

# Slovak ICT environment

IT Asociácia Slovenska

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## IT Association Slovakia (ITAS)

**National business association representing the most significant local and international players operating on the Slovak market in the field of ICT.**

- The stated mission of ITAS is to promote and develop an information society as a precondition for the building of knowledge-based society.
- ITAS was founded in September 1999.
- It has 87 members, representing more than 80% of Slovak ICT market share and more than 22.000 employees

Member companies are active in sectors of HW, SW, distribution, telecom, internet, IT consulting and services

ITAS is a member of the European association EICTA since May 2004 and RUZ (Republic Union of Employers) – the biggest organization of employers in Slovakia.



## **ITAS - Primary functions**

- **To actively encourage the creation of a developing information and knowledge society**
- **To participate in any legislation which may impact on ICT**
- **To support the competitiveness of Slovak ICT companies in international markets**
- **To explain the potential and possibilities of ICT in the public and private sectors**
- **To promote the interests of the ICT sector**
- **To support the education of ICT specialists**
- **Lobbying, lobbying, lobbying**



## **ITAS - Cooperation with government**

### **Close cooperation with:**

- **Plenipotentiary for Information Society**
- **Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Knowledge-Based Society**
- **Ministry of Finance**
- **Government Office**

### **Goals of cooperation:**

- **EU funds, eGovernment standards, strategies of information society, strategic documents and legislation**
- **Observation, commenting and lobbying for legislative proposals**

**Cooperation with further state institutions as Telecommunications Office, National Security Authority (eSignature, eSecurity) or Office for Public Procurement (consulting).**



# Slovak legislation framework

## **ICT related legislation**

**Electronic Commerce Act Nr. 22/2004 Z. z.**

**Electronic Signature Act Nr. 215/2002 Z.z.**

**Electronic Communications Act Nr. 610/2003 Z. z.**

**Information Systems in Public Administration Act 275/2006 Z.z. (effective from 1.6.2006)**

**Public Procurement Act Nr. 523/2003 Z.z. (including e-Procurement)**

**Waste Act Nr. 223/2001 Z. z. (electronic waste)**

**Copyright Act Nr. 618/2003 Z. z. (e.g. copyrights, royalties, licences, rights to SW)**

## **Other Important documents**

**eGovernment Roadmap (October 2005)**

**Strategy of competitiveness of Slovakia by the end of year 2010 (Minerva), section of Information Society, 2005**

**National Strategic Reference Framework 2007-13 (EU funds, 2007-2013), May 2006**

**Operational program – Information Society**

**Documents in preparation**

**Digital Broadcasting Bill**

**Public Administration Records Bill**

**eGovernment Bill**

**National Concept of Public Administration Informatization**





## Slovak ICT market overview in general

- ✓ High economy growth (>10 %)
- ✓ EU membership from 2004
- ✓ Broadband growth
- ✓ Internet penetration in companies almost 98%
- ✓ IT investments (Bratislava, Košice, Žilina)
  
- Missing educated IT workforce