

How strong are Slovak Libraries?

Slovak Library Association

Who is Slovak Library Association

- **The Slovak Library Association** is an independent, voluntary and open interest association of public accessible libraries in the Slovak Republic.
 - The aim of the Association is to support development and cooperation of libraries, to create a positive image of libraries and to promote the agenda of technical and technological development of libraries.
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The key Mission of the Association

Advocacy

- Raising the social status and visibility of libraries.

Legislation

- Active participation in library laws and strategic documents.

Development

- Creating better conditions for library operations via founders.

Networking

- Professional education and international cooperation (EBLIDA, etc.).
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Standing Together

Defending Slovak Culture

The Slovak Library Association remains at the absolute forefront of cultural defense, aligning with unified efforts across the nation.

Active Engagement: Deep integration with the nationwide "Otvorená kultúra" (Open Culture) platform.

A Unified Network: Linking over 300 organizations and 1,800 cultural professionals.

**Our goal is to unite
the Slovak cultural community to protect
our institutions from destructive political
interference and implement collective
actions that protect democratic
values in the art.**



**Kultúrny
štrajk!**

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Core Mandate

Solidarity: The Cultural Strike

Strike Alert Phase

By joining the Cultural Strike, association immediately entered a formal phase of strike alert.

The objective was to promote stability and continuity by avoiding rapid, centrally imposed organizational changes.

The Main Objective

To put an immediate stop to devastating interventions by the Ministry of Culture into the cultural sector at all administrative levels, from major national heritage to local libraries.

Unprecedented Mobilization

1,800+

INDIVIDUALS COMMITTED

The Current Reality

- Despite widespread, historic mobilization and peaceful protests across Slovakia, the current political leadership remains unresponsive to the demands of the cultural sector.
 - This indifference highlights the urgent need for robust, structural international advocacy to keep the situation visible outside our borders.
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SLOVENSKA
KULTŮRA
A ŽIADNAINA
PIVO + BORKA

OTVORENA
KULTŮRA!

ODMIETANE
OTUPIEVJAT!

UZ TO VRIESTE
JE PRE CFS NA
KLIMATIKE PROTEST

NE SPOJAJE
NA VARNOST
KULTŮRY

HISTORICKÉ CENTRUM
HISTORICAL CENTRE

DEJINY VAS
ZAHMATAJU

Defending the Slovak Arts Council

**The primary funding stream for
contemporary art,
acquisitions, and library
development.**

The Battle for the Slovak Arts Council

Securing Fair Public Funding

The Council's Role

The Slovak Arts Council is a public self-governing institution providing critical, state-funded support for Slovak literature, artistic productions, acquisitions, and library technology.

The Strategic Issue

A sudden political reorganization of board structures, coupled with arbitrary changes to financial allocations, has effectively removed professional, peer-reviewed communication from the process.

The Price of Advocacy

Outspoken Leadership

The association was the only professional library organization in Slovakia to openly and publicly challenge the Ministry of Culture's destructive interventions.

As a direct consequence of this bold stance, SLA faced immediate political retaliation and was left entirely without public financial support.

Resilience & Future Action

Step 1: Nominate

We continue submitting top-tier expert nominations for the Slovak Arts Council commissions to preserve professional integrity.

Step 2: Propose

Submitted our own major strategic project. Although under severe political scrutiny, we refuse to halt project creation

Step 3: Lobby

Actively participating in the legislative review of the "Culture Recovery and Resilience Plan" (POOK) to rebuild structural damage

Staying Active Despite Pressure

Libraries are the core foundations of any free, democratic, and educated society.

We Don't Give Up

**Thank You
for Your
Solidarity**

Thank you for your attention



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