

What is Bureaucracy Index

Bureaucracy index was created by the Institute of Economic and Social Studies – INESS. The goal is to establish a comprehensive list and subsequent cost of bureaucratic burden in a national economy.

Bureaucracy Index is a simple and transparent quantification of the proverbial “red tape”, which is often mentioned by media, but rarely in any quantitative terms.

In collaboration with experts from different areas, INESS has identified all the administrative tasks required from a model company by the state in the span of one year. These tasks were assigned time and financial estimates to calculate the **Bureaucracy Index**.

The economist and the author of the book *Bureaucracy*, Ludwig von Mises, was born on September 29th. Therefore, we have decided to establish the **International Bureaucracy Day** on this date, and to publish annual results for the Bureaucracy Index.

Did you know?

An average entrepreneur spends

140 hours

on red tape in 2016



That translates to almost one month of bureaucracy per year

Bureaucracy is not costless

140 hours

The Index aspires to be a moral encouragement for entrepreneurs, accountants, administrators, lawyers, and all of those who are forced to sacrifice the precious time of their lives on the altar of bureaucracy by filling out of forms and documents.

Our ultimate goal is to turn this commemoration into a big international event.

Create your own version

The pilot version of Bureaucracy Index was created in Slovakia. We aim to spread the idea worldwide and enable international comparison of bureaucracy burden, especially for SMEs.

To achieve this goal, we are searching for international partners, who would be up for the challenge of creating their national version of Bureaucracy Index.

There are several reasons to calculate the Bureaucracy Index in your country. You could:

- GET AN AUDIT OF THE BUREAUCRACY IN THE SME SECTOR, ENDING UP WITH A GREAT DETAILED LIST, WHICH CAN HELP YOU IN FORMING YOUR FUTURE ADVOCACY GOALS
- GAIN NEW CONTACTS WITHIN THE BUSINESS SECTOR
- PREPARE A GREAT PRODUCT TO COMMUNICATE – THE MEDIA LOVE RANKINGS AND INDICES
- BECOME A PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT

While the creation of your national Bureaucracy Index is not a trivial goal, it does not require a background of a big and wealthy organization (e.g. Doing Business rankings).



**What
would you
do with**

140
additional spare
hours?



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The 2016 Slovak Bureaucracy Index

- RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2016
- 11 MEDIA OUTLETS ATTENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE
- PRIME-TIME NEWS COVERAGE ON ALL 4 MAJOR SLOVAK TV CHANNELS
- 28 STORIES ABOUT THE INDEX PUBLISHED IN SLOVAK MEDIA

ANNUAL RED TAPE COSTS FOR AN AVERAGE ENTREPRENEUR



75 | TASKS

17.5 | WORK DAYS

EUR 1471.5 | EXPENSES

TO START A BUSINESS
28 ADDITIONAL TASKS AND
30.5 HOURS ARE REQUIRED

See bureaucracyindex.org for the 2016 Slovak results

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