KNOWLEDGE CAPITAL BUILDING – INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE

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• SO SR is central body of state administration of the Slovak Republic for the branch of statistics.

• Its status is given by the Act No. 575/2001 Code of Acts on Organizational Activity of Government and the Organization Central State Administration in wording of later regulations.


• SO SR operates as independent institution since January 1, 1993.

• SO SR has implemented the quality management system according to ISO 9001:2008.

• SO SR consists of headquarters in Bratislava, regional offices (in Bratislava, Trnava, Trenčín, Nitra, Žilina, Prešov, Košice) and Section of Industrial Data Collection and Processing and Field Surveys in Banská Bystrica.
Knowledge capital represents immaterial assets which encompasses not only the professional knowledge and personal capabilities of the employees, their experience and practice, but also organizational relationships, relations with customers and partners.

Knowledge capital building means to strengthen a position of the SO SR in the external environment.
• SO SR is open for personal and professional development of employees.

• SO SR has long-time experience with systemic approach in training.

• Training is based on the legislative framework of Slovak Republic and the internal documents, especially strategy of development of the SO SR, personnel policy and the conception of training.

• Managers are responsible for implementation the principles of personnel policy to practice.

• Personnel Office assures personnel administration and further activities, such as methodical, organizational and counselling services.
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT – CHANGES

Changes have been realized in accordance with:

- internal document Strategy of development of the SO SR till 2017 (Action programme on increasing the effectiveness of the training system, Competences and competence matrixes for employees on statistical positions),
- new Act on Civil Service and the relevant regulations.
**COMPETENCES**

The competencies are divided into 6 basic fields:

1. **Leadership / management of statistics** – competences for quality execution of managerial functions and leadership,
2. **Theoretical statistics** – knowledge connected with processing data in official statistics,
3. **Statistical business process** – defined competences on the basis of sub-processes of statistical business process,
4. **European and national statistical system, quality management system** – competences relating to required knowledge on European and national statistical system,
5. **Command of a foreign language** – language skills of English and other foreign language,
6. **IT tools** – competences concerning level of the user’s work with IT.

**SCALE**

1. Basic knowledge,
2. Spread of knowledge,
3. Independent work and knowledge application,
4. Ability regarding knowledge presentation.
# COMPETENCES AND COMPETENCE MATRIXES – LEVELS OF REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE

## Expert
- Statistics (e.g. theory of probability, data analysis)
- Statistical business process and its sub-processes
- Implementation principles of ISO 9001, European Statistics Code of Practice
- European Statistical System and its heading (e.g. Eurostat, Vision ESS 2020, Agenda 2030, communication tools of Eurostat and ESS, European legislation, modernization of statistics)
- National Statistical System and its heading (e.g. tools and standards of national statistical business process, national legislation including data harmonization, coordinating role of SO SR in NSS)
- Foreign language (language skills of English, other foreign language)
- IT tools (e.g. MS Windows, MS Office, SAS, Blaise, SQL, R, further specialized tools)

## Manager
- Human resources management and development
- Managerial functions execution
- Quality management according to ISO 9001 and ES CoP
- Risks identification and assessment
- Knowledge management - basic practice
- Change management and communication
- Project and its phases of realization

## Leader
- Organization and key areas of statistics heading
- Managerial system of organization and key areas of statistics development
- External stakeholders relations management
- Corporate culture building
- Reaction to changes in external and internal environment

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Knowledge Capital Building – Investment for the Future
New Act has been carried out several changes in training:

- applying of systemic approach in the training,
- preparation of individual plans of the competence training for employees,
- using of mentoring in the training within adaptation of new employees:
  1. **Introductory adaptation training (the first month)** – participants are familiarized with basic information about the SO SR (e.g. tasks and of the SO SR, IT, internal documents).
  2. **Continuous adaptation training (the second and the third month)** – focused on:
     - legislation with regard to civil service performance,
     - organization and activities of governmental control,
     - institution of EU,
     - legislation relating to work
- implementation of competence training and its types:
  1. Managerial training
  2. Training aimed at personal development
  3. Professional training
  4. Training in information technology
  5. Language training
- list of abilities and personal characteristics conjoined with the job vacancies filling.
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<td>2. Conscientiousness and reliability</td>
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<td>3. Independence</td>
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<td>5. Adaptability and flexibility</td>
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<td>8. Communication skills</td>
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<td>9. Analytical, conceptual and strategic thinking</td>
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There are stated minimum 3 abilities and personal characteristics from this list in the job description.

There are stated the both above mentioned abilities and minimum 3 abilities and personal characteristics from the employees’ list in the job description.
**TRAINING PROGRAMME „SCHOLA STATISTICA“**

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FURTHER TOOLS WITH REGARD TO KNOWLEDGE CAPITAL BUILDING

• **Intranet** – an important tool for information sharing.

• **Informal groups mainly among younger employees** – on the basis of communication employees share knowledge (often tacit knowledge).

• **Involvement potential of key (knowledge) employees as trainers in statistical training** – courses are aimed to development of skills and practical solutions.

• **Statistical projects** – contribute to motivation and development of employees.
• Preparation of new strategy of development of the SO SR.

• In human resources management new action programmes will be focused on the system of development leaders and the training standards for managers with regard to increasing the effectiveness of activities in the internal and external environment of the SO SR.
THANK YOU