

CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OF AUTOMATED ANALYTICAL TOOL TO IDENTIFY INFOOPS

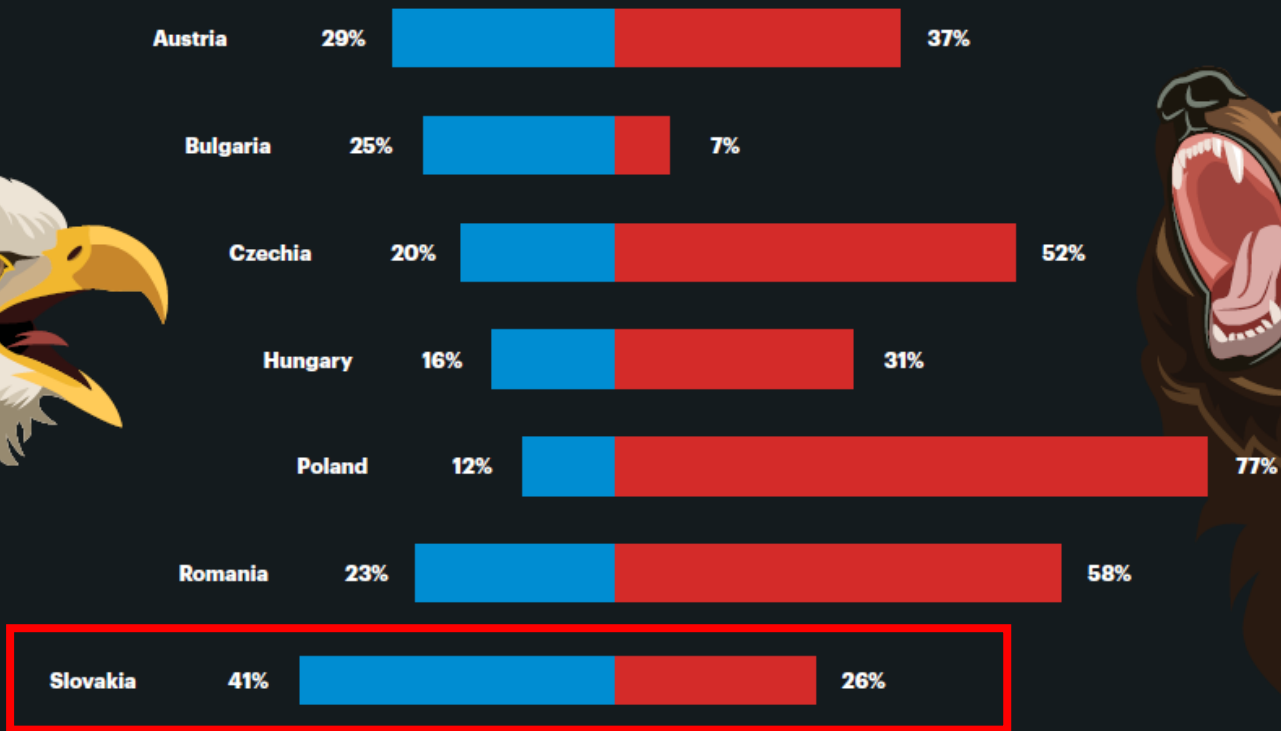
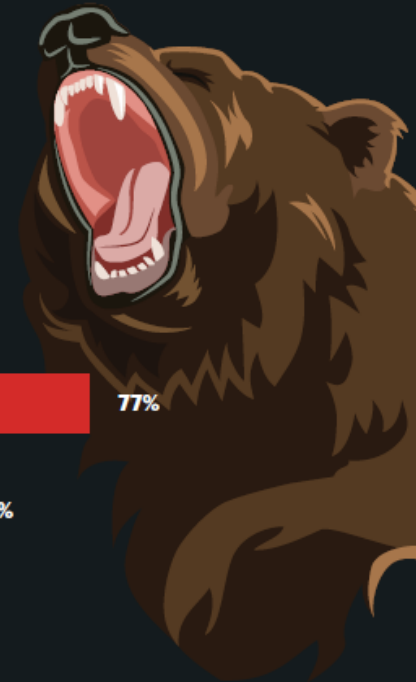
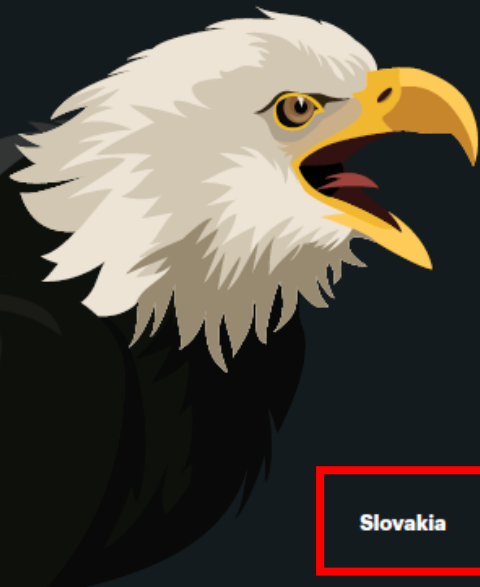
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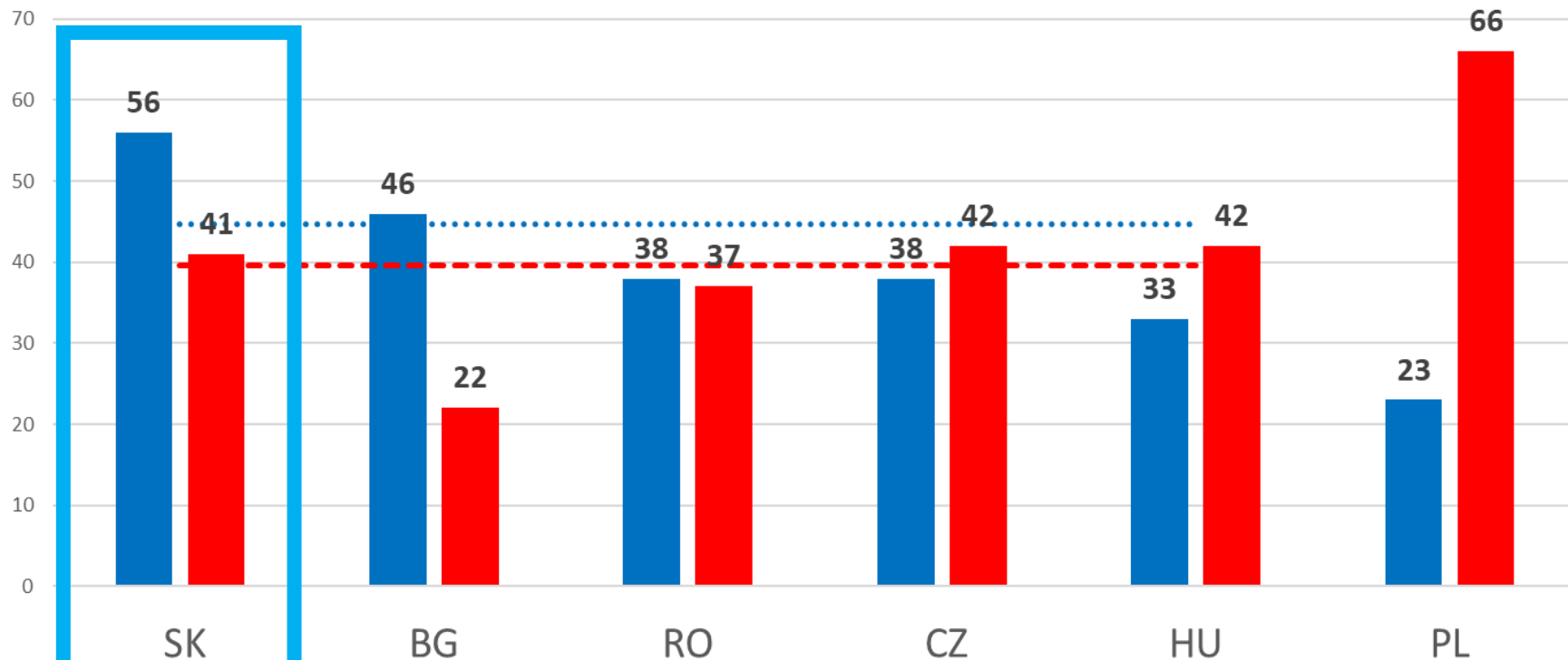
The Eagle or The Bear?

Do you think **the US** presents a danger (significant threat) to your country?

Do you think **Russia** presents a danger (significant threat) to your country?



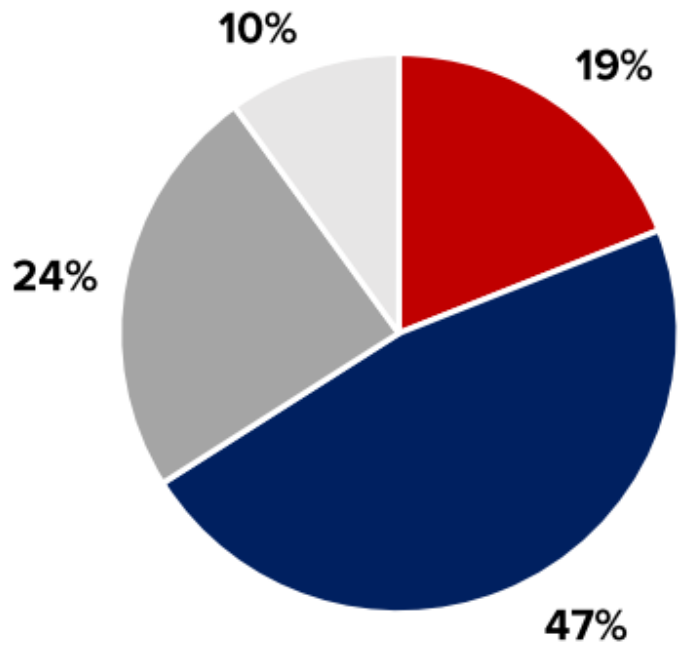
56% agree that Russia is a victim of NATO (2021)



■ NATO deliberately provokes Russia by encircling it with military bases.
■ Russia deliberately provokes NATO by initiating conflicts in Eastern Europe.
..... AVERAGE NATO Provokes Russia
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How should the war in Ukraine end (Oct. 2022)

Ako by ste chceli, aby sa vojna na Ukrajine skončila?



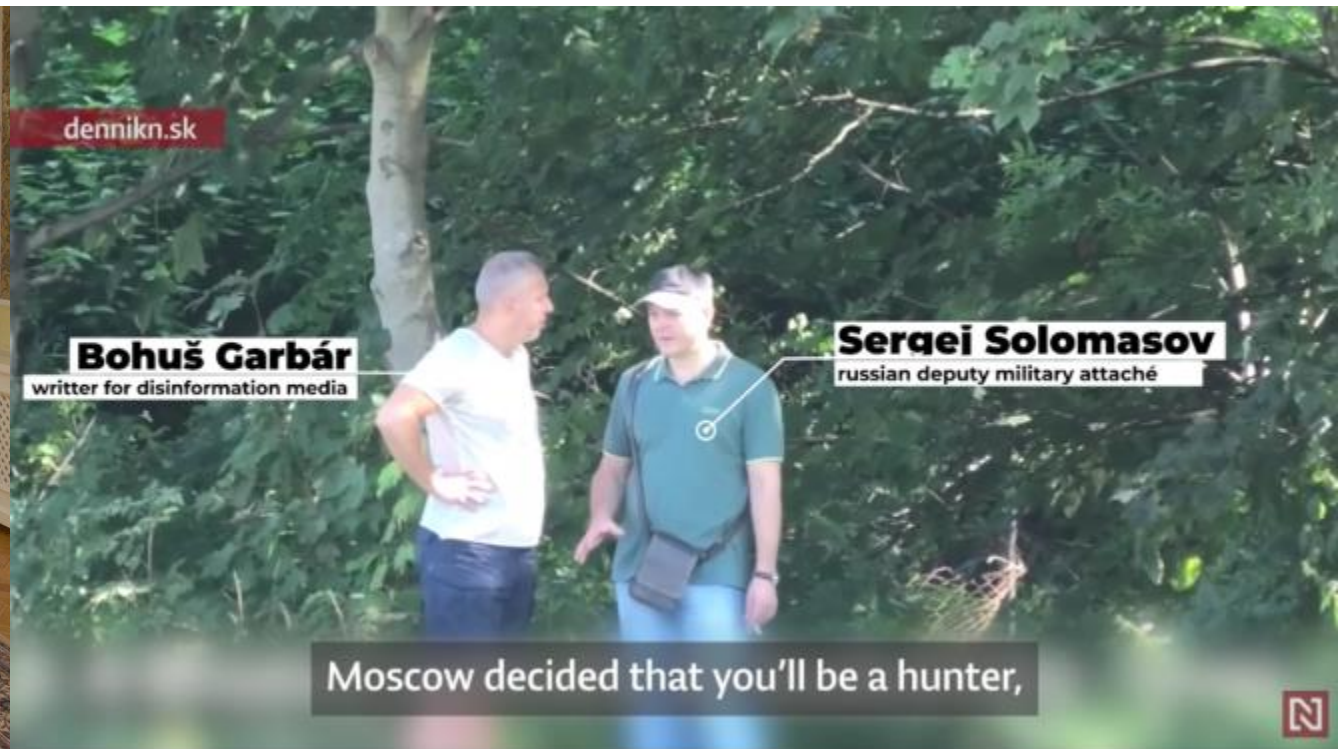
BLUE – 47% Victory of Ukraine

RED - 19% Victory of Russia

■ Víťazstvom Ruska ■ Víťazstvom Ukrajiny ■ Je to jedno ■ Nevedia, neuviedli

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Vast web of online disinfo sources and political pro-Russian actors



Meeting of Vadimir Putin and the head of Slovak branch of Night Wolves



**Jozef Hambálek –
Night Wolves EVROPA
(on EU Sanctions list)**

Training of Slovak paramilitary group at Night Wolves Europe compound, June 2018



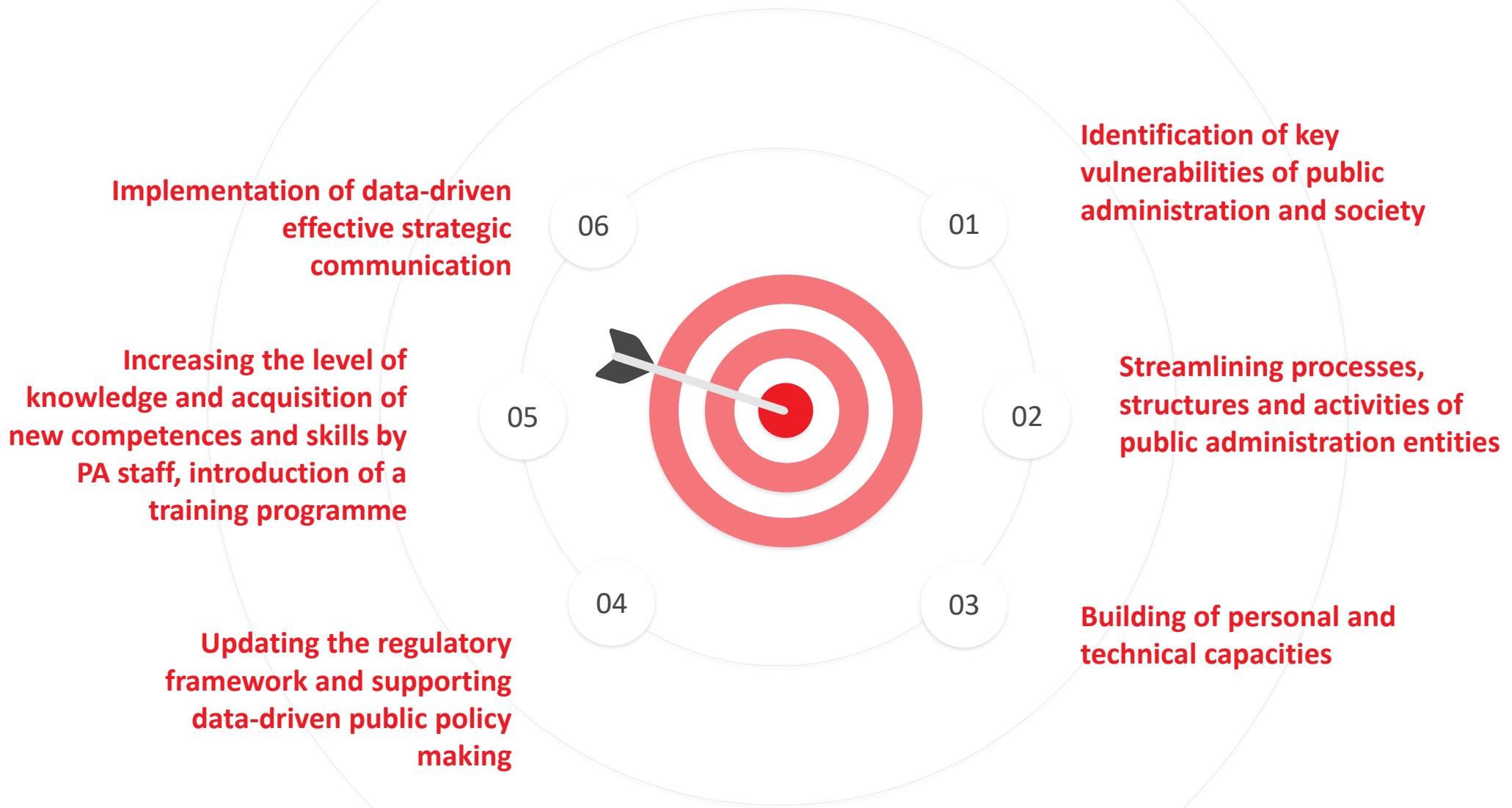
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Increasing Slovakia's resilience to hybrid threats



Public procurement of Automated analytical tool to identify INFOOPS

1. Needs assessment of future users (Police, Mol, MoD, MFA, Govt. Office)
2. Feasibility and functionalities assessment – external AI expert
3. Definition of key and optional functionalities (sources, functions, outputs, languages etc.)
4. Cost effectiveness and quality criteria
5. Framework agreement – flexibility for all partners

Challenges

1. Size of the consortium (4 partners + one additional ministry)
2. Different needs of user groups
3. Review and vetting of all procurement documentation by all partners
4. Length of the whole process
5. Lack of off-the-shelf solutions (language, sources...)
6. Time pressure (project duration, worsening impact of disinfo in Slovakia)
7. Framework agreement – all have to sign

Outcome:

1. Three suppliers presented their bids
2. One supplier selected by the committee in late December
3. Framework agreement in approval process

Lessons learnt

1. Procurement of advanced **state of the art AI tools is uncommon** in state institutions – **plan for delays**
2. **Framework agreement is a good idea**, in theory
3. Project implementation gets delayed – plan accordingly
4. Include sustainability and **post-project financing** into financial plan
5. Use **external expertise** to get best results
6. Keep contract elements flexible

Thank you!

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