



Currency circulation in the Slovak Republic

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Currency circulation in Slovakia was smooth and trouble-free in 2006 and it was provided for without any serious problems.

In accordance with currency circulation needs, the National Bank of Slovakia last year ensured the printing of 31.4 million 20 koruna banknotes, 13 million 200 koruna banknotes and 11 million 500 koruna banknotes. Based on a contract from 2005, it also arranged a supply of 20.2 million 50 koruna banknotes from the Ottawa-based Canadian Bank Note Company. The 20 koruna banknotes were printed by the Polish company Polska Wytwarzni Papierow Wartosciowych S.A., in Warsaw, the 200 koruna banknotes by the French company François-Charles Obethur Fiduciaire, in Rennes, and the 500 koruna banknotes by the British company De La Rue, in Gateshead.

For the needs of currency circulation, 22.1 million 50 haler coins and 9.6 million 1 koruna coins were also minted. For collectors, 17,500 coins in the denominations of 10, 5, 2 and 1 koruny and 50 halers were produced for four issues of annual collector sets of Slovak circulation coins.

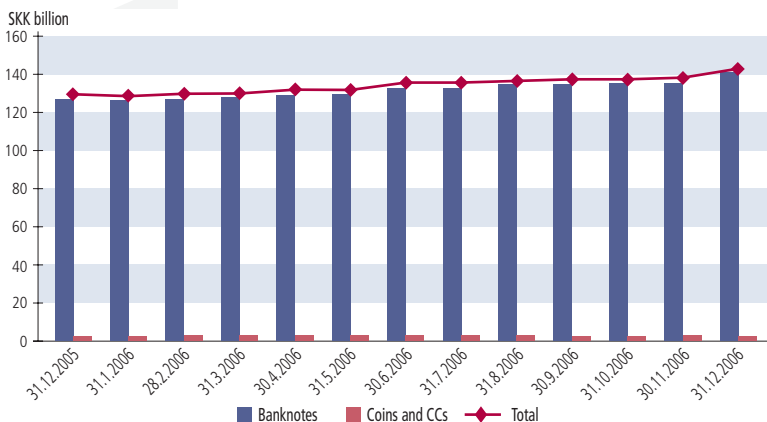
In 2006, for collector purposes, the NBS issued three sets of commemorative coins minted from precious metals. The 200 koruna and 500 koruna commemorative coins were stamped from silver and the 5000 koruna coins from gold. The 200 koruna coin marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of Karol Kuzmány was part of the project "Common Issues for Europe". Of the total number of commemorative coins issued for this occasion, one foreign buyer purchased 9,600 proof versions. The production of all coins and the sale of the annual collector sets of circulation coins was carried out by the Kremnica Mint state enterprise.

VALUE OF CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION AND THE ANNUAL NET ISSUANCE¹

The nominal value of currency in circulation in Slovakia (including Slovak commemorative coins and federal-era commemorative coins) was SKK 143.5 billion as at the end of 2006. In comparison with the figure at the end of 2005, that represented an increase of SKK 13.4 billion or 10.3%.

During the course of 2006, the development of currency in circulation maintained its typical seasonality with a decline in the first quarter of the year and an increase in the pre-Christmas period. This is also documented by monthly data on developments in the net issuance, the value of which ranged from minus SKK 0.97 billion in January to SKK 5.24 billion in December. The value of currency in circulation reported its lowest figure for the year on 2 February (SKK 128.6 bil-

Monthly development of currency in circulation in 2006



Source: National Bank of Slovakia.

Commemorative coins issued by the NBS in 2006

Face value	Event commemorated by the coin	Number of coins issued		NBS Decree
		Total	Proof	
500 Sk ¹⁾	Protection of Nature and Landscape – Muránska planina National Park	7 100	2 800	88/2006 Coll.
200 Sk ¹⁾	200th Anniversary of the Birth of Karol Kuzmány	17 350	12 450	448/2006 Coll.
5000 Sk ²⁾	The Last monarch of the Great Moravian Empire Mojmir II	4 000	4 000	556/2006 Coll.

Source: NBS

1) Commemorative silver coin.

2) Commemorative gold coin.

¹ Net issuance represents the difference between the money put into circulation and the money taken out of circulation over a given period. The terminology is consistent with that used by the European Central Bank.



lion) and its highest on 22 December (SKK 148.6 billion) in the run-up to Christmas.

STRUCTURE OF THE CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION

As at 31 December 2006, the currency in circulation comprised 175.6 million banknotes with a nominal value of SKK 141.1 billion, 1,113.8 million coins with a nominal value of SKK 1.8 billion, and 867,000 commemorative coins issued by the NBS with a nominal value of SKK 643.4 million. Of the total nominal value of currency in circulation, banknotes accounted for 98.3%, circulation coins 1.2% and commemorative coins (including federal-era commemorative coins) 0.5%. Of the total number of coins and banknotes in circulation, banknotes made up 13.6%, circulation coins 86.3% and commemorative coins 0.1%.

The net issuance in 2006 (SKK 13.4 billion) included mainly the net issuance of banknotes, which amounted to SKK 13.5 billion because of the higher denominations. The net issuance of circulation coins represented SKK 69.0 million and the net issuance of commemorative coins came to minus SKK 157.9 million².

Of the 2006 net issuance, the largest component by value was the net issuance of 5000 ko-

runa banknotes (1.5 million units representing SKK 7.5 billion) and 1000 koruna banknotes (5.0 million units representing SKK 5.0 billion). These two denominations together accounted for 93.4% of the net issuance in 2006.

The structure of banknotes in circulation remained unchanged in comparison with 2005. The most numerous banknotes in circulation continued to be the 1000 koruna (61.3 million units), 20 koruna (36.0 million) and 100 koruna (25.1 million) banknotes. The 5000 koruna and 1000 koruna banknotes accounted for 90.1% of the total value of currency in circulation, with the total nominal value of the higher denomination amounting to SKK 68.0 billion and the lower one SKK 61.3 billion. That share represented a slight rise on the figure of 89.8% reported in the previous year.

In 2006, the net issuance of circulation coins represented SKK 69.0 million (nearly 49 million units). Almost all denominations of valid circulation coins recorded a positive net issuance, with the highest value reported for the 5 koruna coin (SKK 26.3 million) and the largest increase by number of units for the 50 haler coin (up by 22 million). With the lowest denomination 20 haler and 10 haler denominations having ceased to be legal tender, there was a minimal return of the-

² Decree of the NBS No. 278/2000 Coll. on ending the validity of the commemorative silver coins from the Czecho-Slovak currency issued from 21 August 1954 to 31 December 1992.

Currency in circulation by nominal value in SKK

	Nominal value in SKK		Share in %	
	31 December 2006	31 December 2005	31 December 2006	31 December 2005
Banknotes				
5000 Sk	68 029 362 500	60 530 677 500	47.40	46.52
1000 Sk	61 320 830 500	56 298 082 500	42.73	43.27
500 Sk	5 361 164 875	4 864 545 875	3.74	3.74
200 Sk	2 292 431 250	2 055 817 650	1.60	1.58
100 Sk	2 512 164 150	2 386 890 550	1.75	1.83
50 Sk	867 629 800	803 035 150	0.60	0.62
20 Sk	720 110 265	668 318 405	0.50	0.51
Total	141 103 693 340	127 607 367 630	98.32	98.08
Circulation coins				
10 Sk	881 149 330	881 097 520	0.61	0.68
5 Sk	333 777 320	307 494 745	0.23	0.24
2 Sk	232 742 040	213 482 432	0.16	0.16
1 Sk	152 756 209	140 241 785	0.11	0.11
50 hal.	25 042 036	25 211 472	0.02	0.02
50 hal. II	74 212 418	63 057 108	0.05	0.05
20 hal.	44 304 304	44 346 033	0.03	0.03
10 hal.	26 980 004	26 998 155	0.02	0.02
Total	1 770 963 661	1 701 929 248	1.23	1.31
Commemor. coins¹⁾	643 389 180	801 298 680	0.45	0.62
Total currency	143 518 046 181	130 110 595 558	100.00	100.00

Source: NBS

¹⁾ Including federal-era commemorative coins.

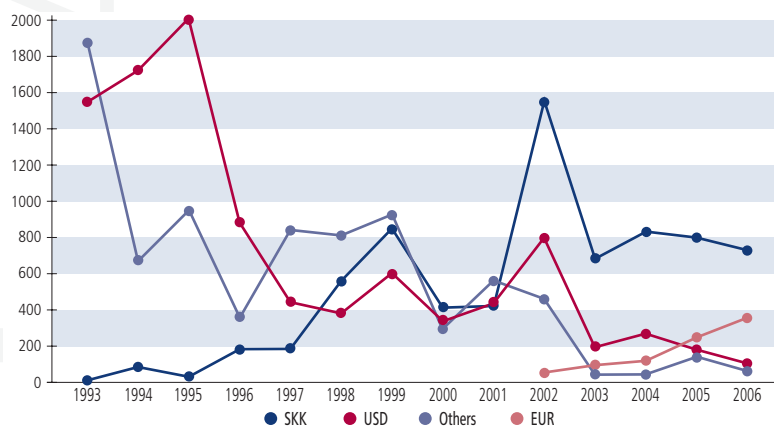


Currency in circulation by pieces

	Number of units		Share in %	
	31 December 2006	31 December 2005	31 December 2006	31 December 2005
Banknotes				
5000 Sk	13 605 873	12 106 136	1.05	0.99
1000 Sk	61 320 831	56 298 083	4.75	4.59
500 Sk	10 722 330	9 729 092	0.83	0.79
200 Sk	11 462 156	10 279 088	0.89	0.84
100 Sk	25 121 642	23 868 906	1.95	1.94
50 Sk	17 352 596	16 060 703	1.34	1.31
20 Sk	36 005 513	33 415 920	2.79	2.72
Total	175 590 940	161 757 927	13.61	13.18
Circulation coins				
10 Sk	88 114 933	88 109 752	6.83	7.18
5 Sk	66 755 464	61 498 949	5.17	5.01
2 Sk	116 371 020	106 741 216	9.02	8.70
1 Sk	152 756 209	140 241 785	11.84	11.43
50 hal.	50 084 071	50 422 943	3.88	4.11
50 hal. II	148 484 836	126 114 215	11.50	10.27
20 hal.	221 521 521	221 730 163	17.17	18.06
10 hal.	269 800 042	269 981 546	20.91	22.00
Total	1 113 828 096	1 064 840 569	86.32	86.75
Commemor. coins¹⁾	866 959	830 945	0.07	0.07
Total currency	1 290 285 995	1 227 429 441	100.00	100.00

Source: NBS
1) Including federal-era commemorative coins.

Number of counterfeits seized



Source: NBS

se coins from circulation in 2006: only 208,600 units of the 20 haler coin (compared to 3.3 million in 2005) and 181,500 units of the 10 haler coin (3.1 million in 2005). The number of these coins still in circulation as at 31 December 2006 was more than 491 million, representing over 44% of the total number of coins issued in these denominations between 1993 and the end of 2006.

The total number of commemorative coins in circulation increased by 36,000 units in 2006 and their nominal value rose by SKK 31.2 milli-

on (only Slovak commemorative coins). The nominal value of federal-era commemorative coins taken out of circulation in 2006 amounted to SKK 74,100.

AVERAGE VALUE OF CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION

As at 31 December 2006, the per capita value of currency in circulation,³ including commemorative coins, stood at SKK 26,631, of which banknotes accounted for SKK 26,183, circulation coins SKK 329 and commemorative coins SKK 119. In comparison with 2005, the per capita value of currency in circulation increased by SKK 2,447, with banknotes recording an increase of SKK 2,464, circulation coins SKK 13 and commemorative coins a decline of SKK 30.

The number of banknotes per capita amounted to 33, representing a rise of three units in comparison with 2005. The most numerous banknotes were the 1000 koruna (11 units per capita) and the 20 koruna (almost 7 units). The per capita number of circulation coins increased from 198 in 2005 to 207 in 2006. As in 2005, the most numerous coins were the haler denominations (10, 20 and 50 halers), which equated to 128 units per capita (compared to 124 units in 2005). Of the coins that are legal tender, the 50 haler denomination accounted for the highest share with 37 units per capita (36 units in 2005).

³ The population of Slovakia as at 31 December 2005 was 5,389,180, according to the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.



CONTERFEITS SEIZED IN THE TERRITORY OF SLOVAKIA

In 2006, a total of 1,233 units of counterfeit Slovak currency and foreign currencies were seized in Slovakia. In comparison with 2005, the total number of seized counterfeits declined by 83 units or more than 6%. Of the counterfeits seized, 70% were found directly in the currency circulation by banks, branches of foreign banks, non-banking entities and security services.

The structure of counterfeits comprised mostly counterfeit Slovak koruny (59 %) and euros (28%), as well as US dollars (8%) and other foreign currencies (5%).

The highest occurrence of counterfeit Slovak koruny was recorded in the regions of Košice and Bratislava. The banknotes most frequently counterfeited were the 1000 and 5000 koruna denominations, which accounted for two thirds of all the counterfeit koruna.

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