

CCIS Focus

Report on the achievements, activities and new products of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Slovenia for 2015

ACHIEVEMENTS

BETTER BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT



€72 million

less burden on the economy due to the prevented mini-tax reform

€25.5 million

less burden on energy-intensive companies than forecasted in regard with environmental and energy-related fees

€15 million

savings for the steel industry and for waste collectors and treatment operators owing to more realistic requirements for the storage of waste



€13 million

savings to provide a public utility service to operate public bus services



€10 million

less burden on energy-intensive companies on account of the lower contribution for renewable energy sources and combined heat and power generation



€10 million

relief for bus companies on account of the extension of the tax relief for the purchase of ecological buses

€10 million

savings for the wood processing industry, where residual wood can be used as fuel and is not required to be treated as waste

€2 million

savings for housing funds resulting from the amendments to the Rules on the methodology for the production and issuance of energy performance certificates for buildings



€2 million

savings on account of preventing an increase in water concession fees



Public procurement: prohibited use of prices as the only criterion for selection in certain industries, assessment of abnormally low bids, more proportionate distribution of contractors' and subcontractors' obligations and rights

RULE OF LAW



Act Amending the Companies Act (ZGD-11)

Stricter provisions relating to the prevention of the chaining of companies, reduction of excessively inflated fines for minor offences, etc.

€3 million

savings in telecommunication services, for the supply of power, gas, steam, water, sewage and waste management, as invoice issuance via fiscal cash registers is not required



Introduction of fiscal cash registers

As of 1 January 2016, including the action plan for the inspection and supervision of the performance of unregistered activities

DEVELOPMENTAL IMPETUS

€50 million

for the development of timber processing chains until 2020 and the establishment of a wood processing directorate



€10-15 million

more investments in energy efficiency improvements to multi-apartment buildings



€10 million

for the environmental infrastructure of the Brežice hydroelectric power station within the budget for 2015

€6 million

approved funds for the technological modernisation of the timber-processing and furniture industry



Increased supply of loans

to SMEs from SID bank's loan fund (€88.2 million in 2014 and 2015)

Establishment of an independent Slovenian Tourist Board (STB)

The STB is crucial for more effective promotion of Slovenian tourism

DECISIVE SUPPORT OF EXPORT



€2 million

for the internationalisation of companies: market research, appearances at trade fairs, training courses, delegations, information portals

EFFECT ON LEGISLATION AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE

WE PARTICIPATED:

in 67 ministerial committees

and working groups and government councils

at 20 meetings

of the Economic-Social Council



WE SUBMITTED:

amendments to
5 acts

comments and proposals
regarding
76 regulations



WE DRAFTED:

162 opinions,
comments and press releases

STRATEGIC LEVEL NEW DEVELOPMENTS:



Strategic group of representatives
of foreign-owned companies

Slovenia 5.0

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Strategic Group



Industrial Policy Manifesto
as the underlying document for the industrial renaissance of Slovenia

EVENTS



INFORMING MEMBERS



- 15,000** member consultations
- 1,800** legal opinions and legal consultation for members
- 46** issues of the e-bulletin Poslovni tednik (Business Weekly)
 - 21** issues of the e-bulletin Zakonodajni kompas (Legislative Compass)
- 4** issued e-newsletters Go International Slovenia
- 10** issues of the English e-bulletin Slovenia Business Link
- 300** TV.GZS video reports
- 4** regular and **1** special issue of Glas gospodarstva (Voice of the Corporate Sector)
- E-bulletins and printed information from specific industries and regions

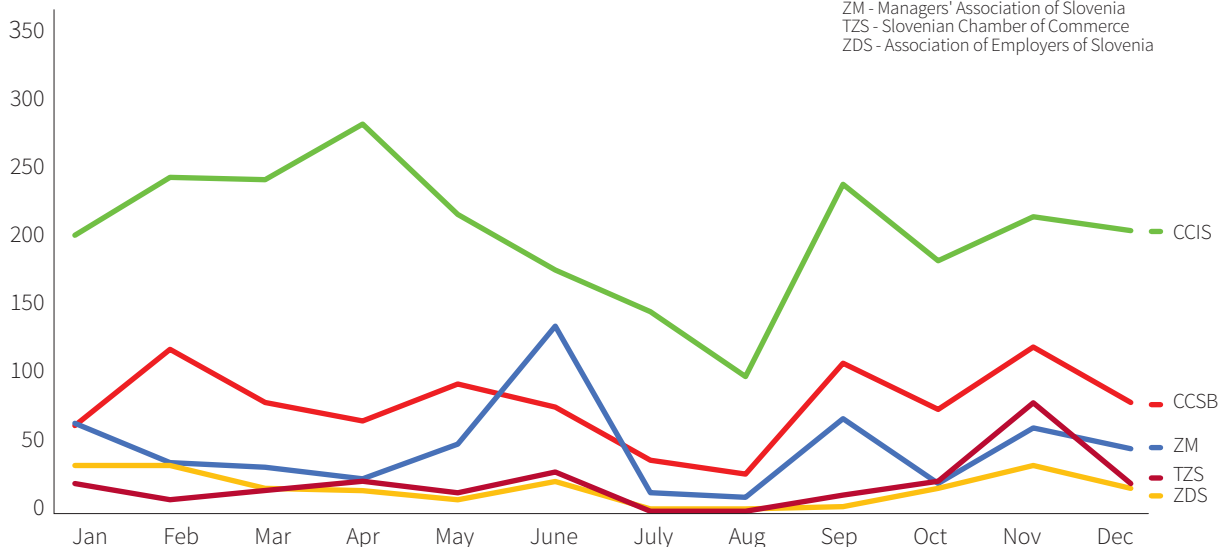
INTERNATIONALISATION



- 28** outgoing delegations
- 9** incoming delegations
- 2** business breakfasts at the CCIS
- 7** business contact events at the CCIS
- 9** Wednesday networking events at the CCIS
- 55** other events focusing on internationalisation

PRESENCE OF CCIS AND OTHER BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS IN 2015

CCIS - Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
 CCSB - Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia
 ZM - Managers' Association of Slovenia
 TZS - Slovenian Chamber of Commerce
 ZDS - Association of Employers of Slovenia



NEW PRODUCTS

NOVELTIES ON-LINE

Updated CCIS portal	Updated Business Opportunities Exchange System (Borza)	Updated bulletin Poslovni tednik GZS (CCIS Business Weekly)	Businessman's Piggy Bank Chamber of Small Business and Trade service package
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NEW EVENTS

Wednesday's networking events for CCIS members to obtain useful information and contacts for successful operations on international markets	The »Discussion with Consultant« project 1-hour discussion with an expert on business operations (Chamber of Business Services of Slovenia -CBSS)	WOLF THEISS Ljubljana Arbitration Day regional event aimed at raising the recognisability of arbitration in Slovenia and within the region
Professional conference on engineering consultancy (Engineering Consultancy Association)	SME coffee new regulatory framework in the electrical and electronics industry focusing on SMEs (Electronics and Electrical Industry Association)	Business chats at the Chamber of Small Business and Trade
Joint UNCITRAL-LAC Conference on Dispute Settlement		

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Business manual How to achieve successful operations in South Africa	Business manual How to achieve successful operations in the Middle East	Study Role of state-owned companies and the costs surrounding them for the government
Analysis of corporate indicators in comparison with the industry	Catalogue of recipients of golden awards for innovations (in English)	Environment-related e-newsletter
Translations of the Ljubljana Arbitration Rules in Serbian and German	Guidelines for arbitrators in Slovene and English	Standard for providers of accounting services (Chamber of Accounting Services)
Updated brochure How to select a high-quality accounting service (Chamber of Accounting Services)	Sample of the Rules on Working at Home (CBSS)	Analysis of operations for the transport and logistics sector (Transport and Communications Association)