



## Slovakia

### Most important recipients

<i>2017 gross disbursements, Mio. USD</i>	<i>2017 commitments, Mio. USD</i>
Bilateral, unspecified 0.52	Bilateral, unspecified 0.52
Cuba 0.030	Cuba 0.030
Montenegro 0.005	Montenegro 0.005

*\*ATI partner country*

### Doubling support to DRM in partner countries

Over the years, Slovakia's DRM portfolio has relied mostly on **technical assistance and knowledge exchange**. This also applies for the 2017 reporting year. However, new avenues in delivering the knowledge and lessons learned were explored, particularly via cooperation with the World Bank Group and the first online course on public finance management, which also includes lectures on some basic revenue issues. Slovakia is planning to continue with similar activities in the future and complement them with other types of assistance (e.g. budget support) accompanied by higher financial contributions. The selection of modalities has remained rather stable, i.e. largely bilateral or multi-/bi-technical support.

Being an ATI member has certainly shaped Slovakia's technical assistance delivery closer towards DRM support. Various tax issues have been in the centre of discussions with our partner countries when creating new joint initiatives and projects.

### Policy coherence for development

In its efforts to **increase the quality and impact of development cooperation**, Slovakia emphasises the principle of coherent sustainable development policies. In particular, Slovakia aims to ensure that the goals and results of Slovak development policy are in line and in synergy with other national policies (e.g. policies of security, trade, the environment, and migration) impacting partner countries.

By creating a robust institutional framework for the 2030 Agenda, conditions have been put in place to coordinate and oversee the implementation of policy coherence at the national level. In this context, various bodies and cooperation groups, ranging from very formal to practical working-level ones, were created, such as the Governmental Council for 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Working Group for the 2030 Agenda and the National Investment Plan, an Expert Group for Policy Coherence, or the Dialogue with the National Council of the Slovak Republic. The topic of policy coherence for development is also reflected in the new Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic (2019-2022).



## Outlook

Speaking solely on behalf of the Slovak Ministry of Finance, it is quite likely that Slovakia will individually double up their baseline. They plan to continue with most currently running longer-time projects and are also preparing several new ones. However, the Slovak contribution forms only a small percentage of the overall baseline and it is hard to predict whether all ATI development partners will be able to attain the Commitment 1. Moreover, technical assistance activities depend, to a large extent, on **joint efforts of both the development partners and the partner countries** which together must ensure successful implementation of mutual projects.