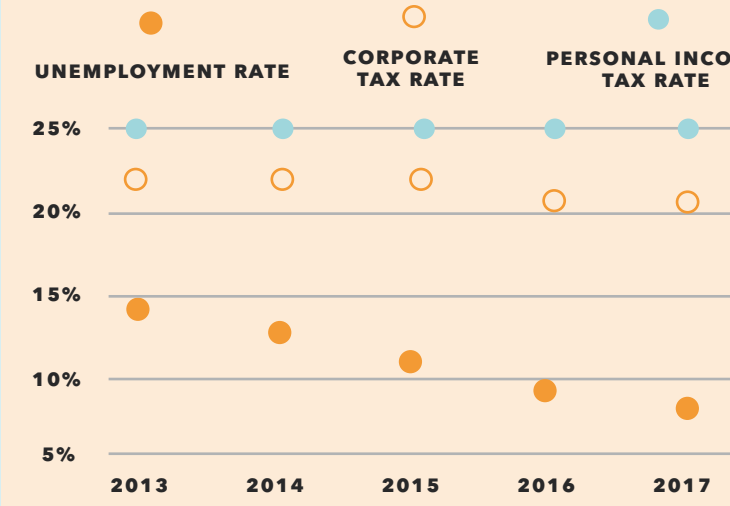
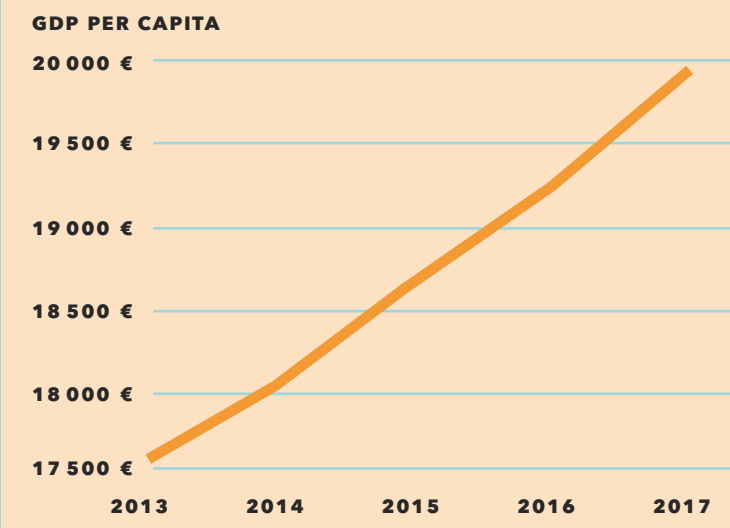
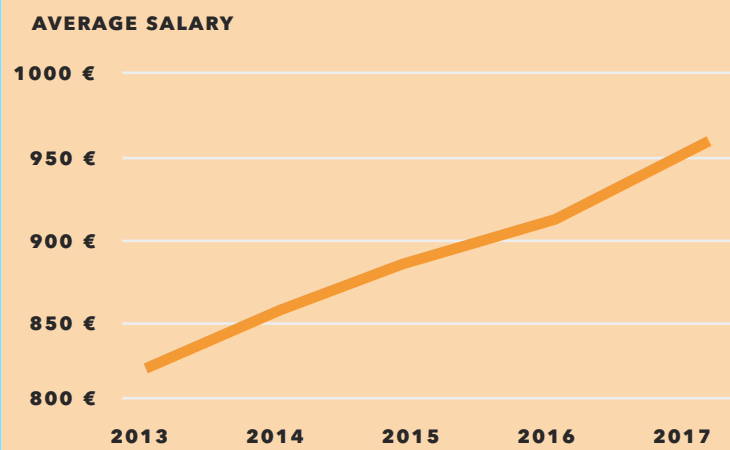
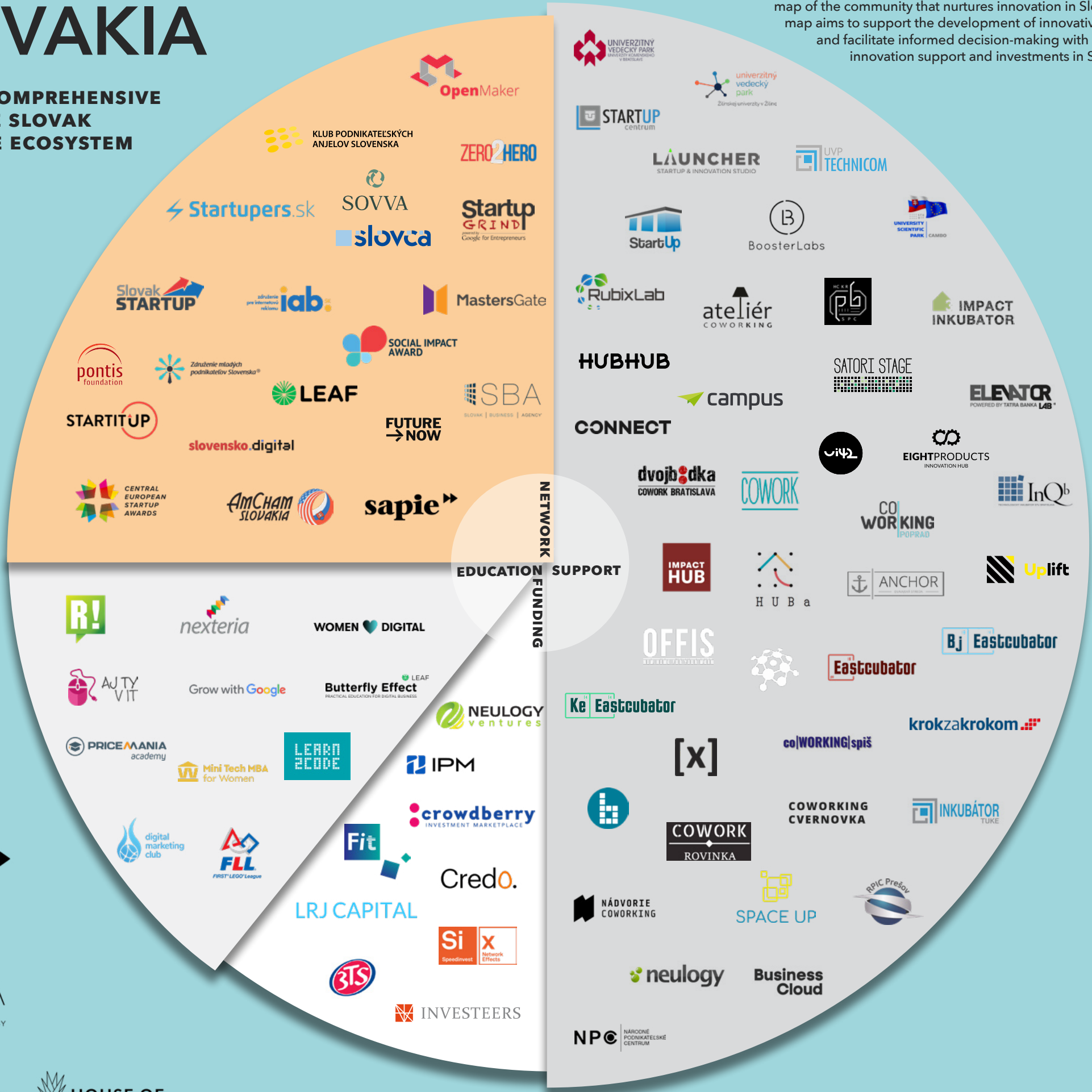


INNOVATION MAP SLOVAKIA

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE MAP OF THE SLOVAK INNOVATIVE ECOSYSTEM

Slovakia is widely known for being the world's largest per capita car manufacturer. That is not all, though. Slovakia is full of innovative businesses, accelerators, incubators, and other innovation hubs. That is why we created the first comprehensive map of the community that nurtures innovation in Slovakia. This map aims to support the development of innovative ideas and facilitate informed decision-making with regards to innovation support and investments in Slovakia.

CURRENCY €
POPULATION 5.4 MILLION
BRATISLAVA POPULATION 421305 (2015)



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10 REASONS WHY SLOVAKIA

- ### 1 GROWING COMMUNITY

In the early 2000s, the community was comprised of only a handful of supporting players for startups. Now, Slovakia has a blooming community of CoWorks, incubators, accelerators, and events not only in the capital, but across the entire country.
- ### 2 SLOVAK LANGUAGE, THE SLAVIC ESPERANTO

The Slovak language may be hard to master at first, but once you learn the basics you can easily engage in a conversation with our brothers from Czech Republic and other Slavic languages will not be much of a problem for you either.
- ### 3 SUCCESSFUL ROLE MODELS

While the US has Google or Facebook, Slovak entrepreneurs can easily find their role models among many successful companies from our nation where the likes of ESET, Websupport, Exponea or Pixel Federation inspire and drive the innovation.
- ### 4 INNOVATORS "BEFORE IT WAS COOL"

We have innovation running in our blood. Famous Slovaks were behind inventions of parachute (Štefan Banič), wireless telegraph (Jozef Murgaš), thermal turbine (Aurel Stodola), and many more.
- ### 5 PERFECT PLACE TO START

Our venture capital funds devote majority of their funding to early stage startups which makes Slovakia the perfect place to start a business.
- ### 6 TECH TALENT

Slovakia has an abundance of tech-savvy youngsters who strive to be a part of something huge. The Bratislava region can pride itself with the highest concentration of people working in the ICT in the CEE Area.
- ### 7 HUB FOR FAST-GROWING COMPANIES

Bratislava is home to more than a hundred private companies on the Inc. 5000 Europe 2017 list of fastest-growing companies. This is the 3rd largest number after Stockholm and London.
- ### 8 IT FAME

Bratislava has the highest ICT value added growth in the CEE Area and with the majority of the VC capital flowing into ICT projects we might as well call it the "Capital of ICT".
- ### 9 INTERNATIONAL SLOVAKIA

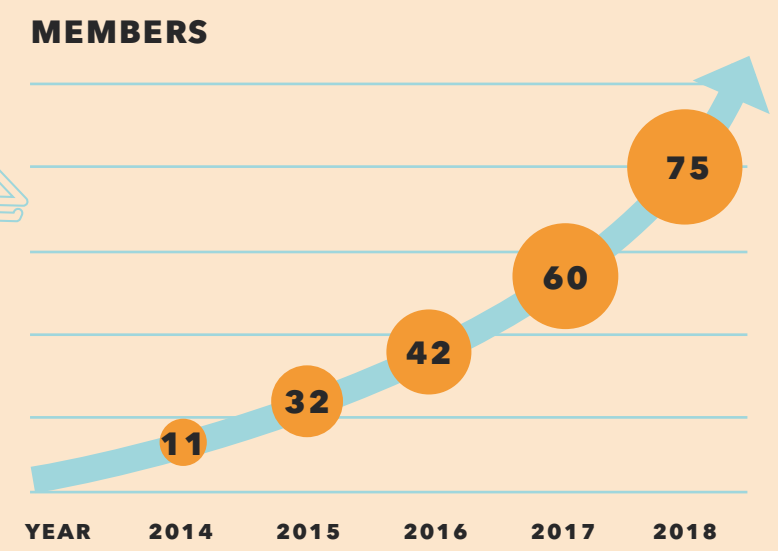
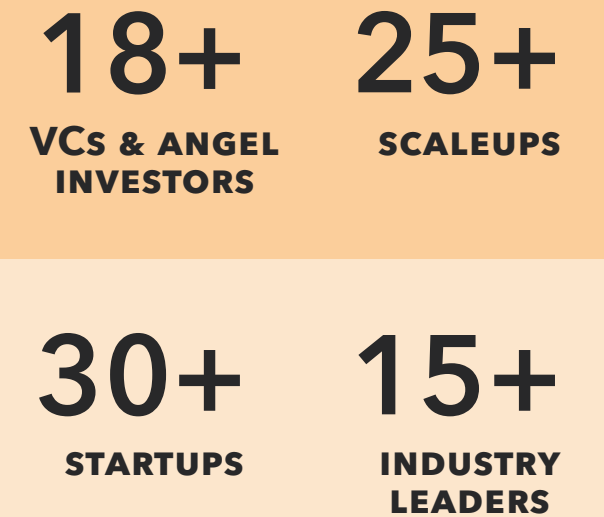
Did you know Bratislava is the only capital city in the world that shares borders with two independent countries – Austria and Hungary? Moreover, Vienna and Bratislava are only 70 km apart. Starting here means starting internationally.
- ### 10 A HOT THERMAL BATH STRAIGHT FROM THE OFFICE

Slovakia has an incredible amount of 1 300 mineral water sources and healing thermal springs. Most of them are actively used for therapeutic and recreational purposes in 21 spa resorts across the country. What a great way of recharging after a stressful meeting.

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DRIVING INNOVATION GDP OF SLOVAKIA

Founded in 2014, The Slovak Alliance for Innovation Economy is the largest innovation alliance in Slovakia with over 70 members. We act as an independent non-profit industry body representing Slovak digital and innovation economy. Through our activities in education, ecosystem building and policy advocacy we drive innovation GDP in Slovakia.



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