



SLOVAKIA: PRIOR GUIDANCE TABLES

This document contains three tables. Table 1 provides the net nominal expenditure growth and the corresponding change in the structural primary balance ratio in case of a 4-year adjustment period. It also indicates the impact, if any, of the benchmark and safeguards described in Art. 7, 8 and 6(d) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1263 on top of the requirements based on the Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA)-based criteria described in Art. 6(a) and (b) of the same Regulation ⁽¹⁾. Table 2 provides the same information as Table 1 in case of a 7-year adjustment period. Finally, Table 3 summarises the main initial conditions and underlying assumptions.

Table 1: Reference trajectory for a plan without extension, Slovakia

For a plan without extension (4 years)	Average				
Slovakia	2025-2028	2025	2026	2027	2028
Net expenditure growth (%)	2.0	2.8	2.0	1.6	1.5
Structural primary balance (% of GDP)	-1.0	-3.0	-1.7	-0.4	0.9
Annual change in the structural primary balance (pp. of GDP)	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
<i>of which</i>					
<i>DSA-based criteria</i>	<i>1.30</i>	<i>1.30</i>	<i>1.30</i>	<i>1.30</i>	<i>1.30</i>
<i>Impact of the benchmark and safeguards</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>

Note: The colour code for the annual change in SPB is as follows:

- Black normal: requirements complying with the DSA-based criteria;
- Red bold: the deficit benchmark as measured in terms of change in the structural primary balance is binding;
- Yellow background: the deficit benchmark as measured in terms of change in the structural balance is binding;
- Black bold: the debt sustainability safeguard is binding;
- Blue italics: the deficit resilience safeguard is binding.

⁽¹⁾ By construction, the reference trajectory is in line with the no-backloading principle as described in Art. 6(c) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1263.

Table 2: Reference trajectory for a plan with extension, Slovakia

For a plan with extension (7 years) Slovakia	Average	Average	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
	2025-2028	2025-2031							
Net expenditure growth (%)	3.1	2.8	3.8	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
Structural primary balance (% of GDP)	-2.3	-1.1	-3.5	-2.7	-1.9	-1.1	-0.3	0.5	1.3
Annual change in the structural primary balance (pp. of GDP) <i>of which</i>	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
<i>DSA-based criteria</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.80</i>
<i>Impact of the benchmark and safeguards</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>

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Table 3: Main budgetary, macroeconomic and financial variables, Slovakia

Budgetary variables: initial conditions	2023	2024
Government budget balance (% of GDP)	-4.9	-5.9
Government debt (% of GDP)	56.0	58.5
Net expenditure growth (%)	24.0	6.2
Structural primary balance (% of GDP)	-3.5	-4.3

Main assumptions for a plan without extension (4 years)	Assumption	Period
Change in the cost of ageing (pp. of GDP)	1.3	2028-2038
Stock-flow adjustment (% of GDP)	0.0	2025-2038 average
Real GDP growth (%)	1.7	2025-2038 average
Inflation (change in the GDP deflator, %)	2.7	2025-2038 average
Nominal implicit interest rate (%)	3.3	2025-2038 average

Main assumptions for a plan with extension (7 years)	Assumption	Period
Change in the cost of ageing (pp. of GDP)	1.3	2031-2041
Stock-flow adjustment (% of GDP)	0.0	2025-2041 average
Real GDP growth (%)	1.6	2025-2041 average
Inflation (change in the GDP deflator, %)	2.7	2025-2041 average
Nominal implicit interest rate (%)	3.4	2025-2041 average