



of inhabitants 5.4 million

Surface area 49 702 km²

GDP per capita 67 pps [1]

Significant bodies of water (RBDs) Danube: Vistula

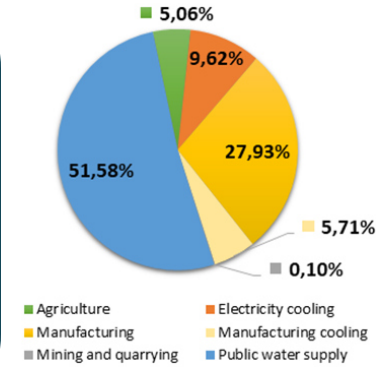
Polity unitary state composed of regions and municipalities

Layers of government central government; 8 self-governing regions; 2 926 municipalities

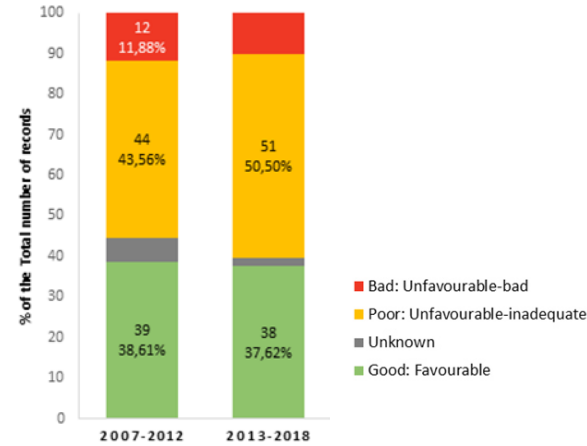
Legislative powers at the sub-national level No

Decentralisation index 1.2 (24 out of 27) [2]

Water Exploitation Index plus (WEI+) 0.39% (2017) [3]



Water abstraction per sector in Slovakia - Source: EEA (2022)



Conservation status for habitats in 2007-2012 and 2013-2018 in Slovakia - Source: EEA (2021)



Water bodies with less than good ecological status in Slovakia - Source: EEA (2021)

Main actors responsible for WEFE nexus relevant governance

NEXUS PILLARS	POLICY MAKING	POLICY EXECUTION
Water	Ministry of Environment	state (co)-owned enterprises; municipalities
Energy	Ministry of Economy	state (co)-owned enterprises
Food	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	state owned enterprises responsible for hydromeliorations in agriculture
Ecosystems	Ministry of Environment	State Nature Conservancy ; state (co)-owned enterprises; state institutions; municipalities

WEFE NEXUS PERSPECTIVE

CHALLENGES

- Improve the coordinated implementation of water and nature policies
- Safeguard landscape structures and ecological stability in protected areas
- Revitalise watercourses and act against a degradation of available water resources
- Reduce pressure from the agricultural sector and improve water retention in soils
- Improve the absorption of EU funds for investments and reforms

OPPORTUNITIES

- The Slovakian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is currently developing a new nexus-based concept, Soil-the Carbon and Water Bank of Landscape, that aims to protect and restore soil and its water retention capacity
- The Slovakian Recovery and Resilience Plan focuses on the reform of landscape planning, nature protection and water management
- The country has considerable potential provided by rich biodiversity resources and a high level of protected areas
- Experience is gained with ecosystem services assessments under the EU LIFE programme



More information on WEFE nexus governance in the EU

[1] EU purchasing power standard
 [2] <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Decentralization-Index.aspx>
 [3] The threshold for water scarcity is set at > 20%

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