Impact of COVID-19 crisis on PTI activities

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Impact of COVID-19 on Slovak PTI

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Slovakia: One of the lowest COVID-19 death tolls in the world thanks to early and strict measures

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European Nation With Fewest Virus Deaths Proves Speed Is Key

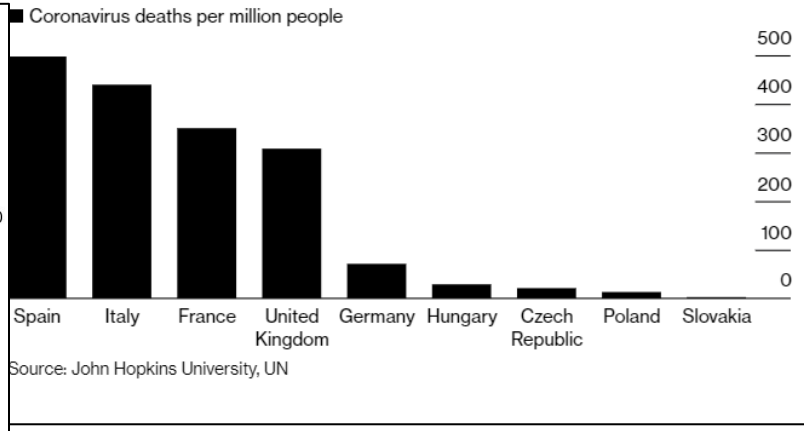
As the coronavirus continues to kill thousands of people a day across Europe, one country stands out for keeping its death toll low.

Slovakia, a landlocked country of 5.5 million, closed its schools, shops and borders earlier than any other country after Italy. Meanwhile, politicians and TV anchors embraced face masks even before the government made them mandatory.

The measures bore fruit: Six weeks after the first reported infection, Slovakia has just 18 fatalities and is bottom of the European list of deaths per capita, according to data compiled by John Hopkins University as of April 26.

Containing Outbreak

East EU handles pandemic better than richer peers



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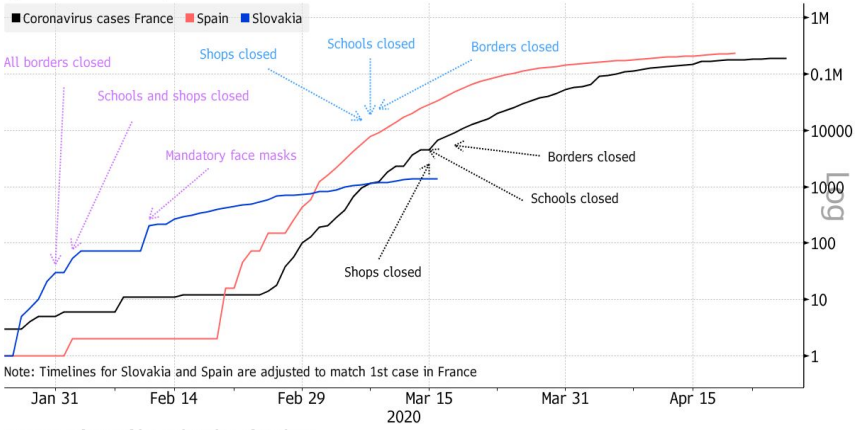
Speed Is the Key

Quick action helped Slovakia outstand in virus containment



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On the other hand: Economy is near to collapse

Slovak economy is open and export oriented, with extraordinary high share of industry (automotive and electrical engineering) and significant share of services (tourism), therefore very vulnerable to global crises.

Partial lock-down of economy (closing of shops, services for public and schools, closing of borders, gathering of larger groups forbidden) started on March, 16th.

Current prognose by the Ministry of Finance:

GDP drop of 7,2 % in 2020

Governmental road map for re-start of economy: releasing measures step by step from April, 22nd to June, 3rd.

Slovak PTI stations in COVID-19 times

Slovak PTI stations had been closed in the first wave of anti-epidemic measures, from March,16th. Re-opened on March, 29th, thanks to the initiative of some PTI station owners.

Obligatory minimum requirements:

- *only persons wearing face mask, respirator or similar nose and mouth protection allowed in the PTI station*
- *disinfection for hands or protective gloves must be provided for every visitor at the entrance*
- *waiting customers must be at least 2 m from each other, total number of customers in the station must not exceed 1 person on 25 m^2*
- *frequent fresh air ventilation and disinfection (often touched surfaces, door handles), wet cleaning of floors at least once a day*
- ~~*between 9 AM and 11 AM only persons older than 65 are allowed to attend the PTI stations*~~
- *information about these measures must be visible on every entrance*

Voluntary additional requirements:

- *more protection for staff (protective shields, suits...)*
- *disinfection of vehicles before PTI (ozone)*
- *minimizing of contact between inspector and customer (customer doesn't enter the inspecting lane)...*

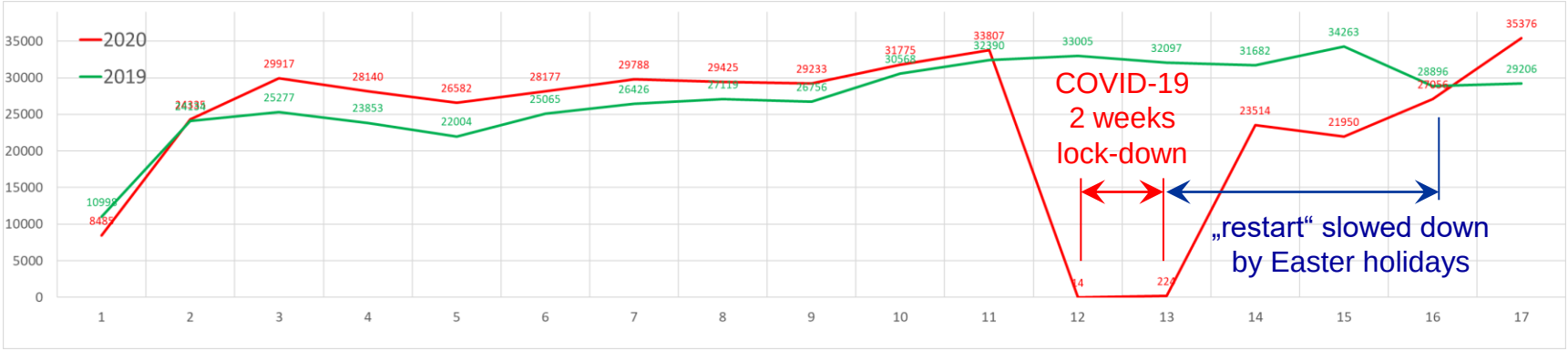
Special Law No. 90/2020 on COVID-19 measures in transport (in force since April, 25th)

In the period between the day of declaration of state of crisis and one month after the end of state of crisis:

- *PTI which validity ends is automatically prolongated for 3 months*
- *PTI inspector licence which validity ends is automatically prolongated for 6 months*
- *Permit to establish a PTI station is automatically prolongated for 6 months*
- *Permit to establish a PTI station above the existing stations framework is automatically prolongated for 3 months*
- *Periodic verification (announced inspection) of PTI station which was due may be postponed max. 6 months*
- *PTI station in the process of establishing doesn't need to inform the district office about the progress*

Statistics

PTIs in Slovakia per Calendar Week – Comparison 2019 vs. 2020



At the end of the 17th week of 2020:

approx. 56.000 PTIs (12 %) less than in 2019