Slovak Republic

Reducing bureaucracy in Slovakia using the once-only principle for administration

Under the act against bureaucracy, public authorities in Slovakia must use data registered in public administration information systems, as well as provide it to each other free of charge for reuse.

The Over.si (to.Verify) project, launched in September 2018, demonstrates a practical implementation of this principle by enabling citizens, businesses and institutions to provide certain standard information to public authorities once only.

The Over.si user portal provides data through the Information System of Central Administration of Reference Data (IS CSRU). This information system ensures synchronisation of reference data and provision of data from reference registers and basic code lists in a uniform way.

The Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic (UGKK SR) is the central authority for geodesy, cadastre and land registry in Slovakia. As part of the Over.si project, it has integrated the Information System of Real Estate Cadastre (ISKN) with IS CSRU to provide the data most requested by public authorities, such as ownership document extracts and copies of cadastral maps. Since the launch of the project, more than 26,000 ownership document extracts and about 1,500 copies from the cadastral map have been requested from the Over.si portal.

Over.si also supports European Union plans to further develop the single digital market by reducing the administrative burden on citizens and businesses, saving money and time. For example, people no longer have to bring statements from the business, trade or criminal record registers to the authorities and, in the near future this will expand to include confirmation of school attendance, arrears on social and health insurance and taxes.