1. Institutional Framework

   a) European Commission 2002 overall assessment
   Major progress achieved. Further efforts are still to be made in the transposition and implementation of social rules (admission to the occupation and driving times and rest periods).

   b) Negotiations on Transport Chapter
   Closed; a “2+2+1”-year transitional period for road freight cabotage after accession: no other transitional periods.

   c) Domestically operating companies
   Several costly elements of the EU road transport acquis remain to be transposed within the transitional period allowed for road freight cabotage (3 to 5 years), among which the most recent (or under preparation) EU road transport-related social rules.

2. Road transport market

   a) Structure
   The average internationally operating road freight company owns 3.3 trucks and 2.6 trailers/semi-trailers against 4.4 vehicles for the rest of the candidate countries and 5.2 for the EU companies with Community authorisations (SK data from 2003). The average Slovakian international passenger transport company by road owns 1.3 coaches against 5.3 for the average EU company holding Community authorisations (SK data from 2003).

   3’263 companies are active (SK data from 2003) in the road freight transport sector in Slovakia. 99.5% are private companies and 0.5% are state-owned. Transport companies are of various sizes and types. The total number of vehicles in professional international freight transport is 19’030, 1’720 of which are under 3.5 tonnes, 8’946 are above 3.5 tonnes. 10’666 of the total number of vehicles are trucks and 8’364 trailers and semi-trailers. The average age of trucks is 6 years, whilst for trailers/semi-trailers it is 7 years (SK data from 2003).
934 private companies are active in international passenger transport in Slovakia (data from 2003). The total number of coaches is 1'231 and the average fleet age is 10.5 years.

b) **Competition**

Nowadays, free competition on the Slovakian market is limited by the system of foreign transport permits, which are required for international transport operations. Transport capacity of Slovakian hauliers exceeds demand for transport services. For this reason, a number of road transport operators are seeking to offer services on the international market (abroad). However, this possibility is restricted because of the existing quantitative limitations on international transport permits.

c) **Co-operation opportunities**

Co-operation opportunities exist in both goods (domestic and regional logistics, distribution) and passenger transport sectors. Slovak road transport operators look mainly for local partners for transport operations. Foreign partners from Western and Eastern Europe are needed to optimise return trips (loads). Empty runs are a problem.

3. **Basic Statistical Indicators**

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<td>Area</td>
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<td>Economy (2001)</td>
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<td>GDP growth (2001)</td>
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<td>Imports (2000→2001)</td>
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<td>Industrial production (2000→2001)</td>
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<td>Infrastructure density (TINA network by 2015)</td>
<td>Roads: 19; Railways: 29</td>
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<td>Road goods transport (2000→2001, t/km, national)</td>
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<td>Labour costs (entire economy, €/h)</td>
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<td>New registrations of goods vehicles, 2000→2001</td>
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4. **The Best Road Transport-Related Addresses & Contacts**

- **Emergency numbers**
  - Police: 158
  - Ambulance: 155
  - Dangerous goods accident: 158; 150;155
Breakdown 123, 0123, (mobile phone: *55)
Fire and Rescue 150

- **Ministry of Transport, Post and Telecommunications**
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  Special permits for excess weight and dimensions are issued by Regional Licensing Authorities of resident region where the transport operation is carried out.
  
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- **Use of authorisations by non-residents**
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  Web: www.colnasprava.sk
  
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5. Association of International Road Transport Operators

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Web: www.cesmad.sk
Activities of ČESMAD Slovakia
Services to members:

- provide information (magazine “Kilometer”, telephone, web-site, direct mail)
- VAT recovery
- ADR kits
- manuals, maps, stickers, lashing materials, fire extinguishers and a variety of equipments which are offered in our shop MOTOPLUS
- distribution of Slovakian and foreign motorway vignettes
- customs document TIR carnet
- issuing of transport permits
- professional training for operators
- social events (sports days, races, annually ball)

The association is planning to extend its services by adding sea ferry bookings and the distribution of “Abonentski Bon” (cashless remittance of motorway payments in Slovenia)

6. The Best Internet Sources of Information on Road Transport

- **CESMAD Slovakia**
  Association of Slovak International Road Carriers
  [http://www.cesmad.sk/](http://www.cesmad.sk/)

- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
  of the Slovak Republic with a separate section on Slovakia and the EU with information on the accession process

- **Ministry of Transport, Post and Telecommunications**
  Post and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic

- **Autoserver**
  Current traffic information, waiting times at Slovak border crossing points
  [http://www.autoserver.sk](http://www.autoserver.sk)

- **Customs Department**
  Customs Acts, Acts on State Administration Authorities Customs
  [http://www.colnasprava.sk](http://www.colnasprava.sk)

- **Slovak Road Administration**
  Road network, Information about motorways
  [http://www.ssc.sk](http://www.ssc.sk)

- **Ministry of Interior**
  Traffic regulations and documents relevant to driving control
  [www.minv.sk](http://www.minv.sk)

- **Ministry of Work and Social Affairs**
  [www.employment.gov.sk](http://www.employment.gov.sk)
• Ministry of Agriculture
  Phytosanitary control
  www.mpsr.sk
• Ministry of Health
  www.health.gov.sk
• Phytosanitary Control
  www.svssr.sk
• Veterinary Civil Service
  www.svssr.sk
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  www.ucd.sk
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