

Economic environment in Slovenia is becoming increasingly challenging, while companies continue to show remarkable resilience

AHK-Economic Survey Slovenia and in Comparison with Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)
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The results of AHK Slovenia's Economic Survey 2026 send a clear signal: the economic environment in Slovenia is becoming more challenging, while companies continue to show resilience. The Survey has been conducted as part of the global DIHK World Business Outlook and based on responses from more than 100 companies in Slovenia.

At the macro-economic level, expectations have worsened significantly. At the same time, at the company level, firms still report a relatively stable situation and slightly improving expectations.

“We see a clear difference: while the overall economic outlook is getting worse, many companies are still stable and remain cautiously optimistic about their own business,” said Dr. Gabriele Rose, President of AHK Slovenia during the presentation of the survey.

However, structural pressures are mounting. Rising labour costs, a high tax burden, and the shortage of skilled workers are key challenges. “These structural factors are increasingly shaping business decisions and are becoming a real constraint on competitiveness,” Dr. Rose emphasized.

This is also reflected in declining location attractiveness: fewer companies would reinvest in Slovenia, and more are considering relocating activities within the region. In the CEE comparison, Slovenia is losing ground and ranks among the weaker performers.

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At the same time, Slovenia retains important strengths, including reliable suppliers and solid infrastructure. “These strengths provide a strong foundation—but they need to be complemented by predictable and business-friendly policies,” Dr. Rose stated.

The complete survey can be downloaded here:

SI: [Gospodarsko poročilo](#)

DE: [Konjunkturbericht](#)

The German-Slovenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Slovenia), representing around 250 member companies, stands for strong bilateral economic relations, practical business support, and the interests of internationally active companies in Slovenia.

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