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## PREVENTING CRIME IN SLOVAKIA: LAWS AND STRATEGIES

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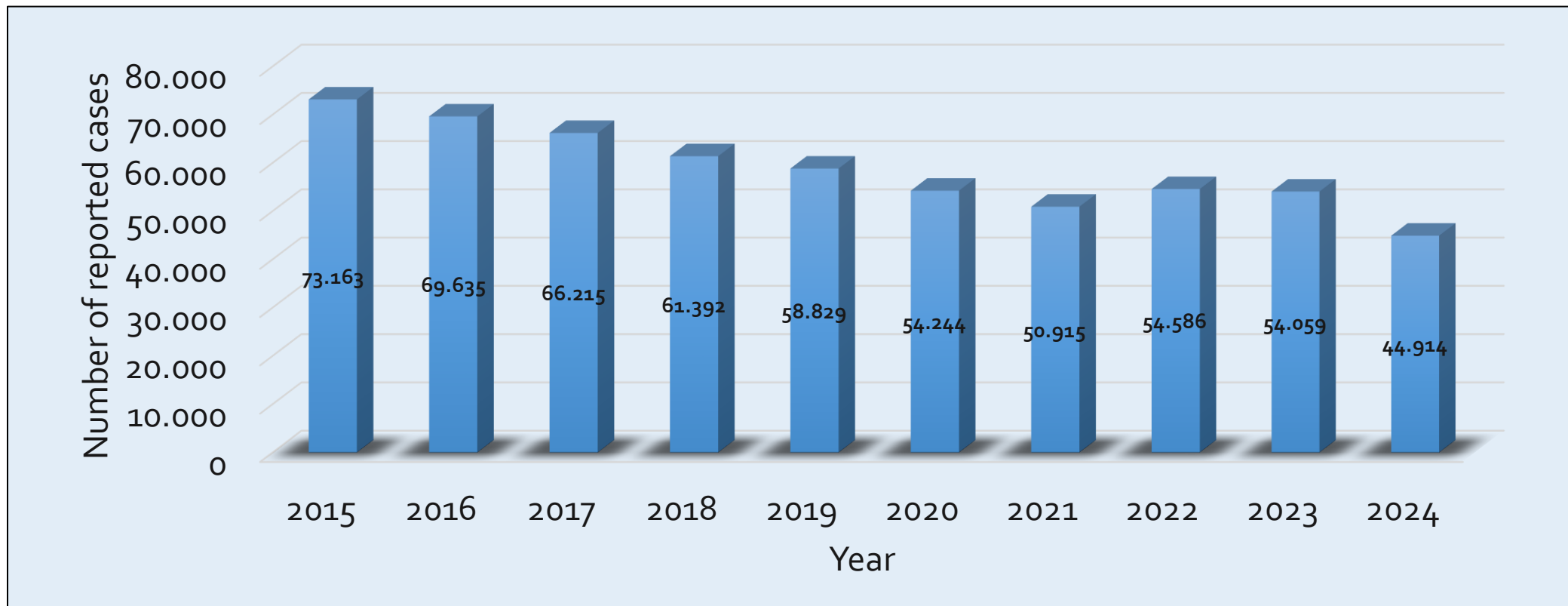
# About Slovakia (Key Facts)

- **Official Name:** The Slovak Republic
- **Capital City:** Bratislava
- **Population:** 5.4 million
- **Area:** 49,030 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Government:** Parliamentary democracy

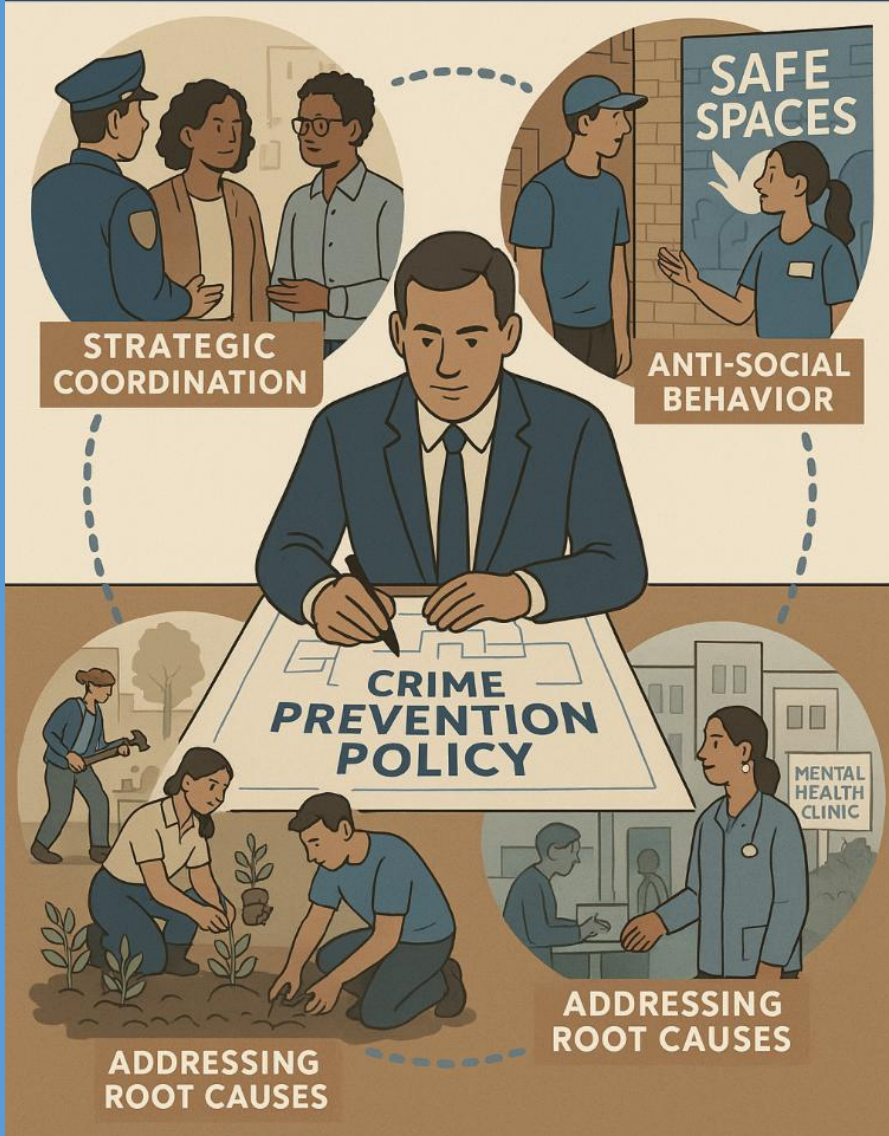


Slovakia, a parliamentary democracy in Central Europe, shares borders with Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Ukraine.

# Statistics of reported crimes from 2015 to 2024



# CRIME PREVENTION POLICY DEFINED



# Crime Prevention Policy Defined

## Strategic Coordination

Crime prevention is a strategic and coordinated effort.

## Anti-Social Behavior

It addresses actions impacting society negatively.

## Addressing Root Causes

It targets the causes and conditions that lead to crime.

This policy organizes crime prevention in Slovakia, defining roles for government and public authorities.

# CRIME PREVENTION



## Key Policy Definitions

### Crime Prevention

Efforts addressing causes of crime and anti-social behavior.

### Crime

Acts classified as criminal offenses under the law.

### Anti-Social Behavior

Actions constituting misdemeanors or impacting society negatively.

Understanding these terms is crucial for effective crime prevention strategies and policy implementation.

# Responsible authorities

## Government

Goals and crime prevention strategy

Reviews progress reports

## Ministry of Interior

Analyzes crime and solutions

Approves projects and funding

Supports crime victims

## Information Offices

Support crime victims

Work with support centers and authorities

Raise awareness

## Regional Offices

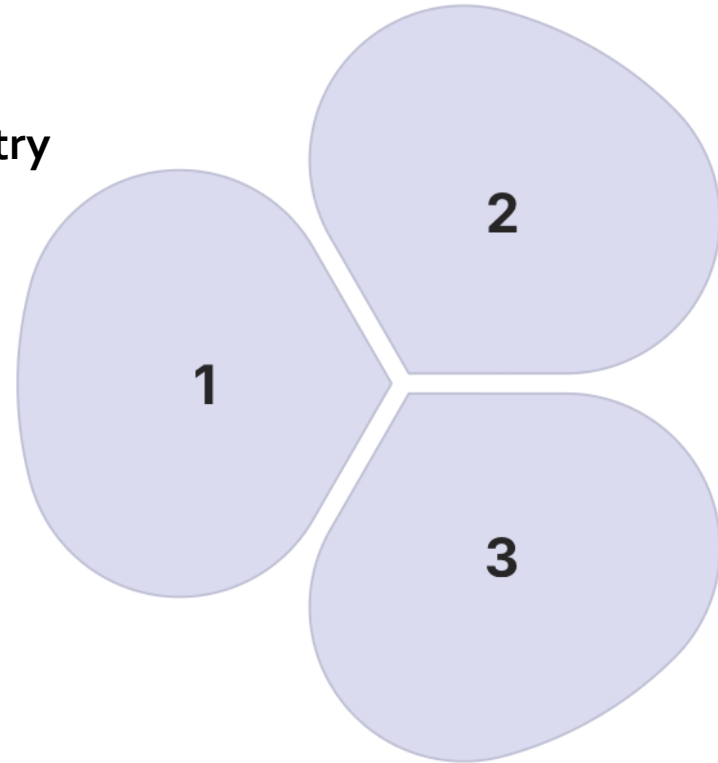
Coordinate local crime prevention

Develop strategies and analyze crime

Recommend and manage projects

# Crime Prevention Funding Structure

**Regional Office/Ministry  
Funding Source**



**Up to 80%  
Grant Coverage**

**At least 20%+  
Other Sources**

Funding requires at least 20% from other sources, prohibits multiple grants, and demands unused funds returned within 15 days.



# Slovak Crime Prevention Strategy



Valid to 2028



Law No. 583/2008



Protect Lives

The current strategy, valid until 2028 and based on Law No. 583/2008, focuses on protecting lives, health, and property in Slovakia.





# Strategic goals

Based on the global goal of improving the quality of life and safety of individuals, groups, and communities.

- Creating a suitable environment for the upbringing, education, and leisure activities for children and youth
- Reducing the impact of crisis situations
- Minimizing profits from criminal and other antisocial activities
- Increasing the protection of public spaces and the sense of security
- Strengthening trust in public authorities
- Progress in crime prevention

## STRATEGIC GOALS



# CRIME TRENDS ANALYSIS

## 2016 – 2021



## Crime Trends Analysis: 2016-2021

Overall Crime	Down 27%
Property Crime	Down 39.7%
Violent Crime	Down 28%
Economic Crime	Varied

Crime rates in Slovakia decreased by 27% between 2016 and 2021. However, specific categories like environmental and juvenile crimes saw increases during this period.

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