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on the integrated system for protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence and on amendments to certain acts

The National Council of the Slovak Republic has passed the following Act:

Article I

§ 1

Subject matter

This Act governs the integrated system for protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence (hereinafter referred to as the ‘integrated system’), the entities of the integrated system, their competence, and the protection of children and young persons¹⁾ in the online environment when using online social networking services.

§ 2

Purpose of the Act

The purpose of the Act is to ensure

- a) the identification of the level of risk of being affected by radicalisation or mobilisation to violence, and the adoption of measures through all levels of the integrated system’s coordination mechanism;
- b) a safe and age-appropriate online environment for children by regulating their access to online social networking services.

§ 3

Definitions

For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions shall apply

- a) ‘integrated system’ means an institutionalised and managed system of coordination mechanisms at national and regional levels, which ensures the identification of risks, manifestations of radicalisation or mobilisation to violence, the implementation of preventive and intervention measures carried out under this Act, and expert activities,

¹⁾ § 2(a) of Act No 282/2008 on the promotion of youth work and on amendments to Act No 131/2002 on higher education institutions and on amendments to certain acts, as amended, as amended.

actions and procedures carried out under special legislation²⁾ (hereinafter collectively referred to as ‘deradicalisation measures’) in accordance with the plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk, and the coordinated elimination of threats associated with radicalisation or mobilisation to violence;

- b) ‘child at risk’ or ‘young person at risk’ means a child or young person who may be at risk of radicalisation or mobilisation to violence as a result of the negative influence of the social environment to which they belong, the negative influence of other people in their environment, or as a result of their own high-risk behaviour, which leads to a demonstrable increase in social, psychological, health, developmental or other risks to themselves or those around them; the risk must stem from specific and objectively established facts;
- c) ‘radicalisation’ means the process by which a child, young person or a group of children or young persons adopts, reinforces or promotes attitudes or beliefs, which is outwardly manifested in behaviour from which, having regard to its content, context, repetition, systematic nature, duration and seriousness, it may reasonably be inferred that such behaviour is directed towards violent or unlawful conduct leading to
 1. the denial of equality of persons in dignity and rights, or the deprivation or substantial restriction of fundamental rights and freedoms of persons or groups of persons, by inciting, supporting, justifying or organising discrimination, persecution, intimidation or other forms of threat or coercion against them; or
 2. the elimination or substantial undermining of the fundamental principles of a democratic state governed by the rule of law;
- d) ‘mobilisation to violence’ means a process whereby the individual or collective attitudes, beliefs or behaviour of a child, young person or group of children or young persons are altered, leading to a readiness or willingness to use violence against others or against themselves as a legitimate, desirable or necessary means of action, including ideologically motivated violence;
- e) ‘preventive measure’ means a targeted, planned, coordinated and comprehensive instrument that addresses the causes and conditions giving rise to or facilitating radicalisation or mobilisation to violence, with the aim of preventing, suppressing or curbing them; preventive measures are carried out within the scope of this Act or special legislation;²⁾
- f) ‘intervention measure’ means a psychological, social or other instrument that leads to the elimination of the risk or manifestations of radicalisation or mobilisation to violence; psychotherapeutic care may also constitute an intervention measure; intervention measures are carried out within the scope of this Act or special legislation;²⁾
- g) ‘plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk’ means a set of deradicalisation measures which are planned and implemented in a coordinated manner by the entities of the integrated system;
- h) ‘relevant school’ or ‘relevant school establishment’ means the school or school establishment which a child at risk or a young person at risk has attended, is attending or will attend;

²⁾ For example, Act No 171/1993 of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on the Police Force, as amended, Act No 576/2004 on healthcare, healthcare-related services and on amendments to certain acts, as amended, Act No 305/2005 on the social and legal protection of children and social guardianship and on amendments to certain acts, as amended, Act No 245/2008 on education and training (the Schools Act) and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

- i) 'user account' means an individually created electronic access profile that allows the identification of the user and access to the services, features or content of the information system based on the assigned login credentials.

Integrated system

§ 4

Principles of the integrated system

The integrated system is based on the principles of

- a) respect for the fundamental rights and freedoms of the child or young person;
- b) taking into account the individual needs of the child or young person;
- c) the best interests of the child;
- d) prevention, support, protection and a non-repressive nature in relation to children and young persons;
- e) non-interference with freedom of expression, belief, religion and faith, or political participation, solely on the grounds of the content of an opinion;
- f) adoption of deradicalisation measures only on the basis of specific and objectively verifiable facts indicating radicalisation or mobilisation to violence, where this is necessary and proportionate to the objective pursued;
- g) a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach by the entities of the integrated system to a child or young person.

§ 5

Entities of the integrated system

(1) The entities of the integrated system at national level are

- a) the national coordinator for protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence (hereinafter referred to as the 'national coordinator');
- b) the Integrated System Council.

(2) The entities of the integrated system at regional level are

- a) the regional coordinator for protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence (hereinafter referred to as the 'regional coordinator');
- b) the regional integrated system council (hereinafter referred to as the 'regional council');
- c) the coordination group.

National coordinator

§ 6

- (1) The national coordinator shall be appointed and dismissed by the Government of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as the 'Government') on the proposal of the Minister of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic

(hereinafter referred to as the ‘Minister of Education’). A proposal for the appointment of the national coordinator shall be submitted by the Minister of Education on the basis of the results of a selection procedure. The Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Ministry of Education’) shall publish details of the selection procedure on its website.

- (2) The term of office of the national coordinator shall be five years. The national coordinator shall remain in office after the expiry of their term of office until the Government appoints a new national coordinator.
- (3) The national coordinator shall hold a civil service post³⁾ at the Ministry of Education.
- (4) A natural person may be appointed as national coordinator if they
 - a) have full legal capacity;
 - b) are of good repute;
 - c) have a second-level university degree;
 - d) have at least five years of professional experience or managerial experience in the field of the protection of children’s rights, violence prevention, crime prevention, psychology or law.
- (5) The national coordinator shall cease to hold office
 - a) at the end of the term of office, unless paragraph (2) provides otherwise;
 - b) upon dismissal;
 - c) at the end of the calendar month in which a written notice of resignation was delivered to the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic, unless the notice specifies a later date of resignation;
 - d) upon ceasing to meet any of the requirements laid down in paragraph (4)(a) to (c); or
 - e) upon taking up office under special legislation.⁴⁾
- (6) The Government shall dismiss the national coordinator if
 - a) their state of health prevents them from properly discharging their duties for at least three months;
 - b) they have breached their obligation to maintain confidentiality regarding matters of which they have become aware in connection with the performance of their duties; or
 - c) they have seriously breached the obligations under special legislation.⁵⁾

§ 7

The national coordinator shall

- a) coordinate state policy on the protection of children and young persons from radicalisation and mobilisation to violence, and the performance of the tasks of other entities of the integrated system in this field;
- b) convene and chair the Integrated System Council;

³⁾ Act No 55/2017 on civil service and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

⁴⁾ § 102(2) of Act No 55/2017.

⁵⁾ § 111 and § 112 of Act No 55/2017, as amended.

- c) convene and chair working groups set up as required to discuss a specific case concerning a child at risk or a young person at risk, or the risk of a child or young person being affected by radicalisation or mobilisation to violence (hereinafter referred to as the 'case'), and to draw up a plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk for this purpose;
- d) ensure the coordination of cooperation and the exchange of information between the entities of the integrated system;
- e) direct and provide methodological guidance to regional coordinators;
- f) monitor the activities of regional councils and harmonise their procedures;
- g) receive and assess reports of suspected risk to a child or young person from radicalisation or mobilisation to violence (hereinafter referred to as 'suspicion'), keep records of them and determine the next course of action;
- h) keep records of cases;
- i) co-operate with domestic and foreign experts in carrying out the tasks of the integrated system;
- j) provide systematic training on the protection of children and young persons from radicalisation and mobilisation to violence;
- k) determine the regional council's jurisdiction over a case where such jurisdiction is in dispute;
- l) draw up an annual report on their activities and, where necessary, special reports;
- m) notify
 - 1. entities represented on a regional council or in a coordination group of any shortcomings identified in the performance of the regional council's tasks under § 10(5) or in the performance of the coordination group's tasks under § 11(3) and (4);
 - 2. presidents of self-governing regions and other entities represented in the Integrated System Council of any shortcomings identified in the performance of the regional council's tasks under § 10(5) or in the performance of the coordination group's tasks under § 11(3) and (4) which have not been remedied following notification under the first point.

§ 8

Integrated System Council

- (1) The Integrated System Council is the expert body of the national coordinator for the protection of children and young persons from radicalisation and mobilisation to violence.
- (2) The Integrated System Council shall consist of a chairperson, vice-chairpersons and other members. The national coordinator shall be the chairperson and representatives of the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic shall be the vice-chairpersons of the Integrated System Council.
- (3) The other members of the Integrated System Council shall be the presidents of self-governing regions or representatives authorised by them, and a representative of
 - a) the Ministry of Education;
 - b) the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic;
 - c) the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic;
 - d) the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic;

- e) the General Prosecutor's Office of the Slovak Republic
 - f) the Slovak Information Service;
 - g) an entity accredited under § 12 (hereinafter referred to as the 'accredited entity'), designated by the national coordinator;
 - h) a representative association of municipalities with national scope;
 - i) an additional body with national scope designated by the national coordinator.
- (4) The vice-chairpersons and the other members referred to in paragraph (3), except for the presidents of self-governing regions, shall be appointed and dismissed by the national coordinator on the proposal of the entity they represent.
- (5) The Integrated System Council shall
- a) analyse and evaluate the performance of tasks in the field of protecting children and young persons from radicalisation and mobilisation to violence;
 - b) evaluate the effectiveness of deradicalisation measures.
- (6) The details of the activities of the Integrated System Council shall be laid down in the statute issued by the Ministry of Education.

§ 9 Regional coordinator

- (1) The regional coordinator shall hold a civil service post³⁾ at the Ministry of Education.
- (2) The regional coordinator, within the scope of their substantive competence at the level of the self-governing region, shall
- a) perform the tasks under § 7(c), (d) and (g) to (j) at regional level;
 - b) convene without delay and chair meetings of the coordination group, either on the basis of a suspicion or on their own initiative, unless they determine that the case is to be assessed by the regional council;
 - c) draw up, in cooperation with the regional council, a plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk, if the measures taken by the coordination group under the plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk are insufficient;
 - d) monitor the implementation of the plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk referred to in subparagraph (c) and evaluate its effectiveness;
 - e) keep records of cases assessed by the regional council and the coordination group and maintain the relevant case files;
 - f) ensure that preventive and awareness-raising activities are carried out in the field of the protection of children and young persons from radicalisation and mobilisation to violence;
 - g) perform other tasks assigned by the national coordinator.
- (3) The regional coordinator may entrust the performance of the tasks under paragraph (2)(b) and § 11(5) to a person who carries out activities in the field of protecting children from violence⁶⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the 'coordinator for the protection of children from violence'). The coordinator for the protection of children from violence shall inform the

⁶⁾ § 3(1)(n) and (2) of Act No 453/2003 on state administration authorities in the field of social affairs, family and employment services and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

regional coordinator about the performance of the tasks on the basis of the entrustment referred to in the first sentence.

(4) If the office of regional coordinator is vacant or if, for objective reasons, the regional coordinator is unable to perform their tasks, the national coordinator may temporarily entrust another person holding a civil service post³⁾ with the exercise of the competences under paragraph (2) if this is necessary to ensure the performance of the tasks of the integrated system at regional level.

§ 10

Regional council

(1) The regional council is the expert body of the regional coordinator for protection of children and young persons from radicalisation and mobilisation to violence at regional level.

(2) The regional council shall consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson and other members. The regional coordinator or the person referred to in § 9(4) shall be the chairperson of the regional council and the president of the self-governing region or a person authorised by them shall be the vice-chairperson of the regional council.

(3) The other members of the regional council shall be

- a) the coordinator for the protection of children from violence;
- b) representatives of the Police Force;
- c) a representative of the Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family;
- d) a representative of a counselling and prevention facility designated under special legislation;⁷⁾
- e) the chief physician of the self-governing region⁸⁾ or a person designated by them;
- f) a representative of the self-governing region;
- g) representatives of accredited entities; the selected accredited entities shall be designated by the regional coordinator;
- h) another person designated by the regional coordinator.

(4) The other members referred to in paragraph (3)(a) to (g) shall be appointed and dismissed by the regional coordinator on the proposal of the entity they represent. The other member referred to in paragraph (3)(h) shall be appointed and dismissed by the regional coordinator.

(5) The regional council shall

- a) regularly assess the effectiveness of deradicalisation measures if their implementation in accordance with the plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk drawn up by the coordination group is insufficient;
- b) monitor the activities of the coordination groups.

(6) The regional council shall be chaired by the regional coordinator. A meeting of the regional council shall be convened at least once every two months by the regional coordinator; a meeting of the regional council may also be convened by the president of the relevant self-governing region as necessary.

⁷⁾ § 132(4) of Act No 245/2008, as amended by Act No 323/2025.

⁸⁾ § 46(2) of Act No 576/2004.

- (7) The details of the activities of the regional council shall be laid down in the statute issued by the Ministry of Education.

§ 11

Coordination group

- (1) The coordination group is an expert body of the regional coordinator established for the purpose of the coordinated assessment of a suspicion.
- (2) The members of the coordination group shall be
- a) representatives of the Police Force;
 - b) a representative of the competent authority for the social and legal protection of children and social guardianship, who assesses the situation of the child and the family, or who conducts case-based social work with the child and their family;
 - c) a representative of the municipality in which the child or young person has their habitual residence;
 - d) a representative of the relevant school or relevant school establishment;
 - e) a representative of the administrator of the relevant school or relevant school establishment, if the administrator is not the municipality referred to in subparagraph (c);
 - f) a representative of the counselling and prevention facility which cooperates with the school under special legislation⁹⁾;
 - g) if the child has been placed in a facility by court order, a representative of that facility;
 - h) another person designated by the regional coordinator.
- (3) The coordination group shall
- a) identify the level of risk of radicalisation or mobilisation to violence on the basis of the methodology for assessing the risk to a child or young person and for drawing up a plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk (hereinafter referred to as the ‘methodology’);
 - b) assess the case on the basis of information provided by members of the coordination group and the physician who provides general outpatient care to the child or young person under special legislation;¹⁰⁾
 - c) draw up a plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk and ensure its implementation through the members of the coordination group;
 - d) continuously monitor the progress of the case and the effectiveness of the deradicalisation measures under the plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk;
 - e) assess without delay any change in the circumstances of the case, in particular an increased risk of radicalisation or mobilisation to violence, and, where necessary, propose adjustments to the deradicalisation measures or the adoption of further measures.
- (4) If, during the assessment of a case, the coordination group finds that its nature, seriousness or level of risk requires deradicalisation measures that exceed its professional or organisational capacity, it shall refer the case to the regional council for assessment without delay.

⁹⁾ § 132(3) of Act No 245/2008, as amended by Act No 323/2025.

¹⁰⁾ § 24(4)(j) of Act No 576/2004, as amended by Act No .../2026.

- (5) Meetings of the coordination group shall be attended by members of the coordination group designated by the regional coordinator, depending on the circumstances of the specific case.

Accreditation

§ 12

- (1) Accreditation is a certificate confirming compliance with the conditions for delivering programmes aimed at
- a) developing expert capacities and providing methodological support in the field of preventing radicalisation or mobilisation to violence;
 - b) changing the radicalised attitudes, beliefs and behaviour of children and young persons towards rejecting violence and respecting fundamental rights and freedoms; or
 - c) supporting children and young persons in severing ties with violent, radicalising or otherwise high-risk groups or their networks, or with a high-risk environment, and in integrating them into society.
- (2) The Ministry of Education shall grant accreditation to an applicant who demonstrates, in relation to the programme referred to in paragraph (1),
- a) professional competence;
 - b) the delivery of the programme by professionally competent persons of good repute;
 - c) the provision of professional training and supervision of the persons referred to in subparagraph (b); and
 - d) the necessary premises and material and technical resources.
- (3) Professional competence shall be demonstrated by at least three years' experience in the prevention of radicalisation and mobilisation to violence or work with children at risk and young persons at risk, and by cooperation with public authorities in activities in this field.
- (4) A counselling and prevention facility may carry out the activities referred to in paragraph (1) without accreditation if authorised by the Ministry of Education.

§ 13

- (1) An application for accreditation shall be submitted to the Ministry of Education in electronic form.
- (2) Accreditation shall be granted by the Ministry of Education on the basis of the outcome of the assessment of the applications for accreditation by an accreditation committee, which shall have at least five members and shall be established by the Ministry of Education. A foreign expert may also be a member of the accreditation committee. Details of the activities and composition of the accreditation committee, including the requirements regarding the impartiality of its members, shall be laid down in the statute issued by the Ministry of Education and published on its website.
- (3) If the application for accreditation is complete and the applicant demonstrates compliance with the conditions laid down in § 12(2), the Ministry of Education shall

grant the applicant accreditation within 60 working days of the date on which the application for accreditation is complete. If an application for accreditation is incomplete, the Ministry of Education shall request the applicant to provide the missing particulars within 30 working days of receipt of the request. If the applicant fails to provide the missing particulars within that time limit, the Ministry of Education shall reject the application for accreditation.

- (4) Accreditation shall be granted for five years. Accreditation is non-transferable and does not pass to the legal successor of the accredited entity. The Ministry of Education maintains a list of accredited entities on its website.
- (5) The Ministry of Education shall carry out inspections of compliance with the conditions laid down in § 12(2) in accordance with the procedure laid down in special legislation¹¹. If, during an inspection, the Ministry of Education identifies any shortcomings, it shall request the accredited entity to rectify them within a specified time limit.
- (6) The accredited entity shall
 - a) deliver the programmes referred to in § 12(1) in accordance with the principles laid down in § 4;
 - b) allow the Ministry of Education to carry out an inspection under special legislation;¹¹⁾
 - c) notify the Ministry of Education without delay of any change in the circumstances relevant to the granting of accreditation.
- (7) Accreditation shall cease upon
 - a) withdrawal;
 - b) surrender;
 - c) the dissolution of the accredited entity; or
 - d) the expiry of the accreditation.
- (8) The Ministry of Education shall withdraw the accreditation if the accredited entity
 - a) no longer complies with the conditions laid down in § 12(2);
 - b) has seriously or repeatedly breached the obligations under paragraph (6);
 - c) requests the withdrawal of accreditation; or
 - d) fails to remedy the shortcomings referred to in paragraph (5) within the specified time limit.
- (9) The Ministry of Education may withdraw the accreditation if the accredited entity has breached the obligations under paragraph (6) in a less serious manner.
- (10) An entity whose accreditation has been withdrawn under paragraph (8)(b) may reapply for accreditation no earlier than five years after the date of its withdrawal.
- (11) If accreditation has been withdrawn under paragraph (8) or paragraph (9) and the entity concerned is carrying out deradicalisation measures on the date of withdrawal of accreditation, the Integrated System Council shall determine the next course of action so as to ensure that protection is provided to the child or young person.

¹¹⁾ Act No 10/1996 of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on control in state administration, as amended.

§ 14

Grants

- (1) The Ministry of Education may award a grant from the budget chapter of the Ministry of Education for the implementation of programmes referred to in § 12(1).
- (2) A grant may be awarded to an applicant who is an accredited entity, provided that the conditions laid down in special legislation¹²⁾ are met. The Minister of Education shall decide on the award of a grant on the proposal of a committee established by the Ministry of Education.
- (3) A grant application shall be submitted by the applicant on the basis of a call for grant applications.
- (4) The Ministry of Education shall publish on its website a call for grant applications at least 30 days before the deadline for submission of grant applications. The call for grant applications shall contain in particular
 - a) the main objective and the criteria for the assessment and selection of grant applications, on the basis of which grant applications will be evaluated;
 - b) the purpose of the grant;
 - c) the grant application form in electronic format;
 - d) the amount of funding available under the call;
 - e) the amount of co-financing required from the applicant;
 - f) the minimum and maximum grant amount per applicant.
- (5) The grant application shall contain
 - a) the applicant's identification data, comprising the name, registered office, name and surname of the statutory body or members of the statutory body, and the organisation's identification number;
 - b) the applicant's field of activity;
 - c) the purpose of the grant;
 - d) a description of the programmes referred to in § 12(1) for which the grant is sought;
 - e) an analysis of the funding of the activities carried out.
- (6) On the basis of the decision to award the grant, the Ministry of Education shall conclude a grant agreement with the accredited entity. The grant agreement shall contain
 - a) identification data of the parties to the agreement comprising the name, registered office, organisation identification number and name and surname of the statutory body or the members of the statutory body;
 - b) the name of the bank or branch of a foreign bank and the number of the accredited entity's separate account for funds provided from the state budget, maintained with that bank or branch of a foreign bank;
 - c) the amount of the grant awarded;
 - d) the purpose of the grant;

¹²⁾ § 8a of Act No 523/2004 on budgetary rules of the public administration and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

- e) the period during which the grant may be used, and the time limit for settlement of the grant;
 - f) the time limit for returning the unused portion of the grant and the account number of the Ministry of Education to which the funds are to be transferred;
 - g) conditions for using the grant, failure to comply with which entails an obligation to return the grant.¹³⁾
- (7) A grant may not be awarded for
- a) the settlement of liabilities from previous budgetary years;
 - b) reimbursement of expenditure paid in previous budgetary years.
- (8) There is no legal entitlement to the award of a grant.

Regulation of the online environment

§ 15

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, ‘online social networking service’ means an online social networking service as defined in special legislation¹⁴⁾ provided by an online platform as defined in special legislation.¹⁵⁾
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, an online social networking service does not include an online service whose main function is
- a) the provision of electronic mail services or direct electronic communication between pre-determined users, provided that it does not allow content to be made available to the public;
 - b) making information available via an encyclopaedic, educational or research and development platform;
 - c) the provision of editorial or news content;
 - d) the operation of an online shop or classified advertising service;
 - e) the operation of a blog, a recipe site or a discussion forum.
- (3) The regulation of the online environment does not apply to a provider that is a micro-enterprise¹⁶⁾ or a small enterprise.¹⁷⁾
- (4) When assessing an online social networking service for the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), account shall be taken of the actual function of the online service, the functionalities available to users, the manner in which it is used and the manner in which it is presented.

¹³⁾ § 31(7) of Act No 523/2004, as amended by Act No 57/2010.

¹⁴⁾ Article 2, point (7), of Regulation (EU) 2022/1925 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2022 on contestable and fair markets in the digital sector and amending Directives (EU) 2019/1937 and (EU) 2020/1828 (Digital Markets Act) (OJ L 265, 12. 10. 2022).

¹⁵⁾ Article 3(i) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065.

¹⁶⁾ Article 2(3) of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26. 6. 2014), as amended.

¹⁷⁾ Article 2(2) of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, as amended.

§ 16

(1) Children under the age of 16 are prohibited from creating or using a user account on an online social networking service.

(2) Compliance with the age requirement under paragraph (1) shall be verified in a manner that ensures that the provider of the online social networking service does not obtain any further data to identify the user and receives only information as to whether or not the age requirement has been met, while the age verification provider does not become aware of the online services for which the age information is used. Age verification shall be based on objective data that do not depend solely on the user's own declaration of age. Compliance with the age requirement may be verified using the European Digital Identity Framework.¹⁸⁾

§ 17

(1) If the provider of an online platform is established in the Slovak Republic, the Council for Media Services shall supervise the putting in place of appropriate and proportionate measures under special legislation¹⁹⁾ to ensure a high level of privacy, safety and security of minors, in accordance with the procedure laid down in special legislation;²⁰⁾ when assessing their appropriateness and proportionality, it shall take into account the age requirement laid down in § 16(1).

(2) In ensuring a high level of protection of minors under special legislation¹⁹⁾, in the case of a provider of an online platform established in another Member State of the European Union or a provider of a very large online platform or a very large online search engine²¹⁾, the procedure laid down in special legislation²²⁾ shall be followed.

Common provisions

§ 18

(1) Members of the Integrated System Council, members of the regional council, members of the coordination group, members of the working group referred to in § 7(c) and persons referred to in § 9(3) and (4) shall maintain confidentiality regarding matters of which they have become aware in connection with their membership or

¹⁸⁾ Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014), as amended.

¹⁹⁾ Article 28(1) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065.

²⁰⁾ § 133a to § 133f of Act No 264/2022 on media services and on amendments to certain acts (the Media Services Act), as amended by Act No 203/2024.

²¹⁾ Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065.

²²⁾ Chapter IV of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065.

§ 150(11) of Act No 264/2022, as amended by Act No 203/2024.

with holding office as the national coordinator or a regional coordinator; this shall not apply to the procedure under paragraph (6) or § 20(1).

- (2) The Ministry of Education shall
 - a) ensure the operation of the Integrated System Council and of the regional councils;
 - b) issue the methodology following prior approval by the Integrated System Council;
 - c) publish on its website a form for reporting a suspicion;
 - d) propose to the Government, on the proposal of the national coordinator, the State's strategic priorities in the field referred to in § 7(a) and submit to the Government the reports referred to in § 7(1);
 - e) provide professional training for the counselling and prevention facilities referred to in paragraph (8)(a) when delivering programmes referred to in § 12(1);
 - f) issue minimum standards for the delivery of programmes referred to in § 12(1) following prior approval by the Integrated System Council.
- (3) Entities of the integrated system process personal data for the purpose of performing the tasks under § 7 to § 11.
- (4) Entities of the integrated system, members of the working group referred to in § 7(c) and persons referred to in § 9(3) and (4) process personal data and information concerning
 - a) a child in respect of whom deradicalisation measures are being carried out in accordance with a plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk, their legal representative, any other person who personally cares for the child, a close person of the child, and any other natural person who is essential to the implementation of the deradicalisation measures for the child;
 - b) a young person in respect of whom deradicalisation measures are being carried out in accordance with a plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk, and any other natural person who is essential to the implementation of the deradicalisation measures for that young person.
- (5) Personal data referred to in paragraph (4) comprise the name, surname, date of birth, personal identification number and address of habitual residence. In the case of a child at risk or a young person at risk, personal data also include data relating to health and social security to the extent necessary to assess the level of risk or to determine appropriate deradicalisation measures.
- (6) Entities of the integrated system, members of the working group referred to in § 7(c) and persons referred to in § 9(3) and (4) shall exchange personal data and information concerning the persons referred to in paragraph (4), obtained in the exercise of their competence, to the extent necessary for assessing the level of risk of manifestations of radicalisation or mobilisation to violence in relation to a case and for planning or implementing deradicalisation measures to support the reduction of risks associated with radicalisation or mobilisation to violence. An entity of the integrated system may access the personal data and information provided by other entities of the integrated system and may use them for the purpose of performing the tasks under § 7 to § 11. Members of the Integrated System Council, the regional council, the coordination group, the working group referred to in § 7(c), or persons referred to in § 9(3) and (4) may access the personal data and information referred to in the first sentence, which they may use, under special legislation²⁾ for the exercise of the competence of the

entity they represent on the Integrated System Council, the regional council or the coordination group.

- (7) Personal data processed under paragraphs (4) to (6) shall be retained for a maximum of three years from the end of the last deradicalisation measure under the plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk.
- (8) Preventive measures and intervention measures shall be carried out by
 - a) a counselling and prevention facility designated by the Ministry of Education; or
 - b) an accredited entity.
- (9) Deradicalisation measures shall be carried out for a child at risk or a young person at risk on the basis of a plan for the protection of a child at risk or a young person at risk.
- (10) The inclusion of a child or young person in the expert assessment process under this Act does not constitute a sanction.

§ 19

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, a person shall not be considered to be of good repute if they have been convicted by final judgement of an intentional criminal offence; in the case of intentional criminal offences against life and health, against freedom and human dignity, against family and youth or against other rights and freedoms, this shall also apply to a person whose conviction for such an offence has been expunged or who is deemed not to have been convicted of such an offence.
- (2) Good repute shall be demonstrated by a copy from the criminal register for selected professions and civil proceedings.²³⁾ For the purpose of demonstrating good repute, a candidate in a selection procedure under § 6(1) or an applicant under § 12(2) shall provide the Ministry of Education with the information necessary to request a copy from the criminal register for selected professions and civil proceedings. The Ministry of Education shall immediately forward the information referred to in the second sentence electronically, by means of electronic communication, to the General Prosecutor's Office of the Slovak Republic for the issuance of a copy from the criminal register for selected professions and civil proceedings.²⁴⁾
- (3) In the case of a foreign national, good repute shall be demonstrated by a document attesting to good repute equivalent to a copy from the criminal register for selected professions and civil proceedings, issued by the competent authority of the state of which the person is a national or by the competent authority of the state of their permanent or habitual residence, no more than three months old and submitted to the employer together with an officially certified translation into Slovak.

§ 20

- (1) Any public authority or accredited entity that becomes aware of a child at risk or a young person at risk, or of a child or young person at risk of mobilisation to violence,

²³⁾ § 19 of Act No 192/2023 on the criminal register and on amendments to certain acts.

²⁴⁾ § 12(4)(a) of Act No 192/2023.

shall report this fact using the form for reporting a suspicion or by other verifiable means; this is without prejudice to the obligations under special legislation.²⁵⁾

- (2) If an entity of the integrated system identifies an immediate threat to a person's life, health or safety, it shall immediately ensure that the relevant unit of the Police Force or of the integrated rescue system is called.
- (3) The Code of Administrative Procedure shall apply to the proceedings and decision-making under § 12 to § 14.
- (4) When carrying out activities under this Act, it shall be prohibited to publish or otherwise make publicly available information about a case and to disclose details or circumstances which may directly or indirectly lead to the identification of the child or young person concerned or a close person of theirs. The prohibition set out in the first sentence may not be limited, even with the consent of the person concerned.
- (5) This Act has been adopted in accordance with a legally binding act of the European Union in the field of technical regulations.²⁶⁾

§ 21

Authorising provisions

The Ministry of Education shall lay down, by means of a generally binding legal regulation,

- a) the details of
 1. the content of the programmes referred to in § 12(1);
 2. the criteria for granting accreditation under § 12(2);
 3. the award of grants under § 14;
- b) the particulars of an application for accreditation and its annex.

§ 22

Transitional provisions

- (1) The Ministry of Education shall announce the first selection procedure to fill the post of national coordinator by 10 January 2027.
- (2) The entities concerned shall nominate members of the Integrated System Council by 28 February 2027.
- (3) The Ministry of Education shall announce the first selection procedure to fill the posts of regional coordinators within 14 days of the appointment of the national coordinator.

²⁵⁾ § 340 and § 341 of the Criminal Code.

Act No 129/2002 on the integrated rescue system, as amended.

²⁶⁾ Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services (codification) (OJ L 241, 17.9.2015).

- (4) Regional coordinators and the entities concerned shall appoint the members of regional councils by 15 May 2027.
- (5) An application for accreditation may be submitted no earlier than 1 September 2027.
- (6) A user account for a child under the age of 16, created by 31 December 2026, may be used by the child once they reach the age of 16.
- (7) Verification of compliance with the age requirement for the purposes of the prohibition on creating and using a user account on an online social networking service under this Act shall first be applied on 1 January 2028.
- (8) Until 31 December 2027, the tasks of the coordinator for the protection of children from violence under this Act shall be carried out by an employee of the Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family who performs the tasks of the coordinator for the protection of children from violence.

Article II

Act No 575/2001 on the organisation of government activities and the organisation of central state administration, as amended by Act No 143/2002, Act No 411/2002, Act No 465/2002, Act No 139/2003, Act No 453/2003, Act No 523/2003, Act No 215/2004, Act No 351/2004, Act No 405/2004, Act No 585/2004, Act No 654/2004, Act No 78/2005, Act No 172/2005, Act No 474/2005, Act No 231/2006, Act No 678/2006, Act No 103/2007, Act No 218/2007, Act No 456/2007, Act No 568/2007, Act No 617/2007, Act No 165/2008, Act No 408/2008, Act No 583/2008, Act No 70/2009, Act No 165/2009, Act No 400/2009, Act No 403/2009, Act No 505/2009, Act No 557/2009, Act No 570/2009, Act No 37/2010, Act No 372/2010, Act No 403/2010, Act No 547/2010, Act No 392/2011, Act No 287/2012, Act No 60/2013, Act No 311/2013, Act No 313/2013, Act No 335/2014, Act No 172/2015, Act No 339/2015, Act No 358/2015, Act No 392/2015, Act No 171/2016, Act No 272/2016, Act No 378/2016, Act No 138/2017, Act No 238/2017, Act No 112/2018, Act No 313/2018, Act No 30/2019, Act No 134/2020, Act No 72/2021, Act No 187/2021, Act No 368/2021, Act No 395/2021, Act No 55/2022, Act No 137/2022, Act No 172/2022, Act No 207/2022, Act No 222/2022, Act No 334/2022, Act No 345/2022, Act No 429/2022, Act No 494/2022, Act No 497/2022, Act No 272/2023, Act No 7/2024, Act No 201/2024, Act No 176/2025, Act No 260/2025 and Act No 86/2026, is amended as follows:

1. In § 17, subparagraph (e), the following words are deleted: ‘and the development of physical and sport activities in schools and school establishments’.

2. In § 17, the following subparagraphs (f) and (g) are added:

‘(f) the development of physical and sport activities in schools and school establishments;

(g) the protection of youth from radicalisation and mobilisation to violence, the development of digital competences, and the safe use of digital technologies and artificial intelligence tools by youth.’

Article III

Act No 453/2003 on state administration authorities in the field of social affairs, family and employment services and on amendments to certain acts, as amended by Act No 5/2004, Act No 82/2005, Act No 573/2005, Act No 592/2006, Act No 664/2006, Act No 180/2011, Act No 383/2013, Act No 310/2014, Act No 81/2017, Act No 266/2017, Act No 42/2019, Act No 300/2019, Act No 89/2020, Act No 198/2020, Act No 263/2021, Act No 101/2022, Act No 290/2024, Act No 322/2024 and Act No 376/2024, is amended as follows:

1. In § 3(1)(n), the following words are added at the end: ‘and carries out the tasks of the coordinator for the protection of children from violence’.
2. In § 3, paragraph (2) reads as follows:

‘(2) In the context of coordinating state policy on the protection of children from violence, and to ensure the performance of tasks in this field, the Ministry shall

- a) create conditions for mutual cooperation and exchange of information between state administration authorities, the Police Force, schools, school establishments, municipalities, higher territorial units, healthcare providers and other entities active in the field of protection of children from violence;
- b) organise multidisciplinary meetings attended by entities active in the field of protection of children from violence; any entity active in the field of protection of children from violence shall ensure the attendance of its representative;
- c) coordinate activities in the field of prevention of violence against children and violence committed by children.’

Article IV

Act No 576/2004 on healthcare, healthcare-related services and on amendments to certain acts, as amended by Act No 82/2005, Act No 350/2005, Act No 538/2005, Act No 660/2005, Act No 282/2006, Act No 518/2007, Act No 662/2007, Act No 489/2008, Act No 192/2009, Act No 345/2009, Act No 132/2010, Act No 133/2010, Act No 34/2011, Act No 172/2011, Act No 313/2012, Act No 345/2012, Act No 41/2013, Act No 153/2013, Act No 160/2013, Act No 220/2013, Act No 365/2013, Act No 185/2014, Act No 204/2014, Act No 53/2015, Act No 77/2015, Act No 378/2015, Act No 422/2015, Act No 428/2015, Act No 125/2016, Act No 167/2016, Act No 317/2016, Act No 386/2016, Act No 257/2017, Act No 351/2017, Act No 61/2018, Act No 87/2018, Act No 109/2018, Act No 156/2018, Act No 192/2018, Act No 287/2018, Act No 374/2018, Act No 139/2019, Act No 231/2019, Act No 383/2019, Act No 398/2019, Act No 467/2019, Act No 69/2020, Act No 125/2020, Act No 165/2020, Act No 319/2020, Act No 392/2020, Act No 9/2021, Act No 82/2021, Act No 133/2021, Act No 213/2021, Act No 252/2021, Act No 358/2021, Act No 532/2021, Act No 540/2021, Act No 2/2022, Act No 67/2022, Act No 102/2022, Act No 125/2022, Act No 267/2022, Act No 331/2022, Act No 390/2022, Act No 420/2022, Act No 494/2022, Act No 495/2022, Act No 518/2022, Act No 110/2023, Act No 119/2023, Act No 293/2023, Act No 529/2023, Act No 40/2024, Act No 125/2024, Act No 144/2024, Act No 201/2024, Act No 360/2024, Act No 361/2024, Act No 362/2024, Act No 23/2025, Act No 69/2025, Act No 150/2025, Act No 157/2025, Act No 176/2025, Act No 242/2025, Act No 258/2025, Act No 261/2025, Act No 344/2025, Act No 406/2025, Act

No 44/2026, Act No 69/2026, Act No 123/2026 and Act No 136/2026, is amended as follows:

In § 24, the following subparagraph (j) is added in paragraph (4):

‘(j) to the regional coordinator for protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence for the purpose of protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence,^{31ab}) where the provider provides general outpatient care for children and adolescents.’.

Footnote 31ab reads as follows:

^{31ab}) § 9(2)(a) of Act No .../2026 on the integrated system for protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence and on amendments to certain acts.’.

Article V

Act No 282/2008 on the promotion of youth work and on amendments to Act No 131/2002 on higher education institutions and on amendments to certain acts, as amended, as amended by Act No 375/2013, Act No 91/2016, Act No 177/2018, Act No 221/2019, Act No 360/2019, Act No 488/2021 and Act No 301/2025, is amended as follows:

1. In § 1, the words ‘promotion of youth work’ are replaced by the words ‘promotion of work with children and young persons (hereinafter referred to as ‘youth’)’.
2. In § 2(a), the number ‘12’ is replaced by ‘18’.
3. In § 2, subparagraph (b) is deleted.
Subparagraphs (c) to (k) are renumbered as subparagraphs (b) to (j).
4. In § 2(g), the words ‘in accordance with its constituent document, include young persons among their members’ are replaced by the words ‘in accordance with its constituent document, include youth among their members’.
5. In § 3, the words ‘young persons’ are replaced by the word ‘youth’.

Article VI

Act No 192/2023 on the criminal register and on amendments to certain acts, as amended by Act No 161/2024, Act No 179/2024, Act No 299/2024, Act No 294/2025, Act No 329/2025, Act No 376/2025, Ruling of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic No 415/2025 and Act No 416/2025, is amended as follows:

In § 21, the following subparagraph (j) is added in paragraph (4):

‘(j) to the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic for the purposes of the performance of the activities of the national coordinator for protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence and for the purposes of proceedings in matters of accreditation within the integrated system for protection against radicalisation and mobilisation to violence.’.

Article VII

This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2027, except for Article III, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2028.