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Vážený pán predseda,

dovoľte mi pozvať touto cestou zástupcov Súdnej rady Slovenskej republiky na úvodné online stretnutie k projektu Subnational Business Environment Assessment in Slovakia, ktoré sa uskutoční dňa 1. júna 2023 o 10:00 hod.

Na stretnutí bude účastníkom predstavený projekt Subnational Business Environment Assessment in Slovakia, ktorý nahradí Doing Business. Svetová banka už o pár týždňov zaháji komparatívny hodnotiaci proces podnikateľského prostredia v piatich slovenských mestách v Bratislave, Košiciach, Prešove, Trnave a Žiline. Organizáciu stretnutia spoločne zabezpečuje Ministerstvo hospodárstva Slovenskej republiky a Svetová banka.

Cieľom tohto projektu je identifikovať osvedčené postupy a odstrániť prekážky pre podnikanie za účelom vytvorenia priaznivejšieho prostredia pre fungovanie súkromného sektora. Na tento účel bude projekt pokrývať päť regulačných oblastí: Začatie podnikania, Lokalizácia podniku, Prístup k elektrickej energii, Vymáhateľnosť zmlúv a Platobná neschopnosť podniku. Súčasťou projektu bude aj posudzovanie environmentálnej udržateľnosti a digitalizácia. V každej z týchto oblastí bude identifikovaný súčasný regulačný stav, poukáže sa na existujúcu nadmernú záťaž pre podnikateľov a následne Svetová banka Slovensku odporučí spôsoby, ako dané prekážky odstrániť.

Výsledky projektu priamo ovplyvnia kvalitu podnikania v jednotlivých slovenských mestách a regiónoch, preto sa spoliehame na účasť Vášho delegovaného zástupcu na tomto stretnutí, ako aj na aktívnu spoluprácu Vašej organizácie pri vyhotovení štúdie.

Stretnutie sa uskutoční v slovenskom jazyku.

Účasť Vášho delegovaného zástupcu, ktorý má v kompetencii danú agendu, nám potvrďte, prosím, najneskôr do 22. mája 2023 na e-mailové adresy , prípadne na tel. čísle

S pozdravom

Príloha: Slovakia - Project Scope, Milestones and Relevant Authorities

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## Subnational Business Environment Assessment in Slovakia Project Scope, Milestones and Government Participation

The study will assess the regulatory environment in Slovakia across five areas relevant to the lifecycle of small and medium-sized businesses: Business entry, Business Location, Utility connections, Dispute resolution, and Business insolvency. Environmental sustainability and digitalization will also be assessed across all areas. The study will be implemented by the World Bank Group (WBG), at the request of and funded by the European Commission, DG REGIO, in collaboration with national and local government partners. The activities in Slovakia are framed within a larger project that seeks to collect subnational business environment data in 11 other EU Member States, with the potential of expansion into other member states: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, and Spain. These countries were selected based on agreement with DG Regio.

The project will build on the experience conducting subnational investment climate assessments and policy dialogue with national and local authorities from 16 EU Member States over the past 5 years. The last subnational investment climate assessment that included <u>results for Slovakia</u> was launched in July, 2018.

Below please find: (i) the list of cities to be included in the study, (ii) project milestones and timeline, (iii) the role national and local authorities can play at each stage to bolster the study's success, and (iv) a preliminary list of authorities which may be relevant for the study in Slovakia.

## Proposed list of cities

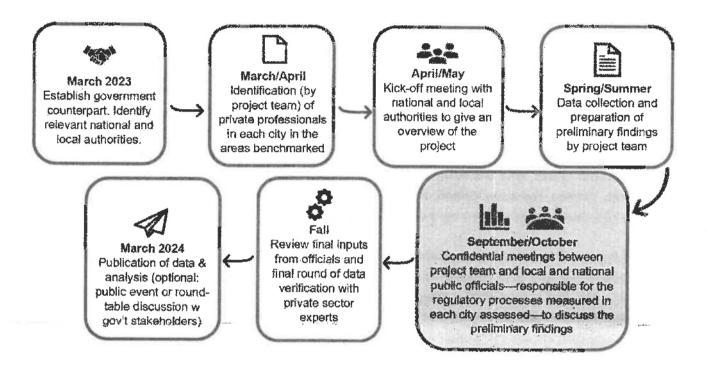
The study will assess the business regulatory environment and its impact on local entrepreneurs in five Slovak cities: **Bratislava**, **Kosice**, **Presov**, **Trnava**, and **Zilina**.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The project will follow the Business Enabling Environment (BEE) methodology recently developed by the World Bank Group. For more information on BEE, please see this link.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These same cities were also measured by the 2018 subnational investment climate assessment in Slovakia.

## II. Project milestones

The project will be implemented over 12 months, following the steps outlined in the infographic below (timeline is tentative and may be subject to change).



## III. Role of national and local authorities

Main government counterpart. The study will be conducted in partnership with the Government of Slovakia. The project team will work closely with a government counterpart to coordinate activities throughout the project. The team would be grateful for support of the counterpart in the following areas:

- Identify a contact point in each relevant national agency and benchmarked city (see list on page 3) and facilitate contact between them and the project team. When: March/April.
- Help organize a Kick-off meeting with representatives from relevant national agencies and local authorities to introduce the project and seek their contribution. When: late April/early May.
- Help organize confidential meetings with representatives from relevant national agencies and local authorities to discuss the preliminary findings. When: September/October.

• Serve as a main contact point for the project team for coordination of project activities. When: throughout project implementation.

National agencies. The team would appreciate the following support from the relevant national agencies (see list on page 3):

- Participate to the Kick-off meeting, When: late April/early May.
- Identify a focal point in the local branch/processing center for each benchmarked city—to answer the questionnaire in that agency's field of expertise. When: May.
- Provide statistics and data, if available, on the different areas benchmarked (e.g. number of limited liability company registrations completed in each benchmarked city) which may be relevant to the project team's analysis. When: at the request of the project team.

Local branches/processing centers of national agencies. National agencies' local branches/processing centers play a key role in providing the project team insight into how regulations and administrative policies are implemented locally. Their inputs will allow the team to draw comparisons with private sector inputs. The team would appreciate the following support from the relevant national agencies' local branches/processing centers:

- Complete and return questionnaires in their corresponding area of expertise. When: May/June.
- Attend the confidential meetings where the preliminary findings will be discussed individually
  with each local authority. When: September/October.
- Send additional information or feedback (if any) after the above-mentioned meetings. When:
   October.

Local officials. Regional, city, or municipal authorities play a vital role in providing and verifying data. The team would appreciate the following support from the relevant local authorities:

- Complete the questionnaires in their area of expertise. When: May/June.
- Host the confidential meetings to discuss the preliminary findings in September/October (e.g. providing a venue in the City Hall to host the meetings and help convene participants). When: September/October.
- Attend the above-mentioned confidential meetings. When: September/October.
- Send additional information or feedback (if any) after the above-mentioned meetings.
   When: October.

IV. Preliminary list of national and local authorities to be involved in the data collection in Slovakia

In each of the locations measured, the agencies listed below, and/or their local representation, may be relevant to this study:

- Ministry of Interior
- Financial Administration
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Transport and Construction
- Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority
- Regulatory Office for Network Industries (ÚRSO)
- Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications and Postal Services
- Notaries Chamber
- Municipalities of Bratislava, Kosice, Presov, Trnava, and Zilina.