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Webinar 2 Ukraine-Slovakia relations



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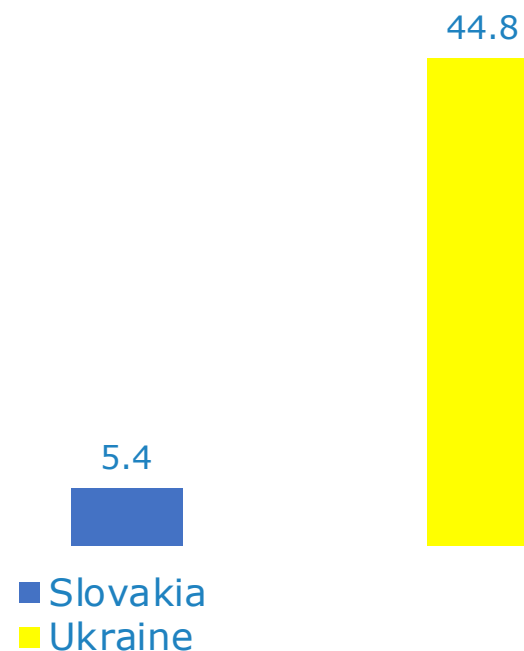
Institute for Economic and Social Reforms - since 1999

- Economic and social reforms in Slovakia
- Transparency and implementation of anti corruption measures in Ukraine and Moldova
 - Local partners

Slovakia – Ukraine relations

- Independence in the early 90s
- 35 High-level Visits 1993-2018
- Influenced by Russia

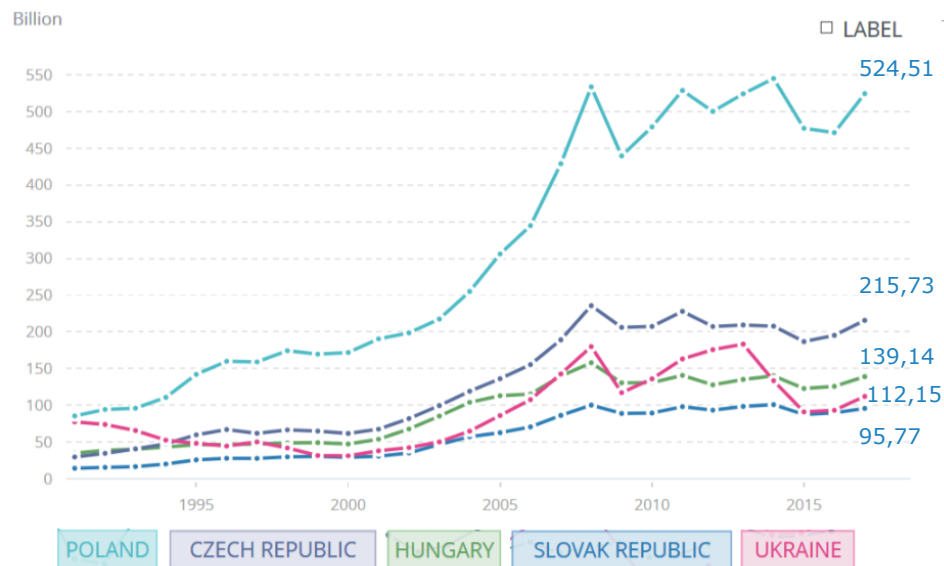
Population (million)



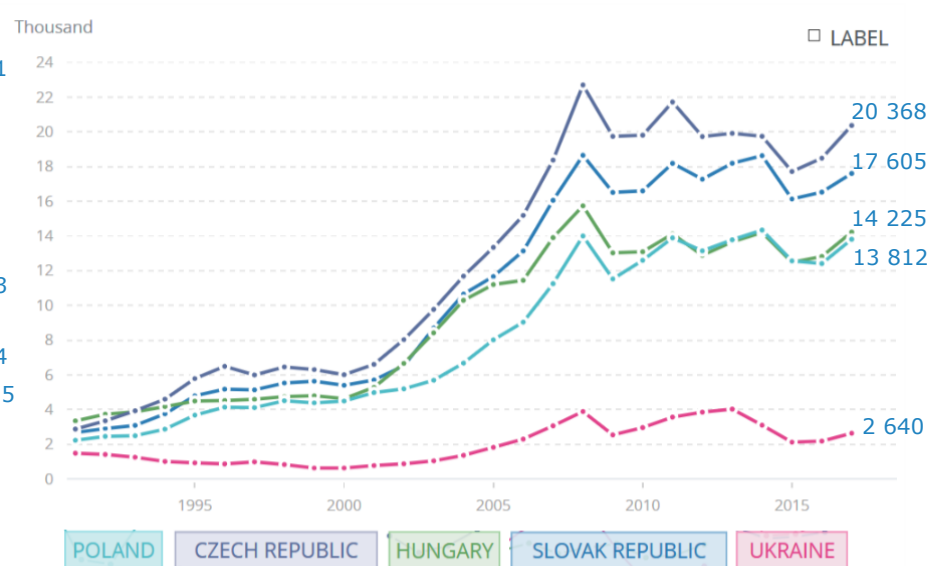
Slovakia – Ukraine relations

Gross domestic product (GDP) 1991 - 2017

GDP (current US\$)



GDP per capita (current US\$)



World bank data, 2018

Background of our relations

- Mikulas Dzurinda (Prime Minister of Slovakia 1998-2006)
 - At first time in June 2004
- Robert Fico (Prime Minister of Slovakia 2006-2010, 2012-2018)
 - Energy crisis in January 2009
- Arseniy Yatsenyuk (Prime Minister of Ukraine 2014-2016)
 - Refusal of Nord Stream 2

Andrej Kiska – Petro Poroshenko



Celebrating visa-free travel for Ukrainians traveling to the European Union
6/2017

Current state of affairs

- Energy security
- Transfer of Slovak experience from the reform process
- Slovak position to annexation of Crimea
- Trade and movement of workforce and students

Energy security

- Energy crisis in 2009
- Reverse gas flow to Ukraine
- Refusing of Nordstream 2
- Energy perspectives



Transfer experience from the reform process

- Ivan Miklos (chief of economic adviser to Ukrainian Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman)

„The corrupt, oligarchic and deformed system is really changing towards a functioning market economy and liberal democracy for the first time after Euromaidan.“

- Katarina Mathernova (Deputy Director-General European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission)

„In almost four years more has been done than over the previous twenty years.“

- Mikulas Dzurinda (former Prime Minister)

Transfer experience from the reform process

- Ukraine as part of priorities of Slovak Aid.
- Support the democratization and reform proces

Sector priority	Contractor	Project implementation
Democratic participation and civil society	Karpatská nadácia	2015-2017
Decentralisation and support to subnational government	INEKO	2015-2017
Energy policy and administrative management	Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association	2015-2017
Agricultural land resources	Agricultural land resources	2016-2017

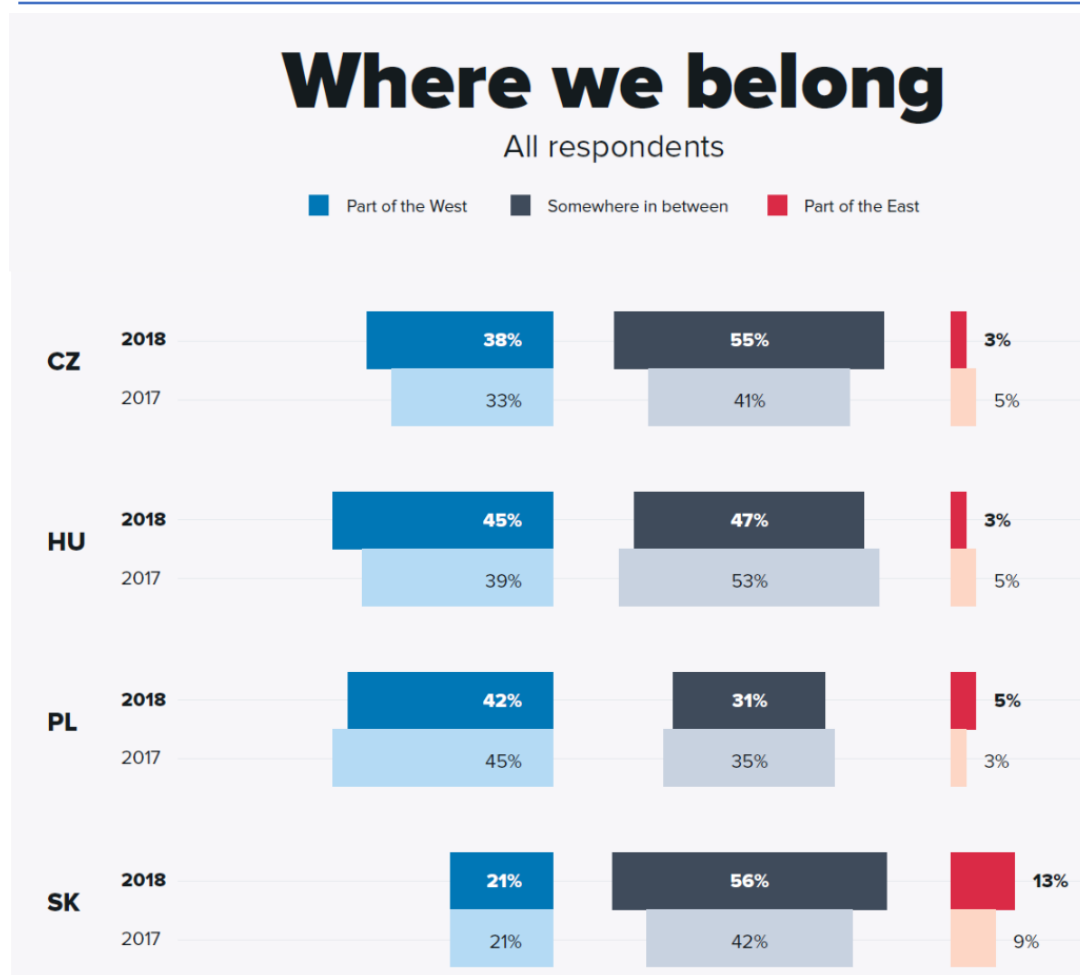
Slovak position to annexation of Crimea

- *"EU restrictive measures in response to the crisis in Ukraine"* are the reaction to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol. (European Council of the European Union)

- Globsec results 2018

„Slovakia has historically been the country with the weakest support for the West (including NATO and the US) among the Visegrad Group.”

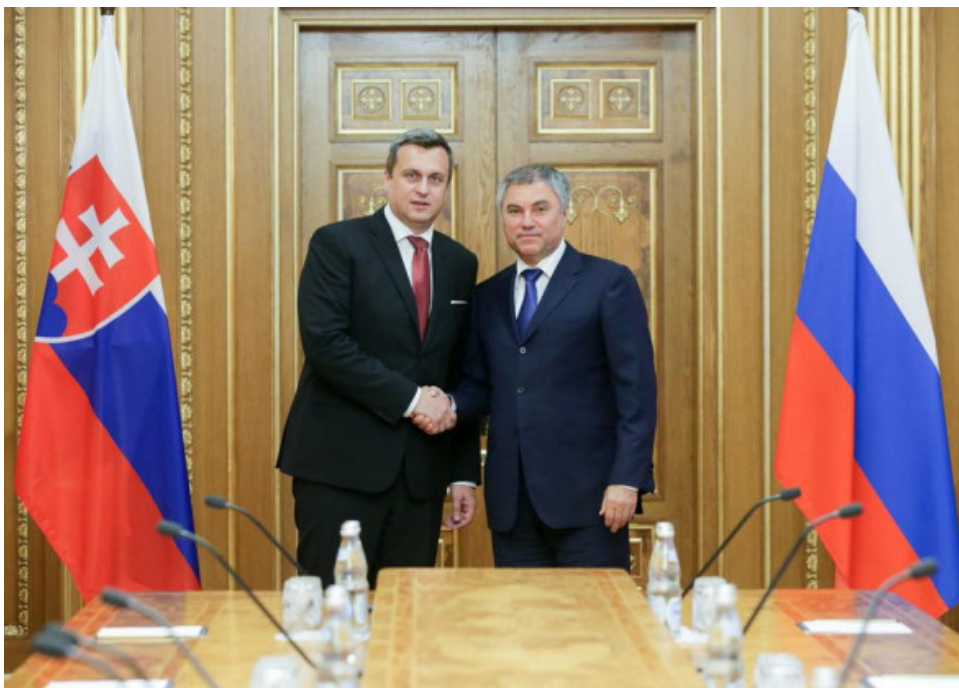
Globsec 2018 - public opinion



Globsec 2018

Andrej Danko (Chairman of Parliament, since 2016)

- inconsistent attitudes of foreign policy officials



10/2018



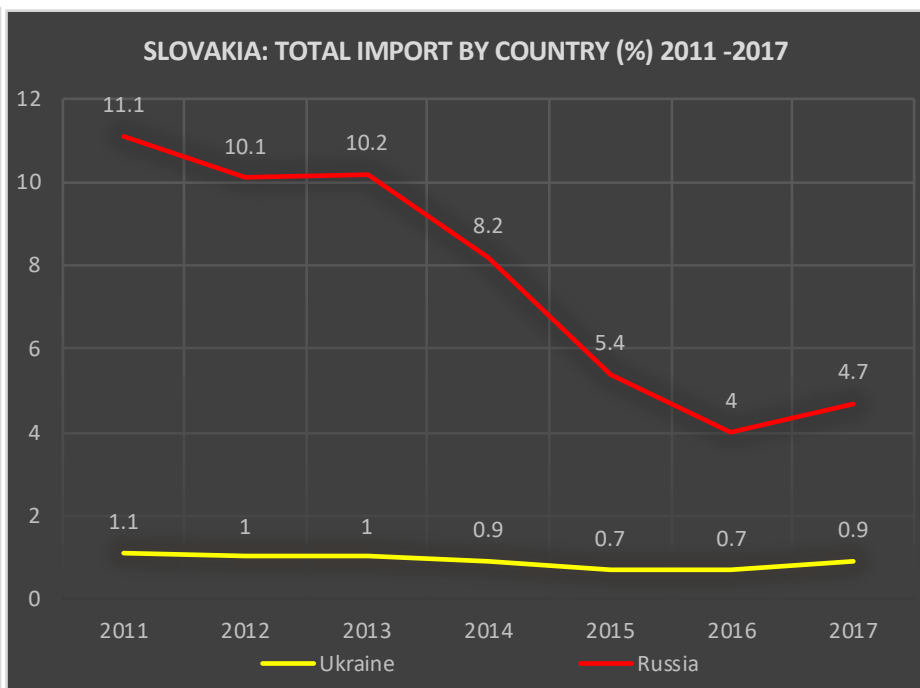
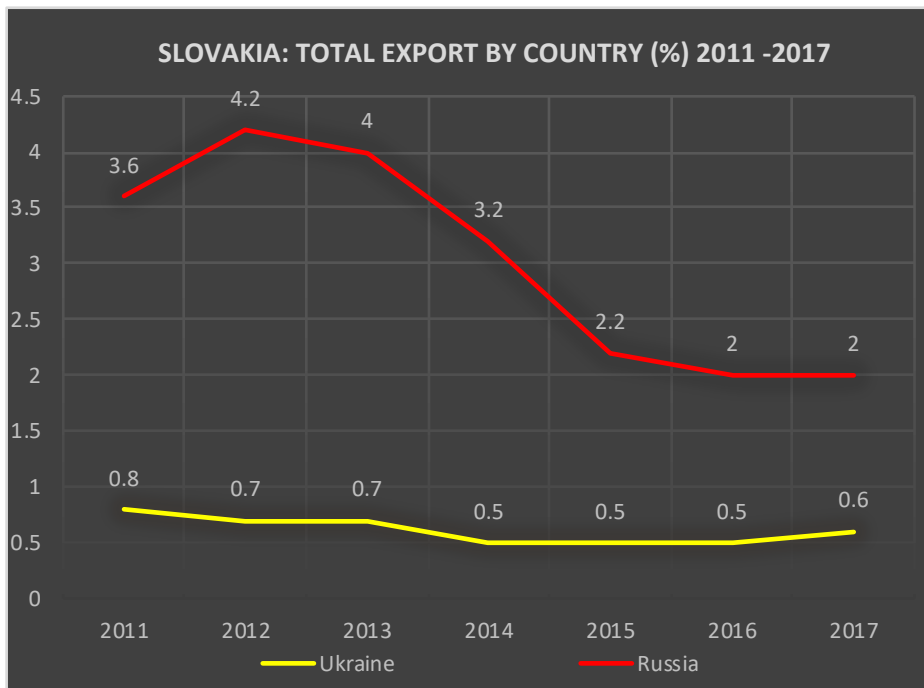
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Trade and movement of workforce and students

Trade

- Ukrainian export is boosted by elimination of customs duties on goods from Ukraine
- Tariffs have been removed on 94,7% of industrial products and 82,2% of agricultural products.
- Estimated value of 487 million EUR.
- The EU became the main partner of Ukraine in 2017.

Trade



(Statistical office of the Slovak republic, 2018)

Trade and movement of workforce and students

Direct investment and business environment

	DIRECT INVESTMENT IN UKRAINE (million euros)		DIRECT INVESTMENT TO THE SLOVAKIA (million euros)	
	TOTAL	SK / UA	TOTAL	UA / SK
2010	38992,9	64,2	5760,5	-
2011	45370,0	62,1	6402,8	-
2012	48197,6	71,1	6435,4	-
2013	51705,3	70,4	6568,1	-
2014	53704,0	99,7	6702,9	-
2015	40725,4	74,2	6456,2	-
2016	36154,5	72,2	6315,2	-
2017	39144,0	75,4	6339,8	0,4

(Embassy of the Slovak Republic to Ukraine in Kiev)

Trade and movement of workforce and students

	Ukrainian companies by country
Czech Republic	10 341
Hungary	10 228
Austria	3 904
Germany	2 363
Italy	2 165
Slovakia	1 830
Poland	1 722
Romania	1 228
Great Britain	1 183
Russia	1 166

(Embassy of Ukraine in Bratislava)

Tourism

- 53,024 Ukrainian visitors arrived into the Slovak Republic in 2017.

(Embassy of the Slovak Republic to Ukraine in Kiev)

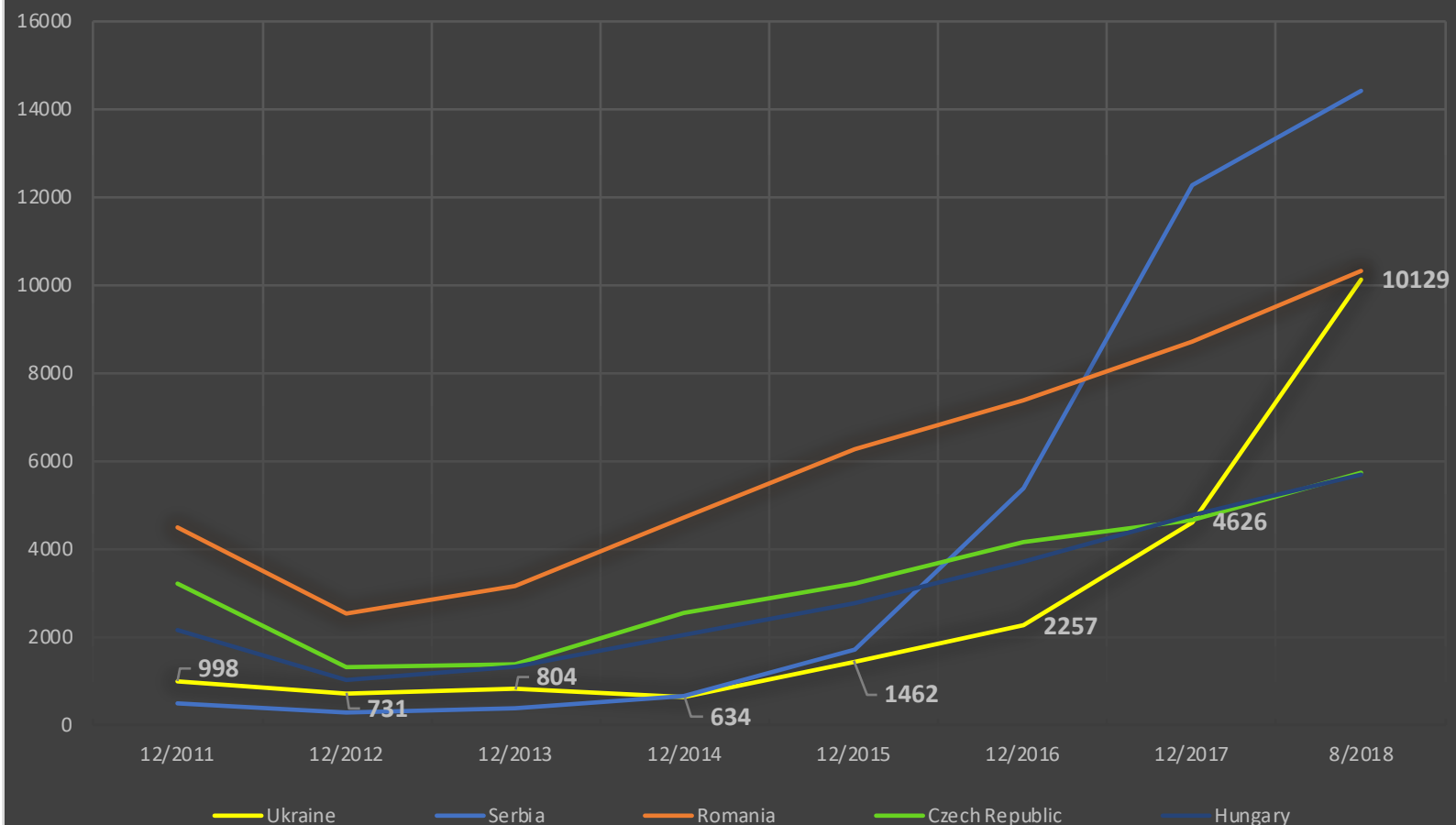
Trade and movement of workforce and students

The shortage of Workforce

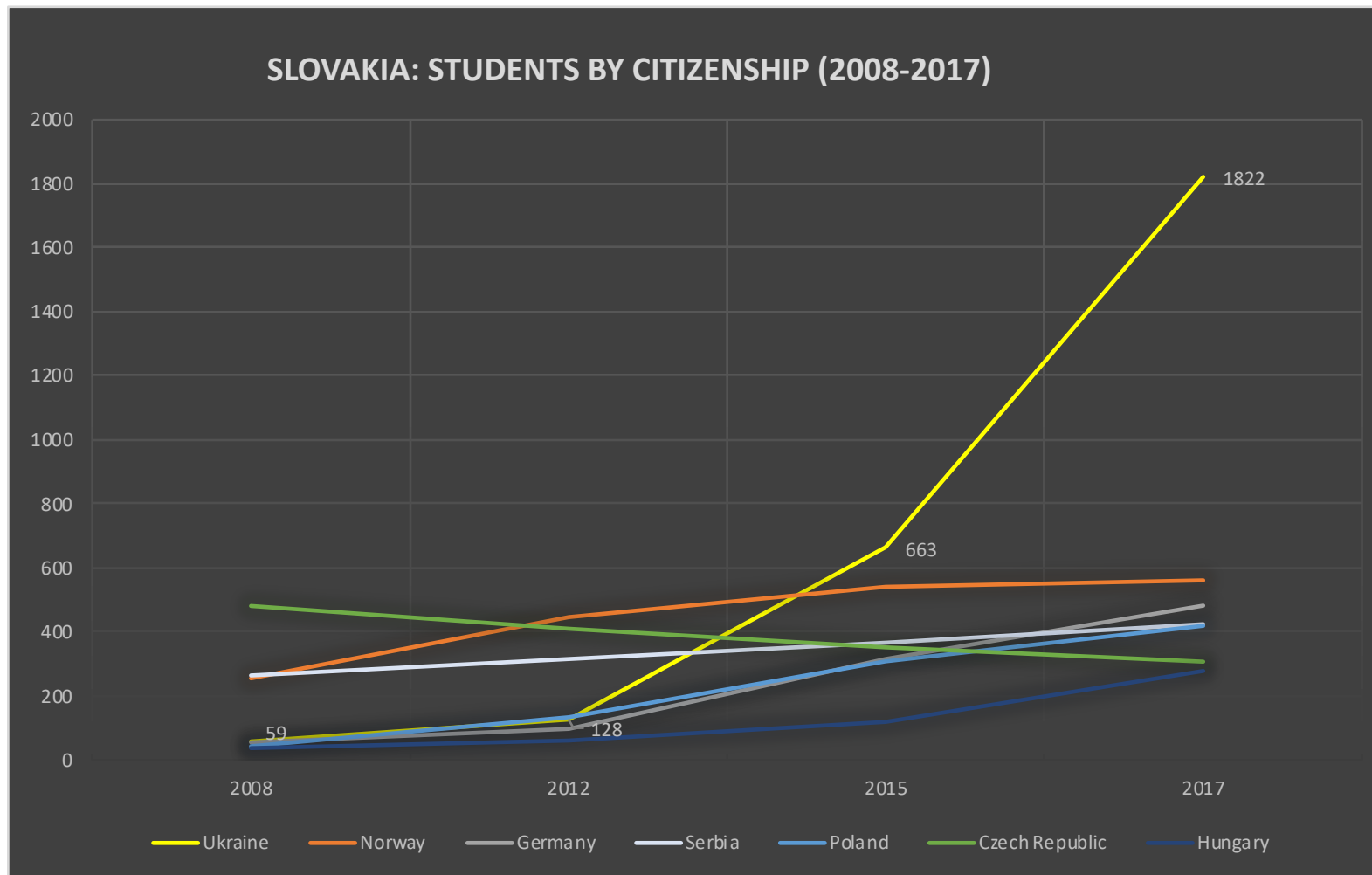
- Mainly in the industry
- Slovakia is simplifying regulation of accepting employees from non-EU countries, since May 2018

Movement of Workforce

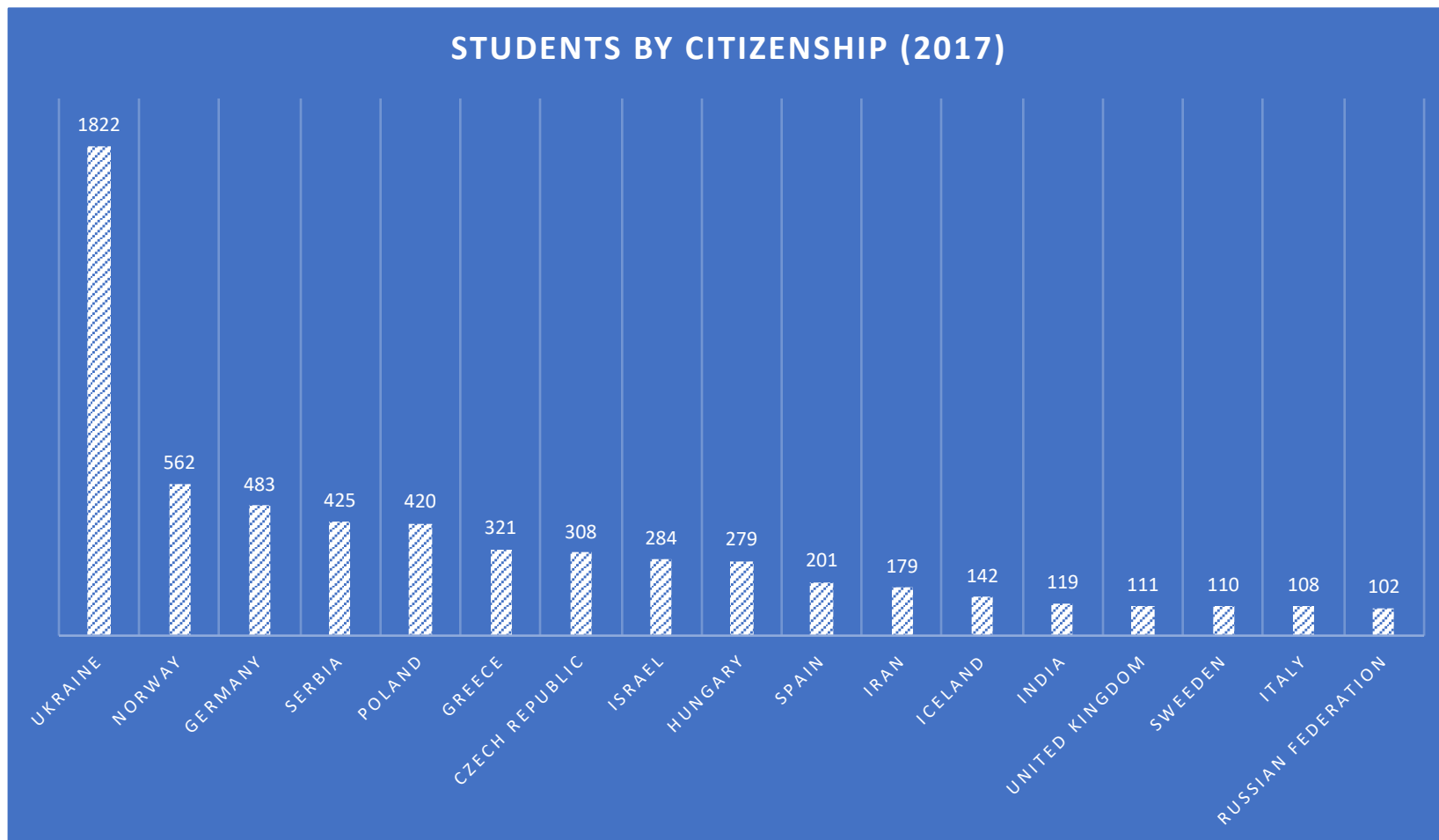
SLOVAKIA: EMPLOYING FOREIGN WORKERS 2011-2018



Students from abroad



Students from abroad



Recommendations

To Slovakia:

- Pro-European orientation
- Reacting to Russia's aggressive policy
- Open doors policy

To Ukraine:

- Taking advantage of the know-how transfer
- Applying reforms
- Tolerant policy towards minorities
- Establishing independence institutions