

# Slovakia

## *Ethnicity in Slovakia*

### *Power relations*

A Hungarian coalition joined the government in 1998. The Hungarian minority was well represented at the local level and regional levels as well as in the national parliament. The Roma were widely discriminated against in almost all facets of life, but it would be hard-pressed to say that this is "with the intent of excluding them from power." That is rather a side-effect of the overall discrimination.

*2007-2009:* After parliamentary elections on Jun 17, 2006, a new coalition was formed. Although the Party of the Hungarian Coalition received more than 11.68% of the votes (4th largest party in the parliament), it has not been invited into the newly formed government. In 2009, due to a split in the Party of the Hungarian Coalition, a new multi-ethnic party was founded <sup>(3153)</sup>.

<sup>3153</sup> [Most Híd, 2014]

No significant changes in the situation of the Roma people. According to the US Department of State, "some ethnic Romani individuals and parties were successful at winning representation at the local and regional levels; however, Roma were consistently underrepresented in government service, and no Roma were in the National Council" <sup>(3154)</sup>. The nationalist party SNS blocked almost all projects for Roma integration in the government. Historically, Roma are discriminated in almost all spheres of public life (housing, labor, education, medical services), however there are no limitations for political participation <sup>(3155)</sup>.

<sup>3154</sup> [United States State Department, 2009]

<sup>3155</sup> [Bertelsmann Stiftung, 2010]

*2010-2013:* In the national elections in June 2010 the Party of the Hungarian Coalition (SMK-MKP) fails to pass the electoral threshold of 5%. The new multi-ethnic party Most-Híd which is representing the Hungarian interests as well, although occupying a more moderate platform than the SMK-MKP, manages to enter the parliament and is included in the new government.

In the national elections in March 2012, the SMK-MKP again fails to enter the parliament, while Most-Híd succeeds. However, Most-Híd descends into opposition. Therefore, the Hungarian are coded as powerless for the year 2013 and the Slovaks as having a monopoly in the executive.

The situation of the Roma remains similar to earlier periods. The Roma face social marginalization due social discrimination, economic

hardship and lack of political leadership (<sup>3156</sup>). The situation does not however amount to political discrimination.

<sup>3156</sup> [Freedom House, 2011]

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## *Political status of ethnic groups in Slovakia*

*From 1993 until 1997*

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Slovaks	0.806	MONOPOLY
Hungarians	0.101	POWERLESS
Roma	0.093	IRRELEVANT

*From 1998 until 2006*

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Slovaks	0.806	SENIOR PARTNER
Hungarians	0.101	JUNIOR PARTNER
Roma	0.093	IRRELEVANT

*From 2007 until 2010*

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Slovaks	0.806	MONOPOLY
Hungarians	0.101	POWERLESS
Roma	0.093	IRRELEVANT

*From 2011 until 2012*

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
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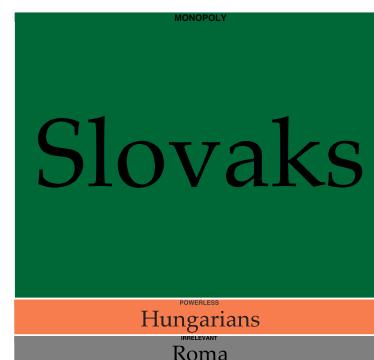


Figure 670: Political status of ethnic groups in Slovakia during 1993-1997.

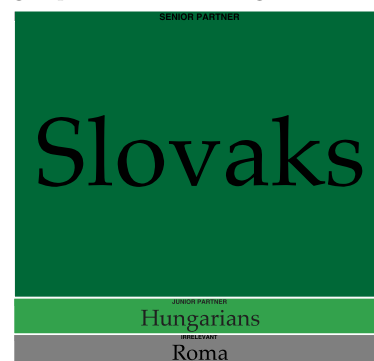


Figure 671: Political status of ethnic groups in Slovakia during 1998-2006.

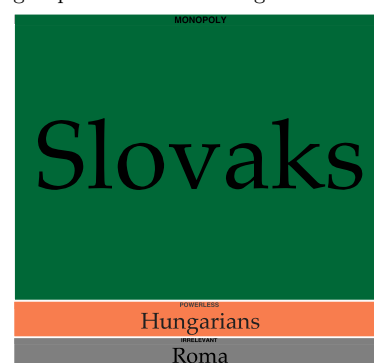
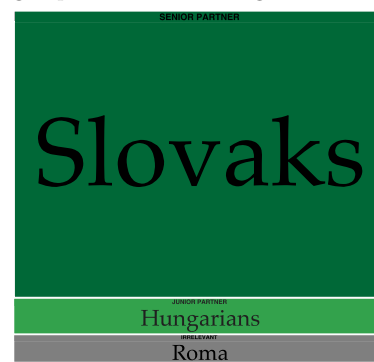


Figure 672: Political status of ethnic groups in Slovakia during 2007-2010.



*From 2013 until 2013*

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Slovaks	0.806	MONOPOLY
Hungarians	0.101	POWERLESS
Roma	0.093	IRRELEVANT



Figure 674: Political status of ethnic groups in Slovakia during 2013-2013.

## *Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in Slovakia*

*From 1993 until 2013*

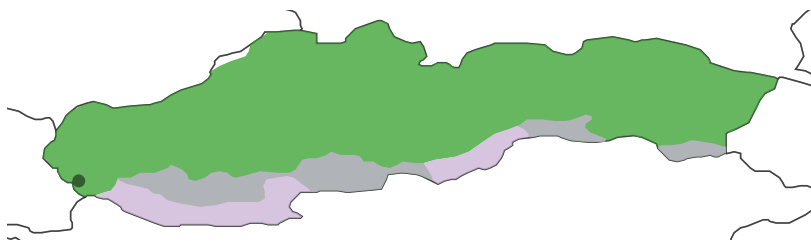


Figure 675: Map of ethnic groups in Slovakia during 2013-2013.

Group name	Area in km <sup>2</sup>	Type
■ Slovaks	44 290	Statewide
■ Hungarians	9714	Regional & urban
■ Roma		Migrant

Table 196: List of ethnic groups in Slovakia during 1993-2013.