemption thresholds and simplification thresholds. In 2007, threshold of exemption increased from SKK 3 mil. to SKK 5 mil. for receiving and from SKK 6 mil. to SKK 10 mil. for transmission. Simplification threshold was

adjusted from SKK 12 mil. to SKK 24 mil. for receiving and from SKK 30 mil. to SKK 60 mil. for transmission. Improvements of data quality continued in the field of foreign trade statistics. Results of three grant projects that extended functionality of application for the INTRASTAT-SK system were used actively. The SO SR continued to implement the European Parliament and Council Regulation No. 1158/2005 amending the Council Regulation No. 1165/1998 on short-term statistics – also in work on survey of import and export prices. The survey on prices for quarters of 2007, their transmission to electronic form and prepared and within the INTRASTAT-SK system tested application programme equipment to process them were gradually conducted.



Economic statistics

Realization of tasks in economic statistics focused on implementation of new requirements of the European legislation as well as on increase of data availability part in Eurostat database and in in public database of the Office continued in 2007.

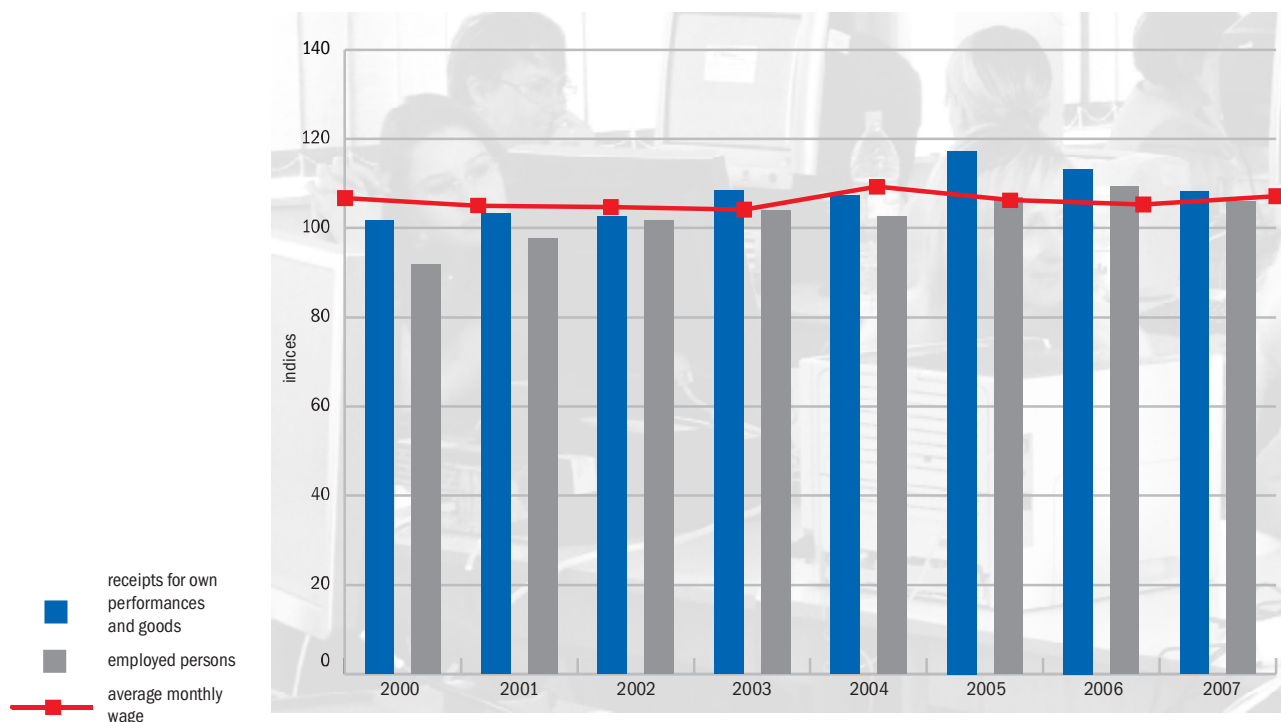
Data on **production short-term statistics** were regularly transmitted to Eurostat after consideration of change of evaluation criterion of short-term statistics compatibility. Time series of indicators adjusted by the number of working days in trade and services were transmitted and the SO SR defended an inclusion to the first category of member countries with the best level of compatibility with the regulation concerning short-term statistics. Special questionnaire on method of compilation of the index of prices of industrial producers at

domestic markets was prepared and sent within the quality action plan. In 2007, survey on benefits of the regulation concerning short-term statistics for selected users was conducted. The results of survey were a basis for drawing up the *Report on progress in the field of short-term statistics for the European Parliament and the Council*. Detailed methodological questionnaire *National Sources 2007* was updated.

Agregates of final indicators for 2005 and aggregates of preliminary data for 2006 in annual **structural statistics** were compiled and trasmitted. The Report on quality of structural data of 2005 within the quality evaluation was drawn up and calculations of required qualitative indicators were carried out. The SO SR in this field was also included in the first category



The year-on-year development of selected indicators in construction



of member countries with the best level of compatibility with the regulation concerning structural statistics. Works on compilation of data aggregates on foreign affiliations for 2004 finished according to the implementation timetable. Data aggregates for 2005 were also subsequently provided on voluntary base.

Works in connection to adjustments of inputs continued in the area of application of methodological procedures to compile commodity balances and energy balances in **energy statistics**. The software on production of documents for energy balance was updated. Other activities were focused on preparation of survey on energy consumption in households and on updating of historical time series of oil products.

It has come to changes of a content of half-yearly reporting system within the amended regulation concerning energy prices (electricity and gas) to final consumers.

Five more comprehensive quality reports were drawn up and special publications of results of survey on science, research and innovations were issued in **science, research and innovation statistics**.

New regulation of the European Union concerning transport of goods by inland waterway was applied in **transport statistics** from 2007. To implement standards of the European Union and to transmit data to database of Eurostat in required range and quality from

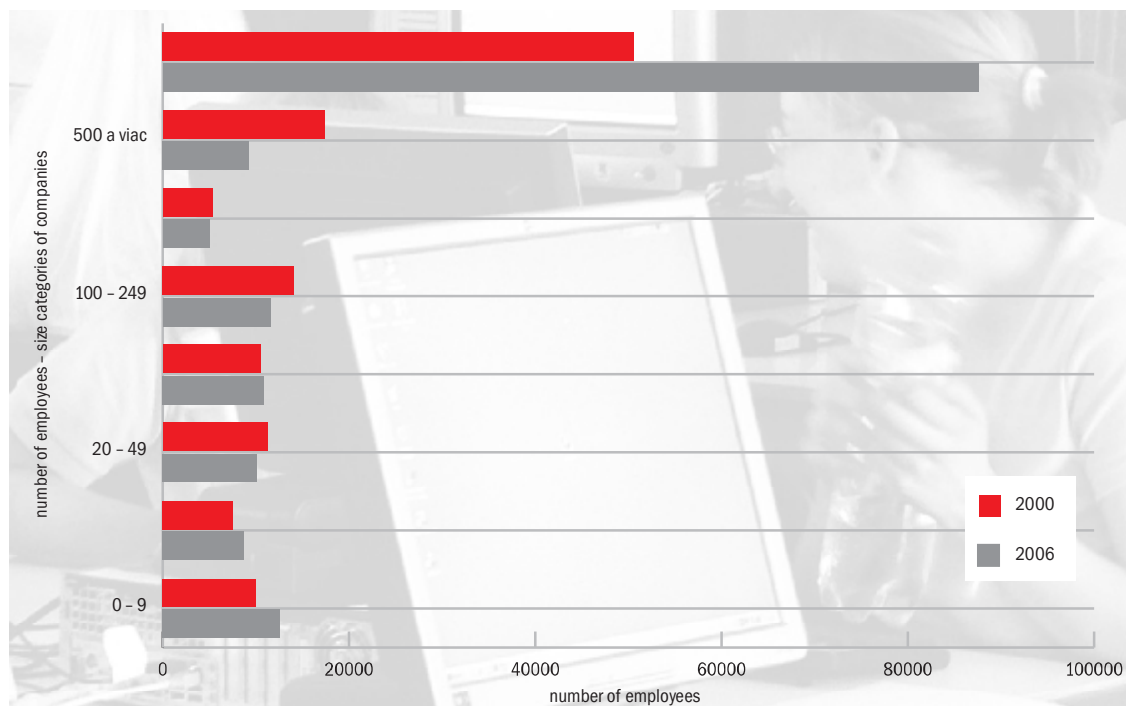
all areas of transport relevant for the Slovak Republic, the SO SR continued to meet the strategy of *White book*. Monitoring of the development of **information technologies** usage complemented a database for evaluation of the Lisbon strategy and for evaluation of progress in the field of sciential society.

Harmonised collection of structural data for selected activities in services was launched in **selected market services statistics** and the first complete tables of satellite account in tourism for 2005 were compiled in **tourism statistics**. Quality evaluation of resulted product that is

statistical data recorded a significant progress.

Farm Structure Survey 2007 in **agriculture statistics** started and results will be sent to Eurostat in 2008. Surveys on use of plant protection products and use of pesticides are conducted in cooperation with Eurostat. Economic accounts of agriculture divided to NUTS 2 by requirements of Eurostat were put together in cooperation with the Research Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics (RIAFE).

Change of size structure of construction companies



Social statistics and Demographic Research Centre

The SO SR continued generally to provide and present information about development of population and verified possibilities of data acquisition from administrative sources in **demographic statistics** in 2007. Besides the development of **migration statistics** system, methodological harmonization of data acquired from administrative sources and their harmonization with the EU legislation continued. Works on preparation of **Census of population and housing in 2011** continued. The Government of the SR approved legislative intention of the Act on census of population and housing in 2011, works on definition of the content survey and its harmonization with international recommendations and requirements continued.

Harmonization of survey on household expenditures in **household budget statistics** with EU requests was performed. The next **survey on income and living conditions of households** (EU SILC) fully harmonized with EU requirements was conducted and enables international comparison of social situation of households in the SR. Required data from survey on 2006 were processed and transmitted to Eurostat and data were provided to other users. The survey on 2007 was conducted and the survey on 2008 was prepared methodologically and organizationally.

The SO SR conducted quarterly the labour force sample survey, including additional survey on accidents at work and work-related health problems in the 2nd quarter in the field of **labour market statistics**. Detailed statistical data on employment, unemployment, economic non-activity obtained in households

were completed by aggregates of data on employees and job vacancies in connection to economic indicators measured by the system of business reporting system. Aggregate of statistical data on the employed abroad was extended due to increased demand. The process of methodological inclusion of armed forces into reporting system was completed.

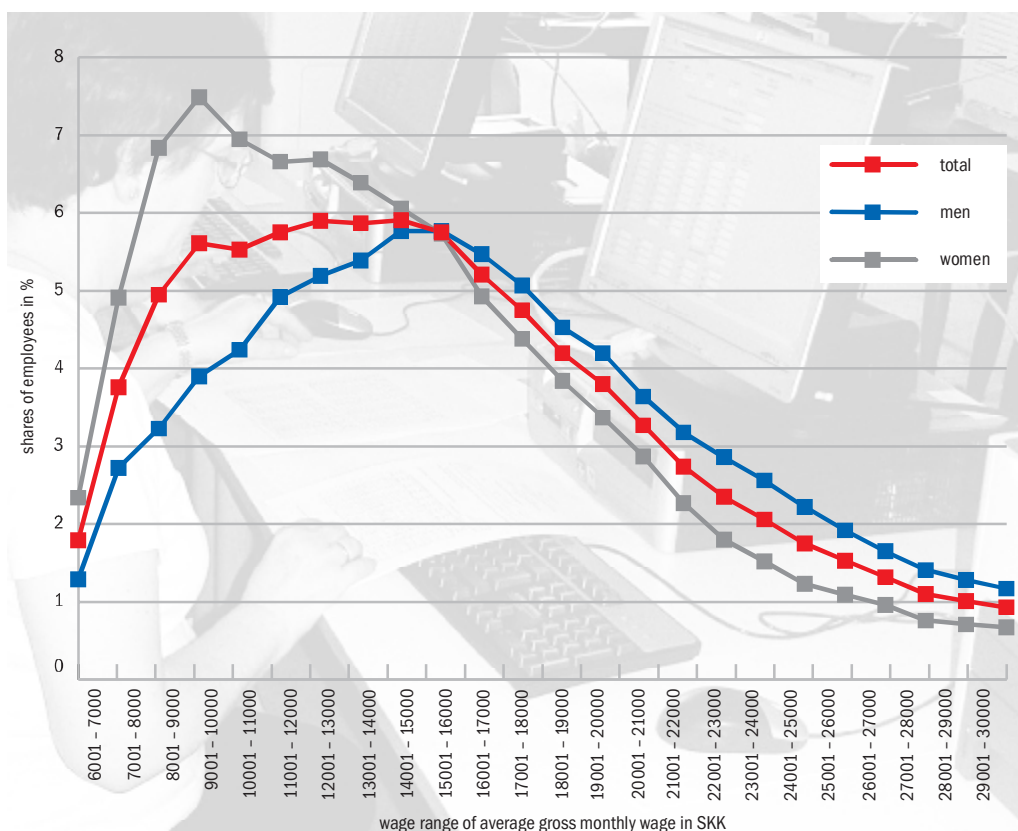
Wage statistics compiled, processed and provided quarterly data on average wage for calculation of another indicators in social sphere. More detailed data on wage development by workplaces and in the structure of wage components by occupation, gender, education and age was provided on annual base. Distribution profile of employees by wage scales including calculation of median wage was compiled as well as. In connection to results of sample survey on full costs of works, quarterly and annual indicators of development of components of total employer costs on work were calculated.

Implementation of international statistics of social protection (ESSPROS) with particular emphasis on improvement of the data quality, specification of the methodology in relation to changes resulted from adjustment of a national legislation in the field of social protection and implementation of modified methodology of Eurostat to statistics of labour market policy continued in **social statistics**, besides realization of statistical surveys included into the Program of State Statistical Surveys.

The pilot preparation of the European survey on health finished in **health statistics**. Works on implementation of the health account



Adult education survey (AES) in **education statistics** was conducted and works on production of education accounts continued in cooperation with the Institute of Informatics and Statistics (INFOSTAT).





The SO SR participated actively in preparation of internationally comparable **criminality statistics** within the working group of Eurostat.

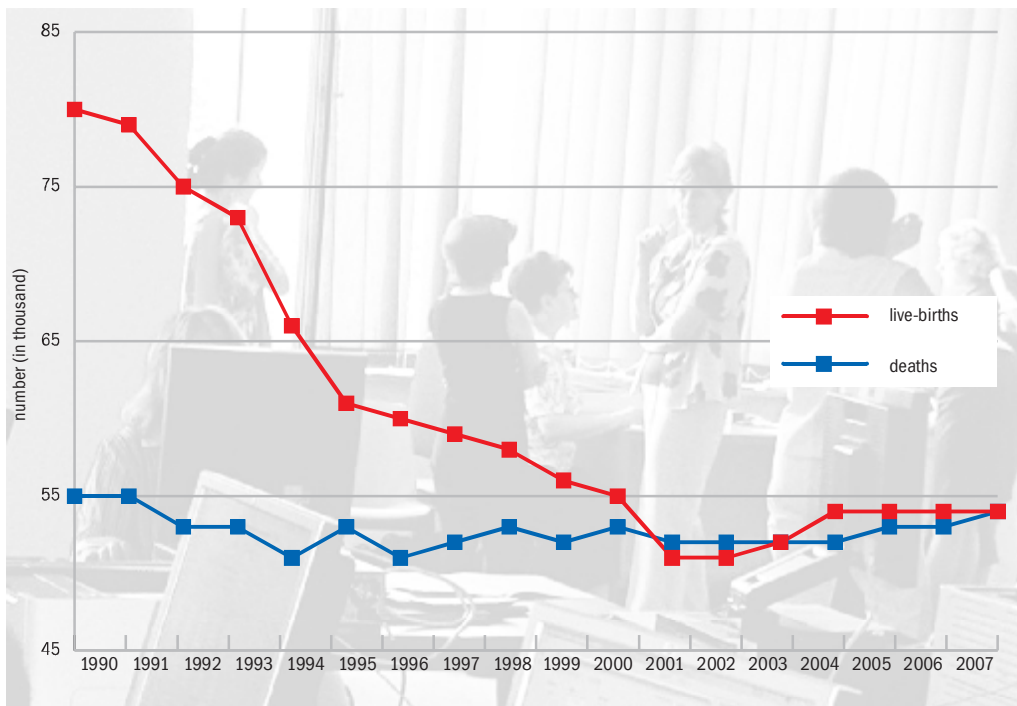
Implementation of the project *Use of administrative sources for enhancement and improvement of the statistical information system* (PHARE program 2004) that prepared conditions for effective integration of relevant administrative data sources to automated statistical information system (ASIS) was successfully ended.

On the base of the action plan approved by the inter-service working group in December 2006, **Demographic Research Centre** (DRC) dealt with six planned tasks in 2007. Tasks related to demographic research supporting statistical

practice in the field of methodology, information database and model tools on production of demographic prognoses. Four publications were issued directly in INFOSTAT (*Population development in the SR 2006, Updated Prognosis of population to 2025, Updated Prognosis of labour forces in the SR and regions to 2025, Use of Sample Surveys in Demography*) and supporting documents for two publications of the SO SR (*Population Movement of the SR, Mortality tables*).

DRC also continued to develop cooperation with domestic and foreign demographic institutions in 2007. It dealt together with the Faculty of Natural Science in UC the project *Demography and Demogeography – significant subject fields and their importance for society* and participated in the project of *Use of admini-*

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nistrative sources in ASIS. The most significant international project, which DRC was involved in, was the trans-European project *Child-bearing trends and policies* that was aimed at identification of fertility trends in individual European countries after 1980, identification of causes and determinants of such trends

and characterization of measures on influence of fertility trends (in historical terms). DRC was also co-organizer (together with the Slovak Statistical and Demography Society and with the Faculty of Natural Science in UC) of demographic discussion afternoons focused on current demographic problems.

Election statistics

The year 2007 was not typical in the field of election statistics. No elections of nationwide character were held in this year. The main task was to ensure processing of new elections to the bodies of municipal self-governments. New elections are declared in municipalities, where the place of mayor/city manager is relieved or does not exist a replacement to relieved place of deputy in municipality/town corporation.

The chairman of the NC SR declared the first elections on 19 May 2007. The elections were

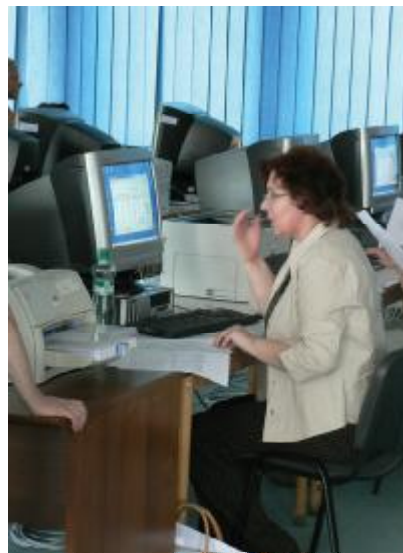
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declared in 44 municipalities that came under district election commissions. The SO SR set up expert (summarizing) unit for each district election commission in compliance with the Act No. 346/1990 on elections to the bodies of municipal self-governments in a wording of later regulations. Approved minutes of the district election commission were submitted to expert (summarizing) unit of the Central Election Commission. After verification of all minutes of district election commissions, expert (summarizing) unit prepared a proposal of minutes for the Central Election Commission. After processing the results, it issued a publication with results of new elections.

To increase awareness of public and to improve data availability, the SO SR has begun to publish on its Internet website detailed results of new elections at once after the sign of the minutes by the Central Election Commission since new elections from 19 May 2007.

Further new elections declared on 27 October 2007 were held in 19 municipalities that delivered results to 12 district election commission. 6 deputies were elected to municipal (town) corporations, 11 mayors of municipalities and 1 city mayor.

Fulfillment of tasks would be not possible without participation of regional workplaces of the SO SR in the field of election statistics.



Our cooperation with the Institute of Informatics and Statistics (INFOSTAT)

Contributory organization, Institute of Informatics and Statistics (INFOSTAT) also participated in statistical activities in 2007. Long-term objectives of INFOSTAT result from its basic orientation as **research and development work station in the area of national 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 2007 is completely documented in a special report available on the Office's website www.statistics.sk in part *Annual Reports*.

In 2007, INFOSTAT dealt with 49 subject matter tasks and also tasks relating to services supplied for preparation and processing the results of new elections to the bodies of municipal self-government.

INFOSTAT within the subject matter tasks dealt with:



- ▲ national accounts – harmonization of quarterly sector accounts with annual accounts; improvement of estimates of quarterly and annual accounts on employment and labour productivity by ESA 95; satellite accounts and their application in practice;
- ▲ 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 and analysis of time series;
- ▲ implementation of ASIS to the environment of web portal;
- ▲ harmonization and restructuring of the register of business subjects for statistical surveys;
- ▲ pilot processing of selected statistical survey.

Tasks realized by Demographic Research Centre within INFOSTAT have a special role (see more detailed in the chapter *Social Statistics and Demographic Research Centre*).

We serve our customers

Implementation of the strategic objective of marketing continued in 2007. **Marketing Plan of the SO SR for 2007**, many tasks of which were performed, was approved.

The SO SR paid attention to required **product portfolio** and their early providing to users. Regarding domestic customers, there were especially legislative and executive bodies of state administration, mostly the National Bank of Slovakia and 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 Ministry of Education of the SR and the Ministry of Environment of the SR. Comprehensive number of pre-defined tables and data files, which they used for decision-making and governing processes, were available for these bodies besides printed products. Individual expert departments arranged some consultations focused on extension of customers' knowledge and on possibilities to use statistical products of the SO SR.

Meeting the requests of international and inter-governmental organizations, the member

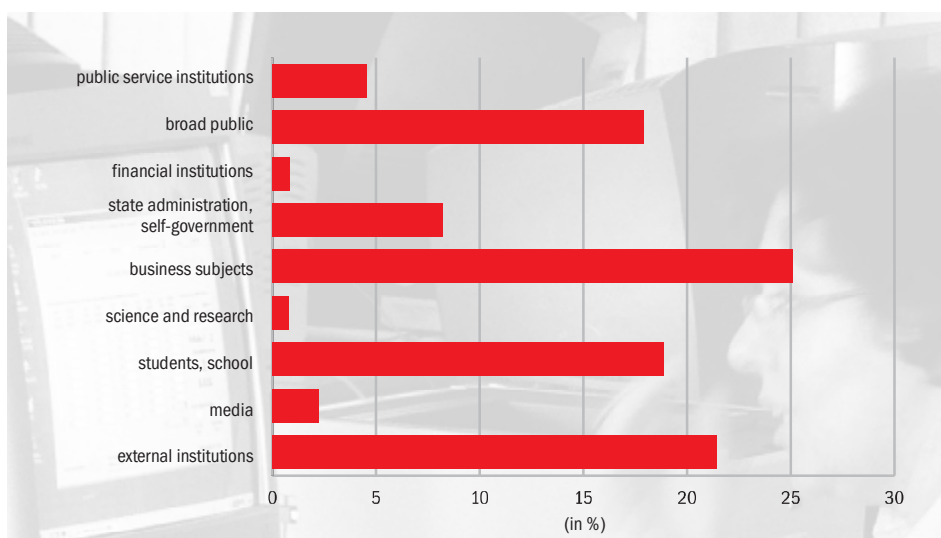
of which the Slovak Republic is, headed mostly towards EUROSTAT, UN ECE, European Commission, ECFIN, OECD, ILO, FAO, IEA and UNSTAT. Requests of this group of customers increased considerably in fields as national accounts, short-term production statistics, foreign trade, labour market, tourism, transport, incomes and living conditions in households (EU SILC) in relation to 2006.

Information service continuously provided more statistical data. 2 801 requests were met, mostly from the group of business sphere, external and international organizations and a significant part comprised also students of universities and faculties in 2007. Requests met by personal visit of customer, information provided by phone, met orders and direct sale of publications are not included in this number.

The significant progress was achieved in the field of data dissemination and providing of statistical information by making available the **SO SR portal** with extended data source from individual fields of statistics. The offer of information was extended by free of charge acces-



Interest of customers in services of Information service by occupation sections in 2007



sion to database of regional statistics **RegDat**. It contains time series of indicators of economic and social development in regions of the SR. Data are presented in the form of dynamic generated tables with the possibility of their displaying also through graphs and maps. Range of data provided within the database

of **Urban and municipal statistics** that enables extractions for each municipality and town of the SR with the possibility to define in outputs various territorial units was updated as well as.

Monitoring of the attendance of the Office's website showed that high interest in this form of data dissemination continued. Average daily attendance of the website reached 1570 interested persons in 2007. The most visited were Quarterly National Accounts (20,6 % from the total accesses), Labour and wages (18,7 %) and Demographic statistics (11,8 %) as for individual thematic spheres of statistical tables.

10 740 registered users visited the public database SLOVSTAT via the website and 123 865 data extractions were carried out from approximately 600 tables that are in the offer of the





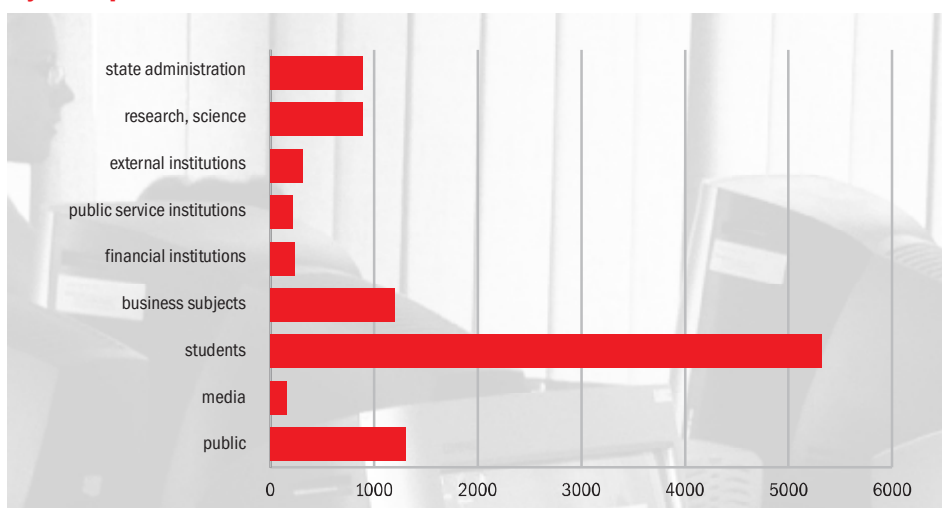
database. Almost a half of users were students, broad public (12,8 %) and business subjects (11,2 %). The most accessions were to tables Quarterly National Accounts, Labour and Wages, Demographic Statistics, Prices, Incomes, Expenditures and Household Consumption.

Statistical publications were issued continuously both in printed and electronic form in compliance with the Edition program 2007–2008. The SO SR released 68 titles at the headquarter and 67 at regional workplaces with

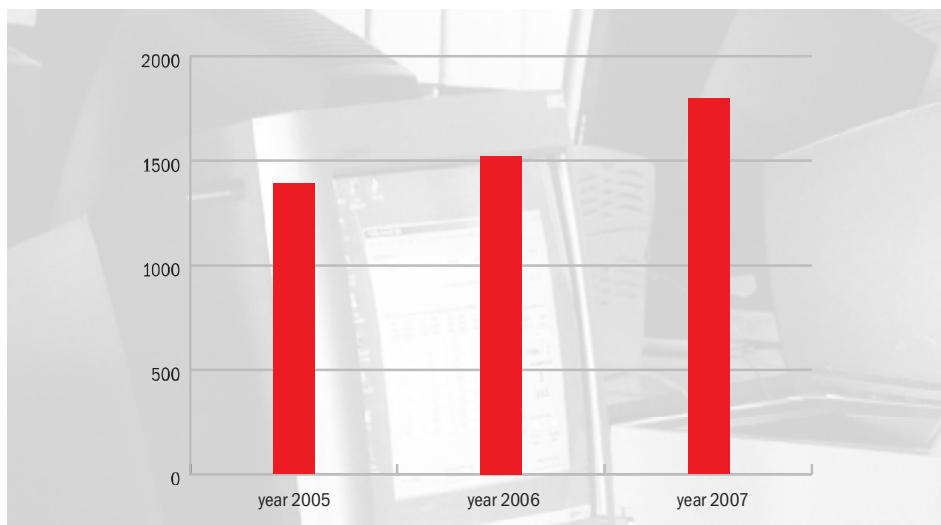
miscellaneous periodicity. 6 titles that can be downloaded by a customer in full wording are displayed on the Office's website. The main comprehensive and branch publications are Statistical Yearbook 2007, Statistical Yearbook of regions of Slovakia 2006 and Statistical Report on Basic Development Tendencies in the SR (which is submitted to the Government of the SR), further yearbooks of industry, construction transport, science and technology, trends of social development. Besides the Edition program, another 10 titles were released; we can mention at least Population Movement of the SR, Survey on Usage of Information and Communication Technologies in Enterprises and Households, Opinions of Inhabitants of Euro Adoption.

The Office also continued in the grant project of Eurostat **European Statistical Data Support**

Visiting of registered users of database SLOVSTAT by occupation sections in 2007



Overview of development by number of news and articles published or referred to data of the SO SR



(ESDS) to support users in work with the European statistical data in 2007. The European Statistical Data Support Centre of the SR provided an assistance to search the European statistical data in databases of Eurostat, in publications, as well as to answer methodological questions. New field of the ESDS – European Statistics within the propagation was added to Internet portal. In order to inform users about established service, propagation leaflet was released in the Slovak and English language. The presentation about dissemination and use of the European statistics was carried out for representatives of ministries, libraries and research workplaces.

18 **presentation events** took part, of which 8 press conferences and 7 conferences for bank and financial analysts in the previous year. These events were focused on current statisti-

cal issues and events, e.g. GDP revision, GDP results and other macro-economic indicators for individual quarters, foreign trade revision, presentation of results from surveys in households in Slovakia (EU SILC) and wage structure of employees. Press conference on demographic development in Slovakia took part in cooperation with the Demographic Research Centre. Experts were informed also about new data sources and their use at work in regular conferences.

1 797 news and articles within professional monitoring and evaluation of **news and articles in printed and electronic media** using or referring to data of the SO SR were published in 2007. It was by 273 news and articles more in relation to previous year. News and articles have neutral character, no critical opinions or comments to work of the Office have occurred.

We monitor opinions of citizens

– we publish periodicals

Also in last year, social and economic problems comprised the centre of attention of the Institute for Public Opinion Research (IPOR). These problems were the main part of the 22 research projects focused on monitoring of opinion spectrum of adult population on ways and life conditions in Slovak society.

Inhabitants of Slovakia had the possibility to assess trends of economy of the SR and financial situation in households via the international project **Consumer Barometer** each month. The main user of results of this survey was the Directorate General of Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission. The National Bank of Slovakia was another user of

results and information reports were submitted to the Government of the SR as well as.

IPOR conducts yearly the research **Hidden economy in informal sector** from 2006. The research aim was to monitor undocumented purchases of goods and services, their range, as well as population's expenditures in 2007 as well as.

The quarterly publication of the information bulletin **Opinions** was a traditional product of IPOR, which is a platform for publishing the results of regular public opinion polls on topical issues of social and economic development of Slovak society. Following themes in 18th issue



of the bulletin were presented besides others: changeover to common currency Euro in Slovakia, problems of unemployment and employment, investment plans of households, preferences of political parties and movements, but also credibility of the Slovak politicians.

IPOR within the Program of State Statistical Surveys conducted quarterly survey on short-term and long-term stays/visits and business trips of inhabitants, both domestic and abroad.

IPOR also realized some other research tasks and projects, contractors of which were the

organizations and institutions from the state and public sector.

Issue of the scientific periodical **Slovak Statistics and Demography** continued with 17th year in 2007. The periodical presents professional articles, overviews, analytical studies and other reports and articles from various fields of statistics and related sciences. Articles and discussion reports, opinions and polemics from the demographic field are regularly presented. Reports for publication come not only from employees of the SO SR but also from authors mostly from various faculties and scientific workplaces in Slovakia.



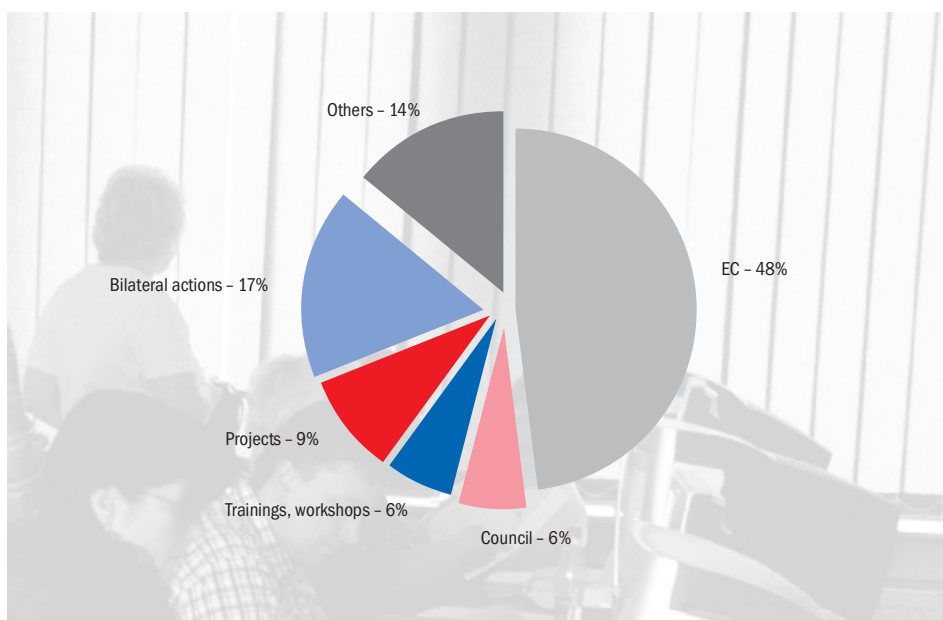
International activities

International cooperation and participation in international statistical activities are the permanent priorities of the SO SR. The Office as an integral part of the European Statistical System took part in initiatives leading to the development of the ESS, production of the European statistical legislation, introduction of new statistical methods, increase of comparability and quality of statistical data.

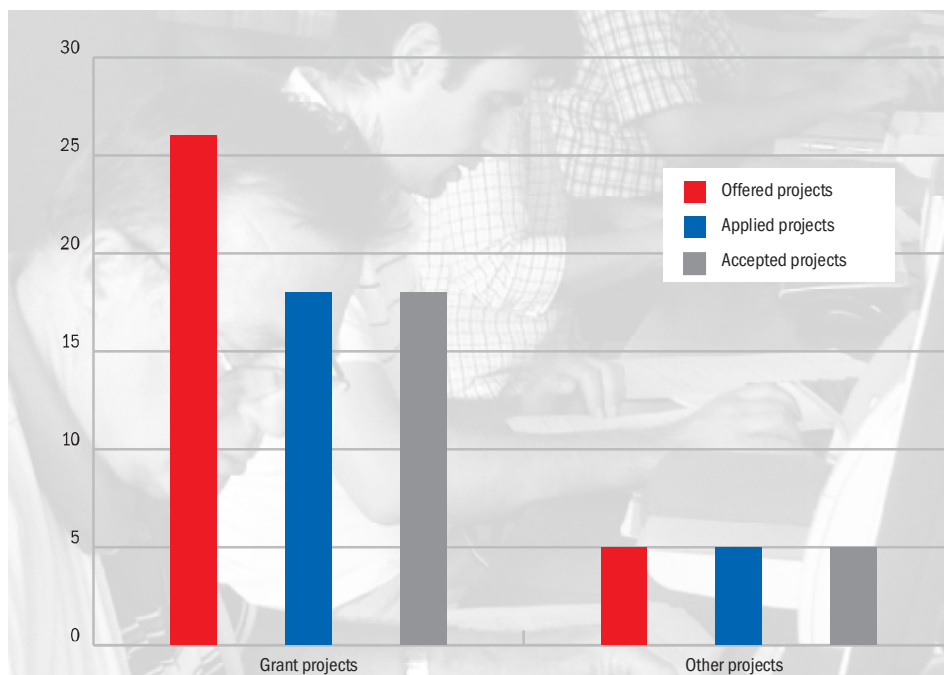
The SO SR participated together with other member states of the European Union in preparation and process of approval of the **European statistical legislation**, e.g. the regulation concerning new legislative framework of the European Statistics, implementation of the *European Statistics Code of Practice*, evaluation

of the national statistical system of the SR by „peer review“ or in development of statistical methods and standards. To ensure consistent and effective participation of the SO SR in decision-making processes of European Union bodies in the field of statistics, **Department Coordination Group (DCG)** was established, effective from the 1 November 2007. DCG is accountable for negotiations of legislative proposals of the European Union and approval of views and standpoints of the Office to these proposals. DCG has 20 members, of which 12 are employees of the SO SR and 8 are experts from other central bodies of state administration call in meetings in case of statistical legal acts concerning their subject matter. DCG negotiated and approved 4 stand-

Participation in events abroad by purpose



Grant and other projects in 2007



points of the SR for negotiations of working group STATIS at the Council of the European Union over the first two months of its activity in 2007.

25 legal acts of the European Union were approved in the field of statistics in 2007, of which 6 new regulations of the European Parliament and of the Council for social protection statistics, foreign affiliations, migration and international protection, labour force sample survey, national accounts and purchasing power parity, 18 European Commission regulations (within the comitology) and Decision of the European Parliament and of the

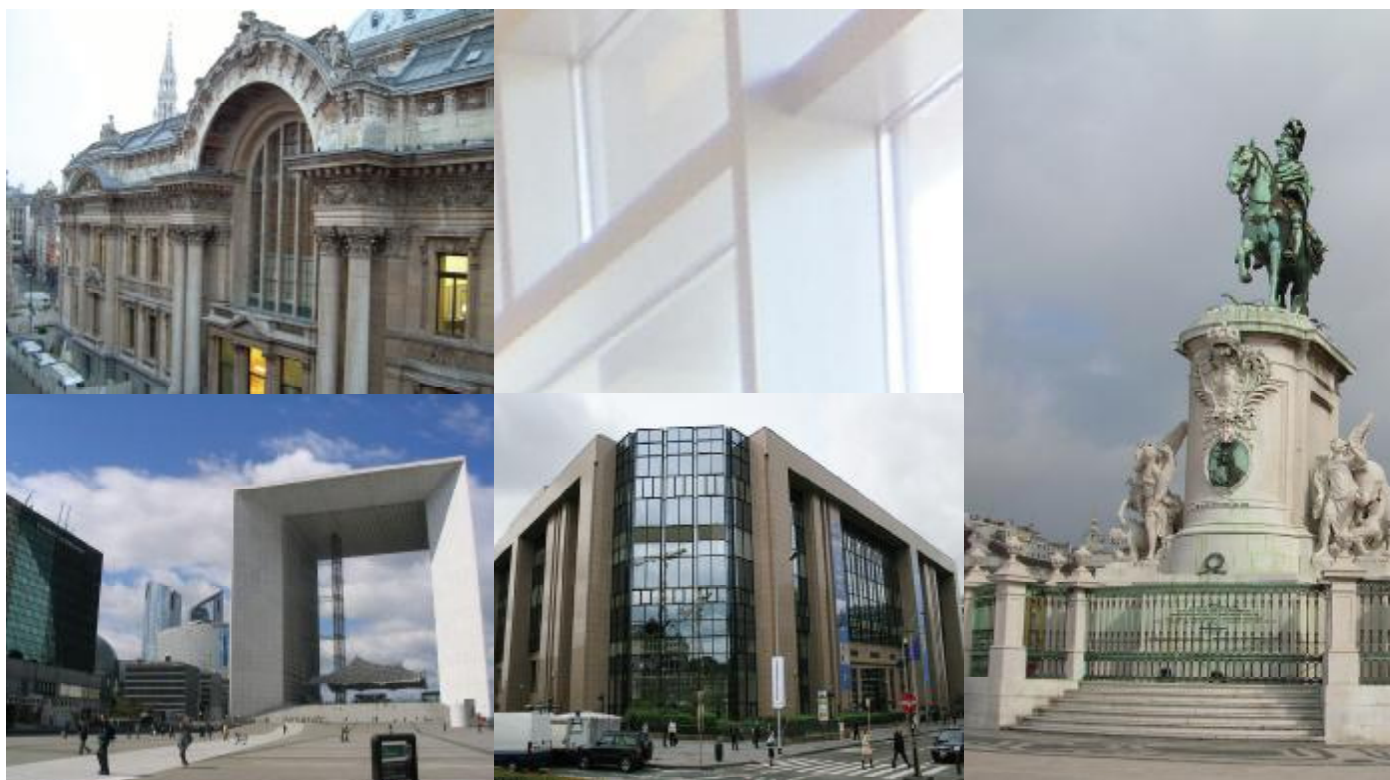
Council on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012. Further proposals of regulations were prepared to final phase.

The **participation in meetings** of miscellaneous working groups of Eurostat, the European Commission, working group of STATIS at the Council, in activities organized by such international organizations as OECD, UN EEC, ILO, FAO or UNESCO, but also in trainings realized within the *European Statistical Training Programme* or in bilateral consultations at the partnership statistical institutes of other European countries is an assumption of active participation in decision-making processes of

the European Union. Representatives of the SO SR took part in 268 business trips abroad in 2007, i.e. 339 individual participations, in order to achieve this objective.

One of the significant forms of participation of the SO SR in ESS activities were **projects and grants** financed from the financial resources of the European Union. In 2007, 23 grant projects and other projects focusing particularly on application of the European statistical legislation into the national statistical system were realized.

Besides standard grant projects, two wide-ranging multi-beneficiary grants financed from the *Transition Facility 2004 and 2005*, aim of which was further quality improvement of statistical data and application of new statistical legislation. They were realized in the form of pilot projects that covered almost all fields of statistics. The last year was the second and also the final year of the implementation within the *Transition Facility 2004* and 25 pilot projects within this grant were successfully realized. The implementation period of the *Transition Facility 2005* lasts from the 1 January 2007 to 31



December 2008 and 9 pilot projects are involved in the grant.

The Office developed new activities in the field of **external expert assistance providing**. Realization of the project *Creation of the Statistical System in Tajikistan*, where the SO SR as a member of consortium provided experts in the field of social statistics, demography, foreign trade statistics, branch statistics and national accounts statistics, has successfully started.



Human resources

The SO SR continued in effective usage of human potential and in creation of conditions for its development under continuously increasing requirements on range and quality of products in the field of human resources in 2007. The average registered recalculated **number of employees** was 1 031, of which 900 were employed as civil servants and 131 employees on employment contract.

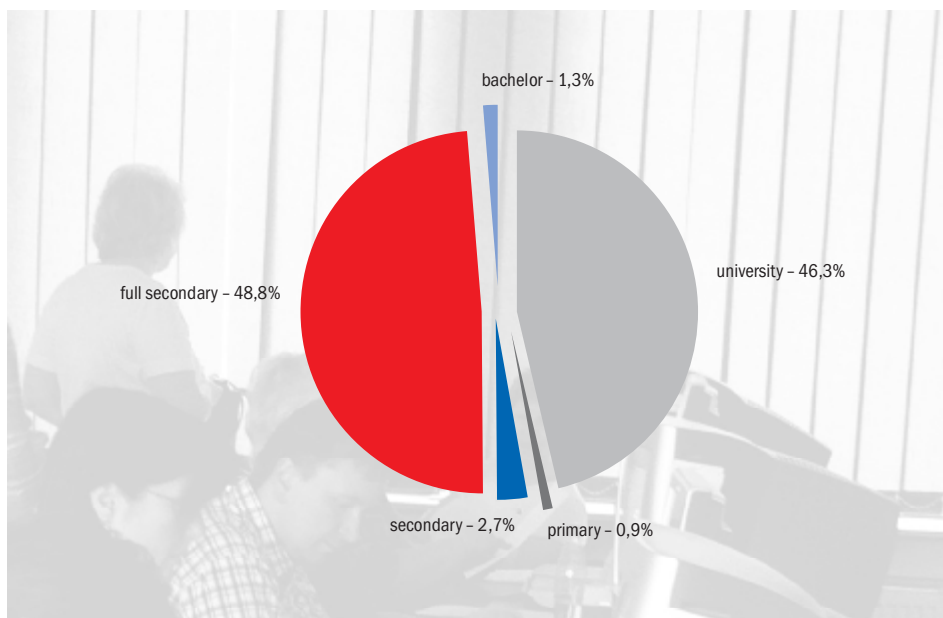
The field of human resources management was significantly influenced by 10 % reduction of the number of jobs in 2007; it was necessary to rationalize activities performed in indivi-

dual departments of the Office. Planned number of posts decreased to 1 017 (of which 890 civil servant posts and 127 jobs) from the number of 1 130 planned posts in previous years (of which 980 civil servant posts and 150 jobs) to the 1 January 2008. Totally 113 posts were cancelled on the base of organizational change in three phases (to the 31. 7. 2007, 30. 9. 2007, 31. 12. 2007), but 36 posts were not occupied.

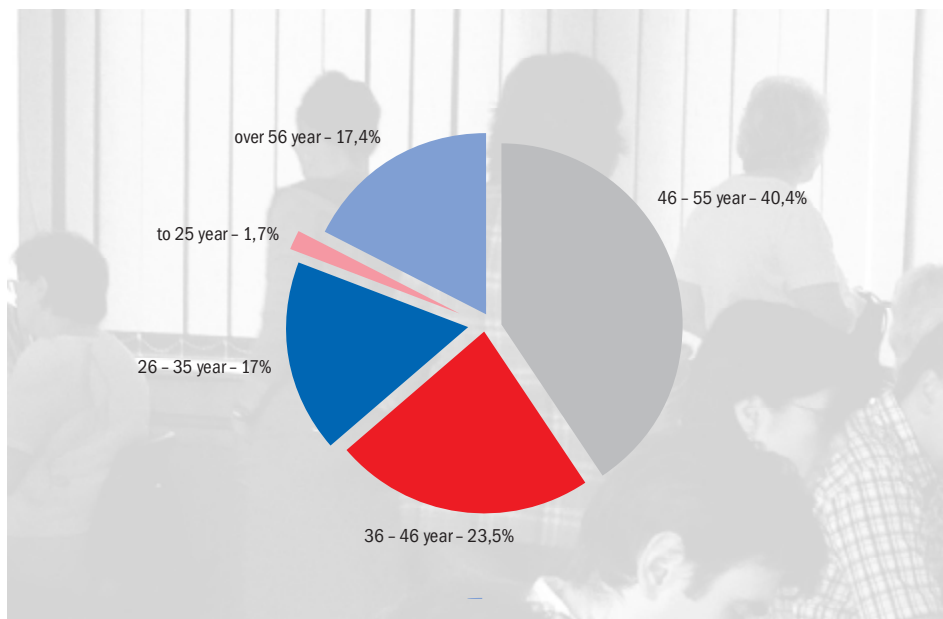
The Personnel Office conducted 56 **public competitions** to occupy vacant civil servant posts, of which 47 public competitions were

Education and age **structure of employees** of the Office to the 31 December 2007 are depicted in the following graphs.

Education structure



Age structure



79,4 % of women and 20,6 % of men worked at the SO SR. Women represented 67,2 % and men 32,8 % of the total number of 131 heads.

successful and 9 unsuccessful in 2007. 7 public competitions were announced for the jobs of heads and these jobs were occupied on the base of their results. 97 % of posts were occupied to the 31 December 2007.

Evaluation of employees was executed according to the Act on Civil Service and decision of the Office management for the period of the year 2007 in order to obtain information and to provide feedback on working performance of employees, their behaviour and relations at workplaces. 951 employees were evaluated in total.

The Office paid attention further to personal **representative** of the SR **in institutions of the European Union**. 3 employees deputed by the SO SR worked at positions of national experts in Eurostat in the course of 2007.

The SO SR provided **education** of employees according to the *Education Plan of Employees for 2007*. Besides planned education activities, operative requirements of individual departments related to current changes of legislative rules were also met. Trainings within the educational projects co-financed from the European Social Fund (project INFOSTAT, the

Centre of Education of the MLSAF SR, education of public administration – MF SR) were used to a large extent.

Trainings thematically focused on increase of managerial qualification in the area of managerial communication and project management were realized in the field of education of managers.

Professional education of employees in the field of national statistics was especially realized through the project of INFOSTAT. Trainings were focused on works with data in the sector of national accounts, on their application in economic analyses, on activities relating to

collection, storage, processing and providing of data from the statistical data bank. Education events in this field supported introduction of modern statistical methods with the aim to improve professionalism and efficiency of performed work of employees in order to fulfil demanding tasks within the ESS. New education project Schola Statistica, which was realized as a pilot project in the training centre of the SO SR in Klátova Nová Ves, was determined for adaptation of new employees, 63 employees took part in this training from the Office as a whole. Professional education also included activities for other experts of the Office in the field of legislation, law, finances, accounting, administration of state property,



public procurement, human resources management, wages and taxes. Trainings were also focused on personality development, development of communication and other social and psychological qualifications of employees. Employees that perform professional activities connected with the membership of the SR in the European Union participated, except a language preparation, in professional workshops, meetings, trainings, prevailing part of which was organized by external institutions. Educational statistical trainings within the European Statistical Training Programme held abroad represented a special group in professional preparation. 2 504 employees took part in professional education, of which 73 employees in events abroad.

Preparation and testing of employees of the Office continued in the ECDL program (European Computer Driving Licence) within the INFOSTAT project co-financed by the European Social Fund in the region of Bratislava in 2007. 282 employees acquired the Certificate Start of the European Computer Driving Licence and 74 employees the Certificate ECDL. 301 employees of the Office were involved into the e-learning project of the MF SR that was aimed at deepening knowledge in usage of MS Office 2003.

As in the previous year the SO SR created sufficient conditions for language preparation of employees in 2007 as well as. 499 employees from the Office as a whole attended the half-intensive and intensive courses of the English and French language during the year.



The total volume of financial **resources** from the budget of the Office spent for **education** of employees increased by 12 % in relation to 2006.

The **library of the SO SR** introduced new service that allows all employees access to library fund via Intranet of the Office in 2007. The library recorded 5466 borrowings realized by 3108 readers, of which 2877 were from external environment. The library fund increased by 1010 new books and by 92 periodicals, i.e. expenditures amounted to SKK 692 thousand.



Information sources and information and communication technologies

The SO SR collects, processes, evaluates, presents and stores a considerable range of statistical data. It uses large spectrum of hardware, software and communication means for this basic activity. Therefore the questions connected with application of modern information and communication technologies (ICT) are a necessity for the Office.

The Methodology and Informatics Section determined the method and possibilities to ensure continuously required level and security of IS/ICT that answered the real needs of the main activities of the SO SR and its managerial processes in compliance with the SO SR conception on ICT development in order to increase efficiency of value-added processes and availability of data and products in 2007.

Key tasks performed in 2007 were tasks with the extent on the Office as a whole and also on the external environment that contributed largely to support a fulfilment of the main activities of the SO SR.

Innovated system e-DAMIS for exchange and providing of statistical data to Eurostat was implemented into the information environment of the SO SR in January 2007.

The SO SR finished renovation of the Office's website in September 2007 and implemented it into existing information environment. The method of statistical data release and design of the site is in compliance with the recommendations of Eurostat for relevant area and met generally valid standards W3C. Considerable increase of website attendance was recorded

in the course of previous year and currently it counts among the most visiting web sites within the public administration in the SR. Technological conditions for equality in the access to provided statistical data, mostly for press agencies, were also created.

The Statistical Office launched notification system of actually released information with its direct link to notification system of Eurostat, through which notifications to actual information are simultaneously released on both websites in January 2007.

Technological conditions for successful implementation of projects realized from PHARE resources and Transition Facility into the information environment of the SO SR were created in January 2007, mostly for the project of *Use of administrative sources for enhancement and improvement of the statistical information system*.

Analysis of possibilities and methods of platform change for database servers and analysis of current decentralized architecture of ICT means were performed in terms of use efficiency, processing, costs, personal provision, provision of its accessibility and security at the end of year in order to prepare bases for processing of conceptual materials for the field of ICT development of the SO SR for next period.

Financial results

The Act No. 681/2006 Coll. on state budget approved expenditures in the amount of SKK 485 459 thousand in the chapter of the SO SR. The budget was adjusted by ten budgetary measures to SKK 503 338 thous. in the course of 2007. Increase of the budget mostly related to adjustment of wages (valorizations) and expenditures on goods and services in the amount of SKK 8 000 thous. Another budgetary measures were mainly connected with transfer of expenditures within the approved budget (from the capital to the current expenditures and from wages to transfers intended for severance pay).

The non-fiscal income was approved in the amount of SKK 6 750 thous. The real income was SKK 46 336 thous., including non-fiscal income SKK 6 599 thous, non-budgetary income SKK 39 732 thous. and from insurance benefit SKK 5 thous.. The non-fiscal income was mostly from renting of rooms and sale of statistical data. The non-budgetary income was acquired from external grants from the European Commission in order to introduce new surveys and to improve their quality.

Expenditures approved in 2007 were spent to the amount of the budget. Considerable part of expenditures – expenditures on wages and salaries, payments to health insurance companies represent 66,7 % of the total expenditures. 22,7 %, i.e. SKK 114 500 thous., was spent on goods and services. These resources were spent, in particular, on print of statistical questionnaires and regulations, processing of statistical data, technical support of information and communication technologies, travel compensations, education of employees, further material provision of statistical surveys, benefit to social fund and contribution to boarding of employees and cur-

rent operation costs (energy, protection of objects, maintenance of buildings and techniques, transport costs and others.).

The current transfers were spent to the amount of SKK 44 692 thous., of which SKK 37 578 thous. for the contributory organization INFOSTAT. Financial resources were spent on dealing with the research and developing tasks in the field of statistics, specified in the contract between the SO SR and INFOSTAT. Other current transfers in the amount of SKK 7 114 thous. were mostly spent on severance pays – SKK 3 923 thous., compensation – SKK 2 531 thous. and on sick benefit SKK 641 thous..

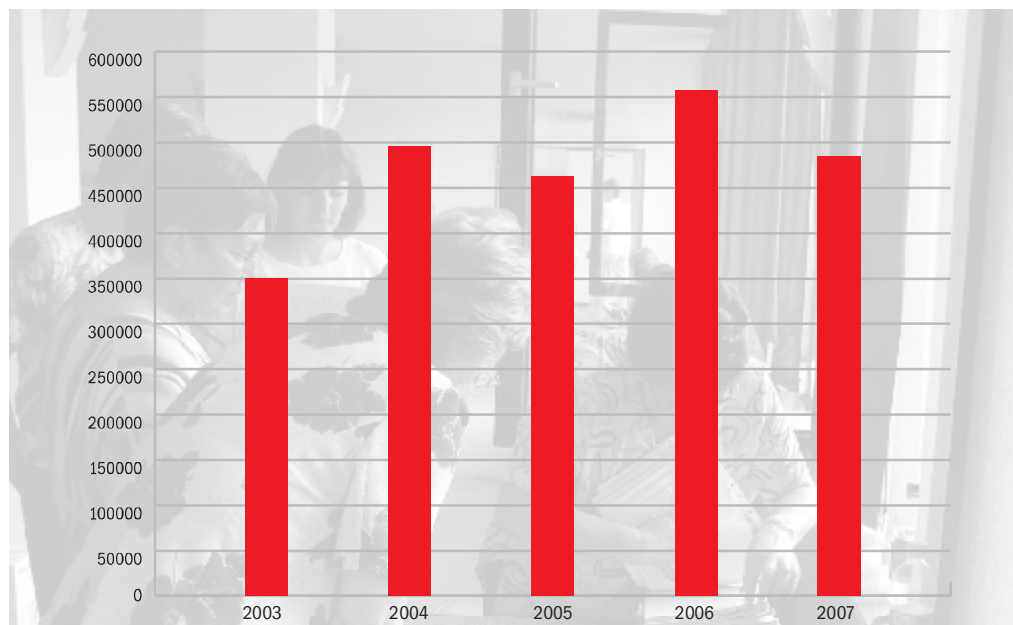
The capital expenditures were approved in the amount of SKK 20 500 thous. in the chapter of the SO SR. The extent of capital expenditures was adjusted by budgetary measures by SKK 12 000 thous., of which SKK 9 000 thous. was transferred to current expenditures and SKK 3 000 thous. was transferred to 2008. Adjusted budget of the capital expenditures SKK 8 500 thous. was spent to the amount of SKK 8 498 thous.. Purchase of computer and reprography technology, motor vehicles was ensured and reconstruction of rooms of the SO SR was financed.

The non-budgetary financial resources in the amount of SKK 39 709 thous. were spent in compliance with the rules of the European Union and with the budget of individual projects, in particular, to strengthen the economic interest of employees participating in their realization and related payments to health insurance companies, further on payments of contracts of interviewers (surveys as EU SILC, FSS), program equipment, information campaigns and print of questionnaires.



	Approved budget 2007	Adjusted budget 2007	Reality to 31. 12. 2007	% of spending 3/2
	1	2	3	4
expenditures in total (in thous. SKK)	485 459	503 337	503 309	100,0
of which:				
wages, salaries	244 732	248 211	248 203	100,0
insurance, benefits	85 534	87 952	87 416	99,4
goods and services	94 143	114 585	114 500	99,9
current transfers	40 550	44 089	44 692	101,4
of which:				
PO – INFOSTAT	39 850	37 578	37 578	100,0
capital expenditures	20 500	8 500	8 498	100,0
Non-budgetary expenditures	0	0	39 709	–
Expenditures in total including non-budgetary	485 459	503 337	543 018	–

Comparison of approved budget by years



Note: Approved expenditures in 2007 are lower than in 2006, because expenditures on elections to the NC SR and bodies of municipal self-governments are included in the budget of 2006 the amount of SKK 100 000 thous..

Priorities for the year 2008

Priority task in the field of **methodology** will be preparation and issue of the *Program of State Statistical Surveys 2009 – 2011 (PSSS)* by the regulation of the SO SR in the Collection of Acts. Change of the measure unit in financial indicators from SKK to EUR from 1. 1. 2009 relates to the program to change of methodology in statistical surveys and also evaluation and publication of results from statistical surveys by implemented NACE Rev. 2 relates to the same date.

The significant task will be revision of each indicator monitored in statistical surveys of the SO SR and subsequent optimization of reporting system in terms of decrease of response burden and cost efficiency in compilation of statistical forms and also decrease of cost efficiency of the SO SR that will be reflected in statistical surveys included in the PSSS.

Directly after the issue of the European Parliament and Council Regulation, which introduce new statistical classification of production and cancel the Council Regulation (EEA) No. 3696/93, it will be necessary to issue revised classification of production in the field of classifications and nomenclatures and so to ensure the harmonization of national classifications with the revised CPA 2008.

Data on prevailed activity of all units included into register of organizations were harmonised with the revised national classification SKNACE in the field of statistical registers.

The year 2008 is a turning point in the field of **statistics of national accounts and macro-economic statistics** because of meeting the

Maastricht criteria as a condition for entrance of the Slovakia into the European Monetary Union. Eurostat realized two missions in connection with this – in March to the EDP (dept of public finances is one of the Maastricht criteria) and in May focused on description of sources and methods of compilation of gross domestic product (each member country is obliged to submit a description one time per five year, but the main objective is to ensure comparability of compilation of national accounts statistics among countries of the European Union.).

Price statistics will focus mostly on introduction of survey on market services prices and on revision of weight schemes for calculation of price indices in agriculture. The very important task of price statistics will also be decadal monitoring of prices of selected representatives of consumer basket in SKK and in euro during the dual pricing.

Key tasks in the Department of External Trade Statistics will be to ensure changes of the INTRASTAT-SK system in transition to euro. System changes for dual publication as well as processing of data after euro adoption will be tested. Migration of time series for determination of a reporting duty will be demanding in time and personally. The second key task will be implementation of amendments of the European legislation concerning the external trade statistics. These tasks are focused on decrease of response burden in trade with non-member countries by use of simplified procedures in customs activities and in trade with member states by increase of exemption thresholds.



The key task of **economic statistics** will be implementation of new version of NACE classification Rev. 2 and recalculation of time series as well as works on euro adoption relates to whole statistical information system. The effort will be focused, in particular, on quality improvement of time series of economic indicators in terms of their increase and quality evaluation.

New methods in business statistics will be implemented in connection with modernization of the European system of business statistics in order to decrease burden of company sphere by broader use of administrative data sources and by implementation of more sophisticated methods and tools. The aim of agriculture statistics will be to acquire detailed data from the Farm Structural Survey 2007 and to compile typology of farms. Market services statistics will be focused on improvement of methods to obtain supporting documents for compilation of satellite account in tourism under more difficult conditions without internal borders of the European Union. Information society statistics will provide relevant documents for evaluation of Lisbon Strategy in conditions of the SR.

The activity of **social statistics and demography** will be mostly focused on realization of further phase of the survey on incomes and living conditions (EU SILC) and on legislative preparation (a proposal of the act) of Census of Population and Housing in 2011.

The classification SKNACE Rev. 2 will be introduced and dual outputs will be provided according to previous and new classification in statistics of labour market and wages. Works

relating to euro adoption in 2009 will be conducted in sub-systems of social statistics. Data on average monthly wage, wage structure and wage differences of employees, total costs of employers on labour forces will be processed and released in wage statistics. Quarterly statistical data will be provided to Eurostat in compliance with the legislation of the European Union from results of additional survey on migrants and their offspring (for the 2nd quarter of 2008) in statistics of labour forces (LFSS). Pilot preparation to the European survey in households will be realized in selected sub-systems of social statistics. Based on results of the project Use of administrative sources for enhancement and improvement of the statistical information system another selected administrative sources will be integrated into ASIS.

Elections of nationwide character are not expected in **election statistics** in the Slovak Republic in 2008. Therefore, the main task will be to process new elections into bodies of municipal self-governments announced by the chairman of the NC SR (the first election will be held on 15 March 2008 in 16 municipalities).

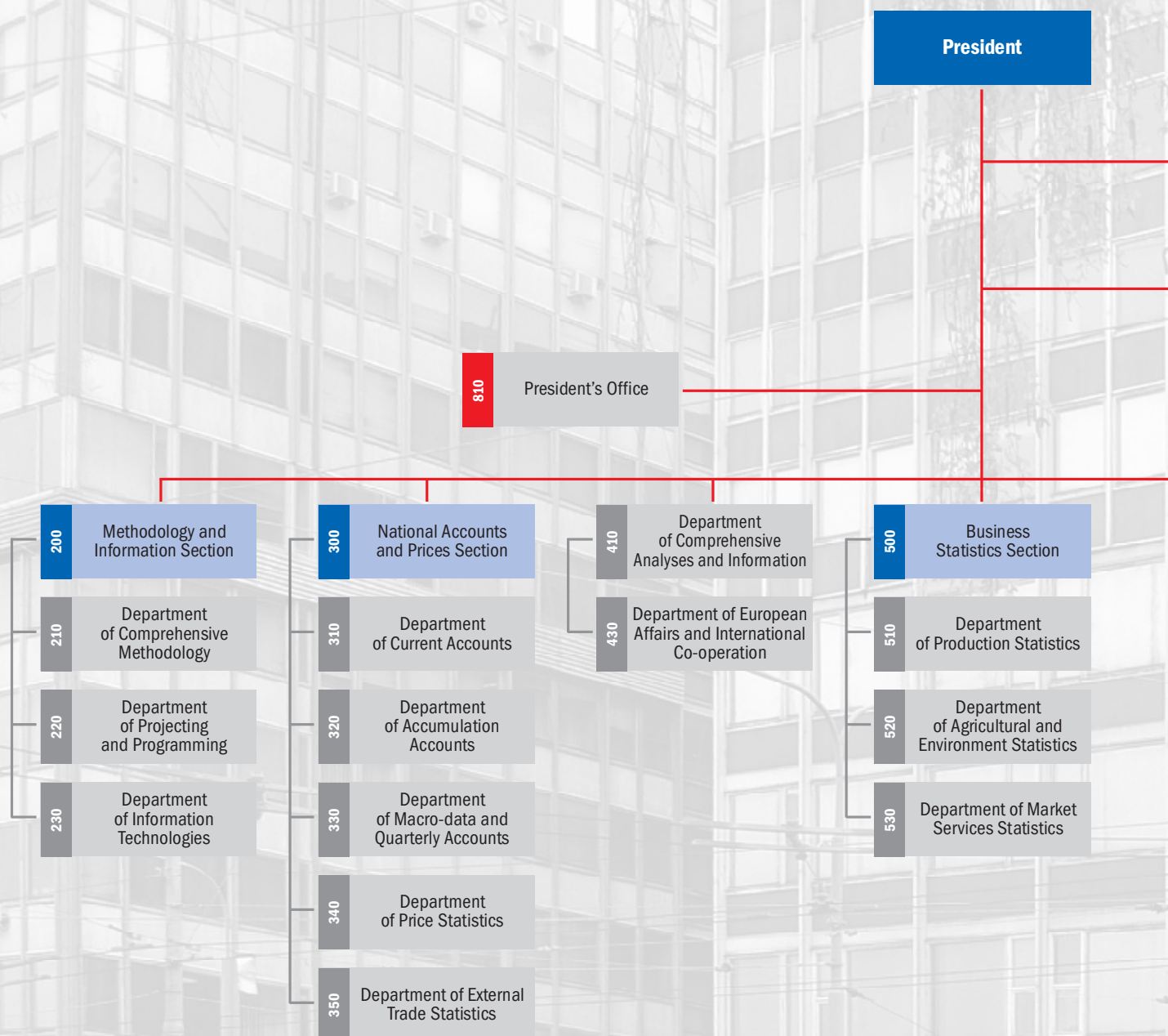
The SO SR will issue publication with historical results of elections into legislative bodies to the 90 anniversary of the establishment of the CSR. The publication will contain results of elections in the territory of Slovakia from 1920 until now, but data in the period of 1920 – 1946 will be divided into the level of districts answering the relevant period.

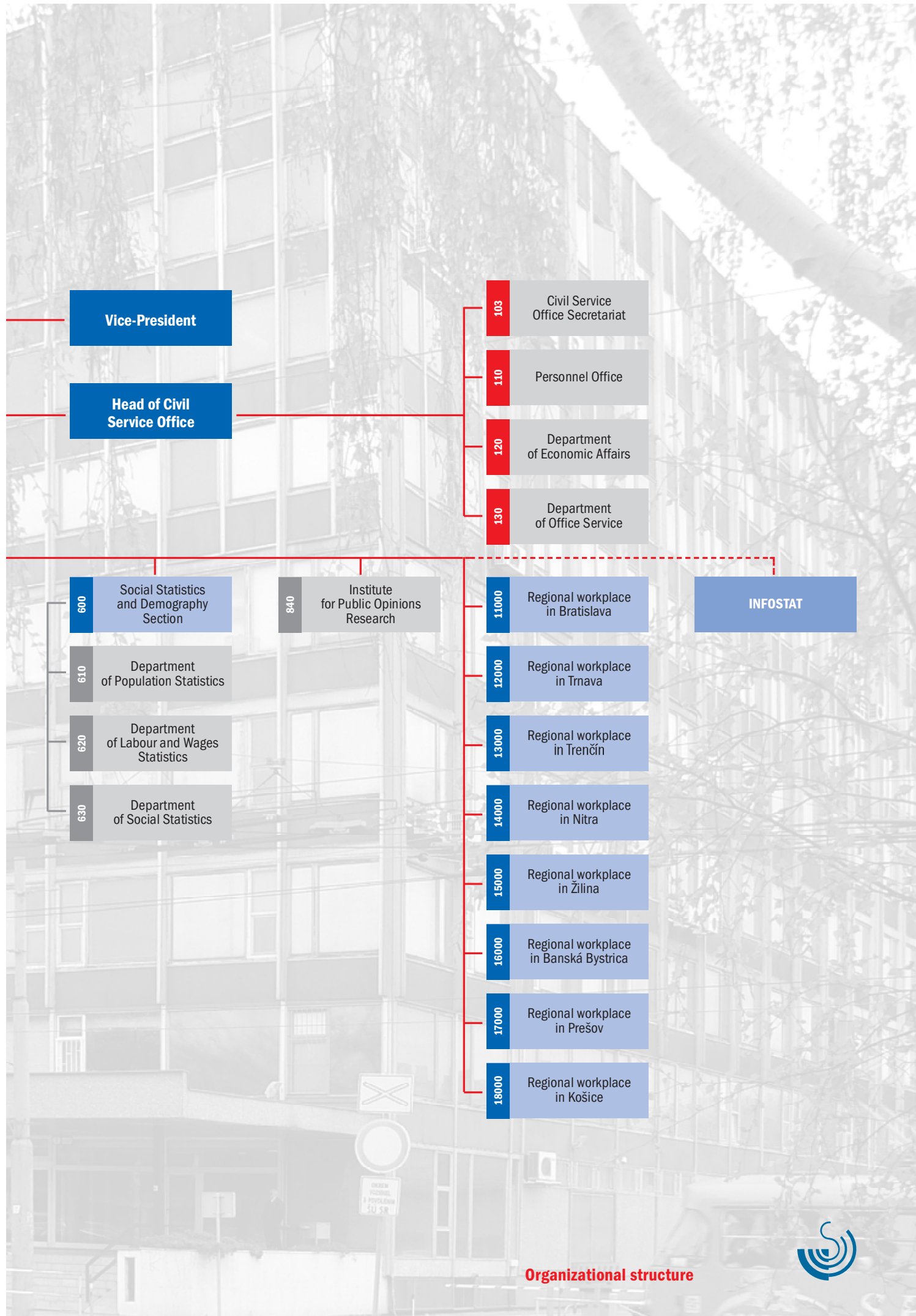
Implementation of the strategic aim in marketing will continue in the field of **dissemination**

and providing of statistical information. To fulfil this aim, it will be necessary to improve communication between different groups of users and producers of statistics and to develop user-oriented statistics and Internet portal as the main tool of data dissemination. The priority objective will be also works related to euro adoption, to data recalculation and their check mostly in databases and also to dual displaying of prices.



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