

# **Slovak Agriculture and Food Chamber (SPPK)**

The members of SPPK are natural persons as well as legal persons running their business in:

agriculture

food industry

biological, technical and trade services for agriculture and food industry

NGOs and self-governing organisations in the agri-food branch and other subjects

*Since January 1st 2005 the membership in SPPK is voluntary.*

SPPK realizes its activities through the Head office in Bratislava, the net of the regional agricultural and food chambers (RPPK) in the whole territory of Slovakia and the regional chambers „with the statute“ (i.e. based on the other than the territory principle).

The Slovak Agricultural and Food Chamber was based according to the Law no. 30/1992 Coll. as non-governmental, statutory and self-governing institution.

## **The main goals and mission of SPPK**

the representation of the common interests of SPPK members in the process of the state socio-economical policy creation

the support and protection of SPPK members enterprise activities, in the sake of the agriculture and the food industry progress and improvement in Slovakia

## **The benefits of SPPK**

is conducive to improving the business environment in agri-food sector

has a wide territorial scope through the net of the regional chambers

has a direct contact with the primary producers in the regions

collects, selects and evaluates various statistical data

combines the entrepreneurs in the agriculture and in the food industry as well as in the services for both sectors

daily updates the information on [www.sppk.sk](http://www.sppk.sk)

flexibly disseminates the information to the members

quickly reaches the reflex from its members by using the electronic questionnaires and the evaluating, analysing software

comments the legislative drafts and co-operates on preparation of the standpoints, also on the European Union level

co-formulates the common strategy for the progress and seeks the possible solutions of the essential problems of agriculture

## **SPPK co-operates and communicates**

with the Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations in the EU and the General Confederation of Agricultural Co-operatives in the EU (COPA/COGECA)

with the Slovak national authorities (the Parliament, the Government of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Agriculture of the SR, the State Veterinary and Food Administration of the SR (ŠVPS SR), the Central Controlling and Testing Institute in Agriculture (ÚSKÚP), the State Administration Authorities in the Customs, the Tax Directorate of the SR, the Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra etc.

with the agrarian chambers of the Visegrad four countries and other partner organisations  
with the unions and associations, also within the experts working groups  
with the subjects operating in the primary agricultural production, for example to implement the new ISO standards  
with educational and scientific-research institutes, to search for the new solutions and possible tendencies of the progress of the agri-food sector development in Slovakia

### **SPPK organizes and guards**

the educational activities, seminars and trainings, for example for the implementation of the new legislation measures  
the specialized international conferences on the actual subjects  
the study trips to the foreign countries  
the meetings of the experts to share their views and information  
the continual monitoring of the progress and the outputs of the seasonal agricultural works statistics

### **SPPK provides**

the information of the European legislation in the agriculture and food sectors  
the information of the situation on the markets of the main agricultural commodities, on the viewpoints of the European organisations etc.  
the information of the Rural development programme, reforms and the perspective of the Common agricultural policy  
the advisory services on the regional, i.e. direct level  
the useful printed booklets for the needs of the primary producers, for example to fill in the requested entries for the controllers  
the elaborated economical analysis of the food industry development and of the international trade on agricultural products  
SPPK premises and technical equipment  
the administration services for the certain associations

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