

CAPITAL
BRATISLAVA

AGRICULTURE
PRODUCTS

GRAINS POTATOES
SUGAR BEETS HOPS POULTRY FRUIT
FOREST PRODUCTS PIGS CATTLE

TOTAL AREA
48,845
SQ. KM

EXPORTS
€35.95
BILLION
ROADWAYS
42,993 KM

POPULATION
5,455,407

ARABLE LAND SALT

COPPER ORE

MANGANESE ORE

OF IRON ORE

SMALL AMOUNTS

LIGNITE

BROWN COAL

NATURAL
RESOURCES

8 REGIONS

BANSKOBYSTRICKY KRAJ
KOSICKY KRAJ
BRATISLAVSKY KRAJ
NITRIANSKY KRAJ
PRESOVSKY KRAJ
TRENCIANSKY KRAJ
TRNAVSKY KRAJ
ZILINSKY KRAJ

TOTAL RAILWAYS
3,662 KM

GDP PER CAPITA
€12,800

Wolf Theiss in Slovakia

Many law firms talk about having a presence in multiple countries. But that often means they simply have links to other firms in the region. We prefer to have a real presence on the ground.* It leads to closer client relationships and a better working knowledge of regional jurisdictions. That's important when you're working in such a constantly evolving part of the world.

We began tackling major transactions in the Slovak Republic many years ago, initially working in partnership with local counsel. By 2002, the demand for a local office was overwhelming. Our Bratislava practice is now staffed by over a dozen lawyers.

In recent years, Slovakia has witnessed a series of big economic and legal reforms, including entry into the EU in 2004. Today it is frequently referred to as a 'Tiger Economy'. All this has led to a real internationalisation of the business market – which makes a cross-border legal perspective not just an advantage, but a necessity.

As an international firm with a strong local presence, we are able to advise clients from a national, EU and international perspective. That applies whether we are working with individuals, small companies, multi-national corporations or governmental organisations. In each case, we appreciate that every assignment demands fresh thinking and a tailored approach – which is exactly what we deliver.

*Wherever we work, our operations always comply with the relevant local law and bar rules, including co-operation with independent local attorneys. (Just so you know.)

**Ten practice areas.
Countless challenges.**

While our activities fall into all the conventional categories, they're anything but conventional. The dynamic political environments in which we work mean that every case is a new challenge. We're often in the position of setting precedents and rewriting the rulebook. And we view each case as a fresh chance to prove our credentials.

Banking & Finance

From pension funds to project financing, asset finance to capital market transactions, our team provides rigorous and reliable advice to international banks and insurance companies.

Capital Markets

Our team provides legal advice on all types of securities transactions, regulatory compliance and corporate governance issues. Our international capability allows us to provide multi-jurisdictional teams wherever needed, enabling us to tackle some of the most significant deals in the region to date.

Competition & Antitrust

In recent years, we have developed one of the strongest Competition & Antitrust practices in the CEE/SEE region. Our specialists regularly advise on EC and national competition law, as well as issues such as merger control, co-operation and distribution agreements, competition law infringement, and state aid.

**Corporate/Mergers
& Acquisitions**

Our experience covers the full range of corporate legal issues faced by our clients, including international mergers and acquisitions and other complex transactions. We always base our advice on a close working knowledge of our clients' business sectors – with experience ranging from banking to energy, real estate to telecoms.

Employment Law

International employment law is a fascinating and increasingly complex field. Our work covers major cross-border transactions, as well as day-to-day employment issues such as managing incentive plans and pension schemes. As and when necessary, we also provide expert representation in courts and tribunals.

Infrastructure

We regularly advise on all aspects of modern infrastructure facilities, from establishment to financing and ongoing use. Clients include major international companies in areas such as energy, telecoms, media and IT.

Intellectual Property & Information Technology

We offer advice and representation on a wide range of areas, including trademark law, patent law, design patent law, copyright law and unfair competition. Our expertise extends to the fast-moving area of information technology, where we tackle issues ranging from e-commerce to interactive gaming.

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

We have the experience and know-how to handle even the most complex multi-jurisdictional cases. Recent examples have involved everything from insolvency law to inheritance disputes, competition law to contract award procedures.

Real Estate

Construction, acquisition, project development, financing, landlord and tenant law, facilities management contracting, PPP projects, public law – wherever you need our help, we have a track record of delivery.

Regulatory & Procurement

As European and national regulatory requirements become ever more complex, we help our clients make sense of a range of day-to-day issues, as well as advising on their long-term strategic set-up. Our work covers areas as diverse as life sciences, construction, insurance, banking, telecoms, gaming and others.

**International. Experienced. Multi-disciplined.
Groundbreaking. Passionate.**

That's Wolf Theiss in five words.
Now for a few more.

Wolf Theiss is an international law firm, described by The European Legal 500 as "arguably the best Austrian firm in Central and Eastern Europe". We're also growing fast, with over 500 staff at the last count, at least half of whom are lawyers.

We have offices throughout Central and Eastern and South-eastern Europe. And we're experienced, with a track record stretching back 50 years.

Our numerous practice groups bring together experts from a wide range of disciplines and many geographical and cultural backgrounds. It means we're well placed to manage cross-border transactions, no matter how demanding the project.

The work we do is often groundbreaking. We operate in a fascinating part of the world, which is influenced by a variety of cultural, political and economic trends. We know this area better than anyone and thrive on the opportunities it presents.

Which brings us to the final point. At Wolf Theiss, we're always passionate about taking on the next challenge. So, whatever you have in mind, get in touch.

Pick our brains

Whether you are based in Slovakia or looking to explore new opportunities in the region, we are always interested in getting to know new people. (In fact, it's one of the best parts of the job.) So feel free to get in touch any time to discuss how we can work together.

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